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Governor Burgum proclaims April 22 Earth Day in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Doug Burgum has proclaimed today Earth Day in North Dakota. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, and all North Dakotans are encouraged to think of ways they can practice good stewardship of the state’s environment.

The need for social distancing this year means that some activities designed to recognize Earth Day will be cancelled or rescheduled. The annual Earth Day Festival will not take place; however, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is planning to roll out Round 2 of the North Dakota Stewards Initiative later this year. To learn more about the initiative, contest and other activities, visit <https://deq.nd.gov/NDStewards/>.

“We all have a role to play in protecting North Dakota’s natural resources,” said initiative coordinator Angela Seligman. “When we come together as one, even while separated by physical space, we can help make the Earth cleaner, safer and healthier for our generation and generations to come.”

Earth Day reminds citizens to join the progress already being made in the state. For example, during the first round of the North Dakota Stewards Initiative in 2019, residents kept more than 4,000 pounds of pollution from entering the air. They also saved nearly 2,000 gallons of water through their stewardship actions.

On Earth Day and every other day, North Dakotans are encouraged to preserve their environment by helping reduce consumption and waste, support recycling, eliminate pollution, and conserve water, land and energy. By committing to being good stewards of the air, land, and water resources, North Dakotans can work together to create sustainable communities.

Please note: Proclamation follows.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2020

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to protecting and preserving its natural resources and recognizes the important role its citizens play in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2020, marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a time to come together with the rest of the world's citizens to celebrate the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment not only for the benefit of today but also for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds all of us to be good stewards of North Dakota's precious natural resources; and


WHEREAS, by using our natural resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future for over 762,000 North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, on Earth Day and every day North Dakotans are encouraged to preserve our natural resources by participating in efforts to reduce consumption and waste, encourage recycling, utilize renewable resources, eliminate pollution and conserve water, land and energy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans commit to being good stewards of North Dakota's air, land and water resources to create sustainable, healthy communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 22, 2020, **EARTH DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE