

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

FEBRUARY 18-24, 2024

WHEREAS, grain production, handling and transportation is a significant industry in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost importance to North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and

WHEREAS, more than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62% in the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, grain operators, farmers and employees are encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, the State of North Dakota hopes to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 18-24, 2024, **GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: A blue ink signature of Michael Howe, written in a cursive style.

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE