

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety, security and resiliency of its communities and those visiting; 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 theme for National Preparedness Month is "Preparing for Older Adults"; and

WHEREAS, older adults can face greater risks when it comes to the multitude of extreme weather events and emergencies we now face, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability or live in rural areas; and

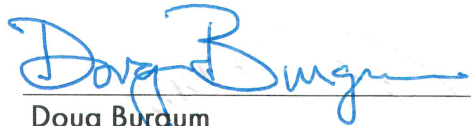
WHEREAS, the time and effort invested now in preparing will help individuals, families and communities navigate through and recover from disasters more quickly, especially when disasters can arrive at a moment's notice; and


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, Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness 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 2023, **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE