

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Governor Burgum Proclaims Drinking Water Week**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Doug Burgum has declared May 6 through 12, 2018 as Drinking Water Week in North Dakota.

This annual event highlights the value of the state’s water resources, recognizes the importance of having a safe and dependable supply of water now and in the future, and promotes water conservation.

“More than 93 percent of all North Dakotans receive drinking water from 320 community and rural drinking water systems statewide,” said David Bruschwein, director of the Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health. “Nearly 99 percent of these drinking water systems meet all health-based standards.”

Organizations involved in promoting Drinking Water Week include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, the North Dakota Water Environment Association and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association.

For more information on Drinking Water Week, contact David Bruschwein or Amy Kinzler, Division of Municipal Facilities, at 701.328.5211 or visit <https://drinktapp.org/>.

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PROCLAMATION  
**DRINKING WATER WEEK**  
MAY 6-12, 2018

**WHEREAS**, water is a valuable natural resource; and

**WHEREAS**, water provides public health protection and fire protection, along with support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity and public safety – are in some way related to access to safe water; and

**WHEREAS**, 93.3 percent of all North Dakotans receive drinking water from 320 community and rural drinking water systems statewide, and 98.8 percent of these drinking water systems meet all health-based standards; and

**WHEREAS**, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to practice water conservation and to get involved in local water issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2018, **DRINKING WATER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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