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Governor Burgum proclaims April 22 Earth Day in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Doug Burgum has declared 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>

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2024

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, all North Dakotans have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth and opportunity; 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 the 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

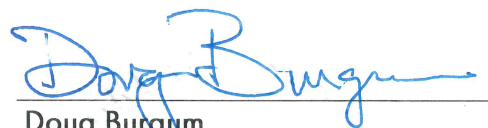
WHEREAS, by using our natural resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future for over 783,000 North Dakotans; and

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, 2024, **EARTH DAY** in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR



ATTEST:

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE