



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-07

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to more than 50,000 military veterans – men and women who have provided, and continue to provide, extraordinary service to our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, there is an array of specific services and benefits available to veterans across federal and state agencies and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to providing coordinated, high-quality services to veterans and ensuring they are able to effectively access the benefits and services which they earned and deserve; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs was established by the forty-second legislative assembly in 1971 to oversee the general administration of veterans affairs in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, proper organization of the State's services and resources is critical to effectively support veterans and their dependents in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, convening a task force to examine the communication, collaboration, governance and delivery systems for veterans services, with input from a variety of interested stakeholders, will facilitate meaningful enhancements to accessibility and delivery of services to North Dakota's veterans and their dependents.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby establishes the Task Force for Veterans Affairs. The Task Force shall consist of no less than eleven and no greater than fifteen members, appointed by the Governor, representing the interests of veterans and their dependents, members of State government and other applicable stakeholders. The Governor or his designee will serve as a non-voting member of the Task Force. The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Task Force.

- I. The Task Force for Veterans Affairs shall:
 - a. Examine the current structure of veterans affairs governance and service delivery, evaluating strengths and weaknesses in the current system.
 - b. Identify areas for increased collaboration, communication and efficiencies in and among existing programs, state agencies and other resources utilized for the service of veterans in the state.
 - c. Provide recommendations to improve the current governance structure and services for veterans in North Dakota.

- II. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair. A simple majority of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for purposes of taking any official action.
- III. The Task Force may create working groups to increase input from veterans and other stakeholders throughout the State.

The Governor is vested with executive authority to issue this Order pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

The Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 25th day of October 2018.



Doug Burgum, Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

Deputy