

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### NORTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION DAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1889, the people of North Dakota, by an overwhelming majority, voted to ratify the state Constitution, nearly one month before North Dakota became the 39<sup>th</sup> state to join the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Constitution, the State of North Dakota goes forth to pioneer a statehood which aids in protecting the freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Constitution consists of a preamble and 15 articles, which includes the North Dakota Declaration of Rights, the elective franchise and powers reserved to the people, the separation of powers between the three branches of government and the duties and powers of each and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Constitution was implemented to protect and promote the rights and liberties of all citizens of the great State of North Dakota; and the ideals and values embodied in the North Dakota State Constitution serve as the foundation of our state's responsibilities, powers and purpose; and

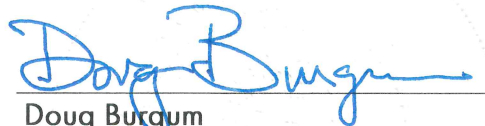
**WHEREAS**, the civic culture of the citizens of North Dakota depends on a well-informed society with an understanding of the North Dakota Constitution and the rights afforded to all citizens therein; and


**WHEREAS**, through the Constitution of North Dakota we obtain guidance and structure as to operate the state in a way that allows the citizenry to participate and elect those who govern our state with an unceasing commitment to said freedoms and the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans continue to encourage and foster a greater knowledge and understanding of the North Dakota Constitution to help preserve the classical democratic-republican ideals celebrated and protected in this momentous document.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 1, 2023, **NORTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

  
ATTEST:  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE