

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LAW DAY
MAY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law is a fundamental concept undergirding justice, freedom and representative government; and

WHEREAS, the Rule has been a guiding ideal of constitutional government that can be traced through history from various systems of law, through the Magna Carta and the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the Rule of Law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Rule of Law rests upon the idea that no person is so important as to be above the law and conversely no person is so insignificant to be beneath the law; and

WHEREAS, the principle that no person is above the law means that there must be limits on government and that government officials must be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the separation of powers among branches of the government is essential to preserving the Rule of Law; and an independent judiciary is essential to a free society and administration of laws; and

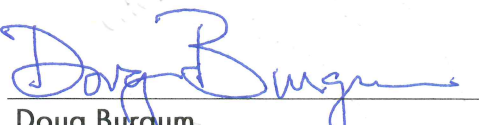
WHEREAS, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and


WHEREAS, the Rule of Law requires an educated citizenry that understands law and demonstrates engaged citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2021 is Advancing the Rule of Law Now, encouraging all to fulfill our responsibilities to protect our communities and our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 1, 2021, LAW DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE