

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 22 - 26, 2023

WHEREAS, each year, North Dakota faces destructive forces from strong winds, winter storms and flooding, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes, and

WHEREAS, these predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to re-evaluate their exposure; and

WHEREAS, insurance fraud adds 5% to 10% to claims expenses paid by insurers and consumers; and

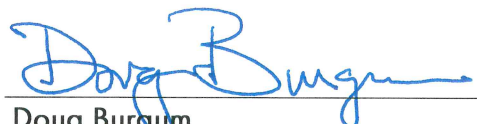
WHEREAS, it is imperative an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in North Dakota, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating North Dakotans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 22 - 26, 2023, **CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of
North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE