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Governor Burgum Proclaims Saturday, April 22, Earth Day

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Doug Burgum has proclaimed Saturday, April 22, 2017, as Earth Day in North Dakota. Earth Day is an opportunity for all North Dakotans to bring awareness to the natural resources of our state. North Dakotans are encouraged to 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 our state,” said Steve Tillotson, manager of the North Dakota Department of Health’s (NDDoH) 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 practice conservation every day, are by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling and turning off the lights when leaving a room. Earth Day encourages citizens to join in on the progress already being made in these areas in the state. One example of such an effort exists in Bismarck, where about 300 tons of recyclables are collected on average each month through curbside single sort programs.

In Bismarck, the 10th annual Earth Day Festival will take place Thursday, April 20, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bismarck Career Academy, located at 1221 College Drive. Admission is free, and the event will include fun and educational activities for all ages. For more information, visit www.earthdayfestivalbismarck.org.

Along with citizens of North Dakota, organizations involved in the promotion of Earth Day include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, the Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education, the Earth Day Planning Committee, Keep North Dakota Clean and Valley Earth Week.

For more information about Earth Day, contact Steve Tillotson, or Emily Tintes Schiwal, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.5166.

Please note: Proclamation follows.



State of
North Dakota
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Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2017

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

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a time to come together and celebrate the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment for both the benefit of today and for generations to come; and

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

WHEREAS, by using our resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future; and

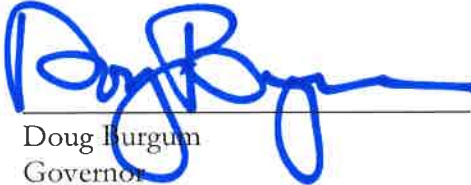
WHEREAS, on Earth Day and every day, North Dakotans are encouraged to:

CONSERVE natural resources by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when leaving a room, and utilizing renewable resources.


PRESERVE natural resources and practice responsible stewardship by participating in recycling programs and engaging in ways to reduce waste, cut pollution and conserve energy and water.

COMMIT to the recycling process by buying recycled-content products.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2017, **EARTH DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State