NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago on February 14, 1920, as a "mighty political experiment" by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association, with the goal of helping the 20 million women granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters; and

WHEREAS, with the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League of Women Voters has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization, working to protect and strengthen voting rights and access and for free and fair elections, civil rights, support of children and families, community health and education; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to educate and mobilize voters; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, the League of Women Voters has actively advanced the mission of its founders through a North Dakota chapter and local chapters in Bismarck-Mandan, Grand Forks and the Fargo area; and

WHEREAS, League of Women Voters chapters in North Dakota consistently provide simple, voter-friendly educational opportunities on candidates, ballot measures and voting processes; and

WHEREAS, championing government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive and equitable, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 14, 2020, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE