



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NOTARY PUBLIC DAY**  
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

**WHEREAS**, since ancient Roman times, notaries public have recorded matters of judicial and commercial importance as well as private transactions when professional skill and integrity were needed; and

**WHEREAS**, notaries public have held a position of respect and dignity in North Dakota since 1893; and

**WHEREAS**, notaries public hold a trusted and integral role in our legal system; and

**WHEREAS**, as officers of the state, notaries public are vital to business transactions involving domestic and international commerce for our state; and


**WHEREAS**, notaries public are indispensable to the free flow of commerce and to many sensitive personal transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, notaries public provide an essential service to the community and are entrusted to perform their duties truthfully and with integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to recognize North Dakota's 15,194 notaries public for their outstanding work and contributions to our state; and

**WHEREAS**, America's first notary, Thomas Fugill, was appointed on November 7, 1639.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 7, 2018, **NOTARY PUBLIC DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:



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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State