

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is impossible to see, taste or smell and can cause sudden illness or death when inhaled in high quantities; and

WHEREAS, CO poisoning is a public health concern that affects thousands of individuals each year, causing unnecessary injury and death, yet it is preventable with the right knowledge and precautions; and

WHEREAS, CO is produced by burning fuel in vehicles, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, furnaces and other appliances and equipment, and can accumulate indoors or in enclosed spaces, posing significant risks when ventilation is inadequate; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota fire departments and districts responded to 277 CO incidents in 2023, with no injuries or fatalities reported; and

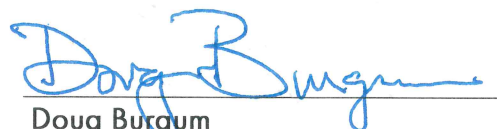
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that more than 400 Americans die each year from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, and thousands more visit emergency rooms for CO exposure; and


WHEREAS, the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in homes, offices and public buildings can greatly reduce the risks of CO exposure and save lives; and

WHEREAS, as winter approaches, the risk of CO poisoning increases due to the increased use of heating systems, making it essential for individuals and families to be vigilant about CO safety in their homes and vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 2024, **CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH**
in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE