STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

LAW DAY MAY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works — even the founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

WHEREAS, all Americans must remember, as President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed, "We are not enemies, but friend ... Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection"; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting collaboration to overcome differences and resolve disputes so that we may strengthen the bonds of affection between citizens and ensure all Americans understand how our constitutional order protects the blessings of liberty; 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 2023 is "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration," and we encourage all Americans to work together to overcome differences, resolve disputes and preserve our democracy and republic.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2023, LAW DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE