



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

Executive Order 2017-13

WHEREAS, North Dakota has taken a proactive stance toward energy development fostering innovative, long-term energy strategies to meet the growing state and national demand in an environmentally responsive manner; and,

WHEREAS, in the EmPower commission was established by the sixtieth legislative assembly, to monitor issues pertinent to the state's comprehensive energy policy and make recommendations to the energy policy as needed; and,

WHEREAS, the EmPower commission is composed of the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and representatives appointed by the Governor from North Dakota's energy industries; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to appoint additional nonvoting members to the EmPower Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanford has valuable prior experience as a proactive local leader and business owner in one of our state's largest oil producing counties; and,

WHEREAS, as President of the N.D. Senate, the Lieutenant Governor understands the important tax, workforce, environmental and quality of life policy issues related to an "all-of-the-above-energy" development approach.

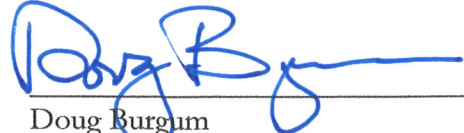
NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby appoints Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford to serve as a nonvoting member of the EmPower commission pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 17-07-01 (n).

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is authorized to appoint additional nonvoting members to the EmPower commission under North Dakota Century Code §17-07-01 (n).

This order is effective immediately and will continue indefinitely.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27th day of August, 2017.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

Deputy