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## **Governor Burgum proclaims April 22 Earth Day in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Doug Burgum has proclaimed Friday, April 22, Earth Day in North Dakota. Earth Day is an opportunity for all North Dakotans to raise awareness of our state's natural resources and take personal action to help preserve and conserve them for future generations.

"Protecting and preserving the state's natural resources is important to the citizens of North Dakota," said Diana Trussell, manager of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Program. "Earth Day is an opportunity for North Dakotans to adopt conservation habits that will bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for present and future generations."

Simple ways citizens can celebrate Earth Day, and every day, are by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when leaving a room, planting a tree, and utilizing renewable resources when possible. Earth Day reminds citizens to join in the progress already being made in these areas of the state. For example, on average, around 400 tons of recycling is collected each month through the city of Bismarck's curbside recycling program. The city of Fargo collects around 2,000 tons of recycling each month; the city of Grand Forks collects nearly 200 tons of recycling each month; and the city of Dickinson collects nearly 125 tons of recycling each month.

Along with citizens of North Dakota, organizations involved in the promotion of Earth Day include the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, the Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education, the Earth Day Planning Committee, and Keep North Dakota Clean. The Bismarck Earth Day Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, at the Bismarck Event Center from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public!

*Please note: Proclamation is attached.*

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# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### EARTH DAY

APRIL 22, 2022

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, 2022, marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> 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

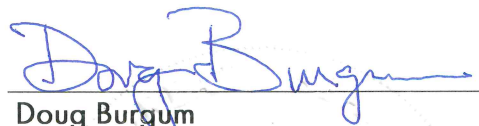
WHEREAS, by using our natural resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future for over 779,000 North Dakotans; and

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, 2022, EARTH DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE