

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### YELLOWSTONE INTAKE DIVERSION DAM FISH PASSAGE PROJECT DAY

JULY 26, 2022

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone River is an important natural resource providing habitat to native fish and other aquatic species, irrigation for farmers and opportunities for recreation; and the health of the Yellowstone River contributes to the health of the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project was authorized by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on May 10, 1904, to provide dependable water supply sufficient to irrigate more than 59,000 acres of land along the Yellowstone River in western North Dakota and east-central Montana; and

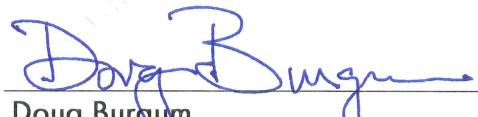
WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project has served as a model for working in partnership with state and federal partners to demonstrate that irrigation projects and healthy habitat can coexist in our rivers; and

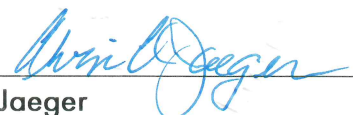
WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, along with its federal and state partners, is committed to protecting the Pallid sturgeon, listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, which is a crucial endemic species to the waters of the Missouri and lower Mississippi river basins of the United States; while protecting the existing water supply and economies for the surrounding communities dependent on the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project contributed to the efforts of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who constructed the Yellowstone Intake Diversion Dam Fish Passage Project, which is designed to protect endangered Pallid sturgeon and other native aquatic species while ensuring the continued operation of critical irrigation infrastructure by providing free passage through 165 river miles of spawning and larval drift habitat in the Yellowstone River.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
July 26, 2022, **YELLOWSTONE INTAKE DIVERSION DAM  
FISH PASSAGE PROJECT DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE