



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**LAW DAY**  
MAY 1, 2018

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


**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution vests legislative, executive and judicial power in Congress, a President and one Supreme Court, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, these three separate branches of the national government share power and each also serves as a check on the power of the others; and

**WHEREAS**, separation of powers provides a framework for freedom, but this framework is not self-executing, as we the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and guaranteeing our rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2018 **LAW DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State