

MAY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the United States Constitution mentions forming "a more perfect Union" first in its list of purposes of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for more than 230 years the government outlined by the U.S. Constitution has maintained representative government based on the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, over the course of American history, the American people have made changes to their government, including formal amendments to the U.S. Constitution, to fulfill promises of the framers and guarantee rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States has overcome great challenges in its history, including a Civil War, two world wars in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, global pandemics and periodic economic depressions; and

WHEREAS, the United States — like much of the world — continues to experience great social change, including social movements for equality for women, ethnic and racial minorities, people with disabilities and other groups, leading to a growing awareness of systemic sources of oppression; and

WHEREAS, creating a more perfect Union requires an educated citizenry that understands the rule of law and demonstrates engaged citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2022 is "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change," and we encourage all Americans to consider and pursue the roles that we all play in helping the United States achieve "a more perfect Union."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2022, LAW DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE