



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
LAW DAY
MAY 1, 2019

WHEREAS, Law Day is a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Law Day 2019 is Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society and focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on every citizen to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, “the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity”; and

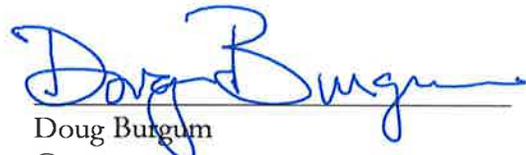
WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances;” and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;” and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2019, **LAW DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State