

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PRAIRIE DAY
JUNE 3, 2023

WHEREAS, North Dakota prairies are a biologically diverse grassland ecosystem within the larger Northern Great Plains region, containing vegetation species such as Big Bluestem, Side-oats Grama, Black-eyed Susan and Purple Prairie Clover; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota prairies are located on the traditional homelands of indigenous people, who steward the land, sky and water through their respective cultures and knowledge, which includes the care and management of native vegetation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota prairies contribute to global climate health by providing ecological services such as water purification, carbon sequestration and soil stability during flooding and drought; and

WHEREAS, the prairies of North Dakota are home to a variety of species, such as hawks, eagles, owls, wolves and bison, which carry great cultural significance within tribal communities; and

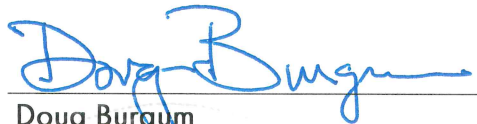
WHEREAS, birds depend on North Dakota's prairie grassland habitat, and prairies provide respite and recreation for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages including birders, hikers and hunters; and

WHEREAS, private landowners — including farmers and ranchers — are essential partners in restoring and reclaiming prairie habitat using management practices such as native prairie seeding, rotational grazing and prescribed fire; and

WHEREAS, recognition of Prairie Day in North Dakota creates appreciation for this legendary habitat, fosters awareness of its threats and builds support of its conservation practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 3, 2023, **PRAIRIE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe

SECRETARY OF STATE