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Governor Burgum proclaims April 22 Earth Day in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Doug Burgum has declared Saturday, April 22, Earth Day in North Dakota. Earth Day presents an opportunity for all North Dakotans to raise awareness about 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 provides North Dakotans with an occasion to embrace conservation habits that will contribute to 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 lights when leaving a room, planting trees, and utilizing renewable resources when possible. Earth Day serves as a reminder for citizens to engage in the progress already underway in these areas across the state. For example, North Dakota communities, on average, recycle more than 2,700 tons per month, totaling over 32,000 tons each year.

Along with our state citizens, 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 Bis-Man Earth Day Festival, and Keep North Dakota Clean. The Bis-Man Earth Day Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bismarck Event Center. It is free and open to the public. Further details are available at www.facebook.com/BismarckEarthDayFestival! Residents are encouraged to visit their local community’s website or social media pages to participate in cleanup days or celebrations nearby –or consider initiating one!

Read Governor Burgum's Earth Day proclamation available for viewing online at <https://www.governor.nd.gov/proclamations>