NORTH DAKOTA

= PROCLAMATION ===

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago on February 14, 1920, as a "mighty political experiment" by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the League of Women Voters was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters; and

WHEREAS, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over the last 103 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization; and

WHEREAS, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health and education; and

WHEREAS, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums, voter guides and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to educate and mobilize voters; and

WHEREAS, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 14, 2023, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

> Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTEST: