

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota fire departments and districts responded to 3,158 fires in 2023, a 15% increase from 2022; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota, the State Fire Marshal, NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service and the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, and should test these alarms at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half — smoke alarms sense smoke well before residents can, alerting them to danger in the event of fire in which they may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and

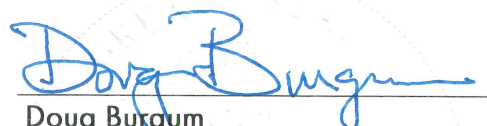
WHEREAS, North Dakota first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

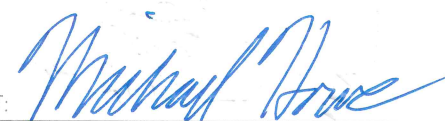
WHEREAS, North Dakota residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and North Dakotans are encouraged to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, "Smoke alarms: make them work for you!" the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, effectively serves to remind us that having working smoke alarms in the home can help save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 6-12, 2024, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE