

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety, security and resiliency of its communities and those visiting; and

WHEREAS, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters and emergencies can and will occur; and North Dakotans know from experience that taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help individuals, families and communities to respond more efficiently and safely during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month; and while disaster preparedness information is available and promoted throughout the year, this month the importance of planning now is particularly stressed, because when a disaster strikes, it is too late to begin preparations; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for National Preparedness Month is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today."; and

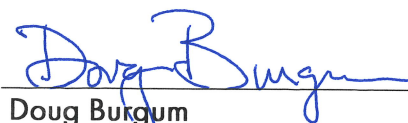
WHEREAS, the time and effort invested now in preparing will help individuals, families and communities navigate through and recover from disasters more quickly, especially when disasters can arrive at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in each week of this month focused on emergency preparations, including Make A Plan Week, Build A Kit Week, Prepare for Disasters Week and Teach Youth About Preparedness Week; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans should visit ndresponse.gov for emergency preparedness resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2020, PREPAREDNESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE