



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NORTH DAKOTA MILL AND ELEVATOR DAY**  
JUNE 6, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association was established with the passage of Senate Bill No. 20 on February 25, 1919, driven by farmers and progressives who desired some control over pricing and grading of grain and for the purpose of encouraging and promoting agriculture, commerce and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 1919, A.C. Townsley, founder and president of the Nonpartisan League, announced the State Mill and Elevator would be built in Grand Forks on land donated by the city; and at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 1922, the first electronic mills of the State Mill and Elevator were turned on by Governor R.A. Nestos at the grand opening ceremony in front of 2,500 guests; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator began with a daily production of 3,000 barrels per day in 1922 and grew into the largest flour mill in the United States, the seventh largest wheat milling company in the United States and the only state-owned mill and elevator in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator grinds 33 million bushels of top quality spring wheat and durum per year and has the capacity to store 5 million bushels of grain; and the State Mill and Elevator ships "Dakota Maid" products nationwide and exports flour to customers throughout the Caribbean Islands and the Pacific Rim, and emphasizes plant and food safety, product quality and customer service; and

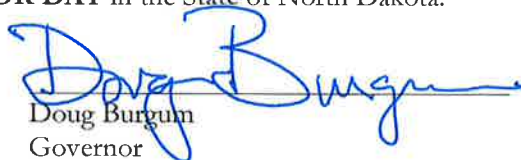
**WHEREAS**, the employees organized a local union under the American Federation of Grain Millers in the late 1940s, which merged and became the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Local 167G in 1999; and the State Mill and Elevator remains a national leader in safety and efficiency operations thanks to regular training and a commitment to quality of service by workers and management alike; and

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2018, the State Mill and Elevator reported a direct economic impact to the region of \$255 million and a secondary economic impact of \$592 million; and for more than 80 years the State Mill and Elevator has turned regular profits and contributed surplus funds to the general fund to benefit the lives of all North Dakotans; and


**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator is a North Dakota fixture that makes a strong contribution to the economy of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association for its 100 years of service and thank the State Mill and Elevator's current and past hardworking employees for their ongoing dedication to achieving continuous improvement and their commitment to fulfilling the State Mill and Elevator's mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 6, 2019, **NORTH DAKOTA STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State