

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2024

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are defined as impairments in physical, learning, language or behavioral areas, and can commonly affect those with autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), learning or intellectual disabilities, hearing loss and vision impairment; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase “public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities” and to provide the “encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential”; and

WHEREAS, each March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) join forces to highlight the ways in which people with and without disabilities unite to form strong communities; and

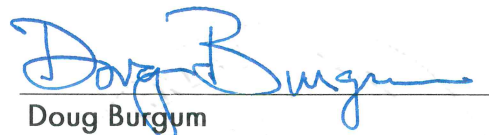
WHEREAS, the campaign gathers individuals with and without disabilities to share their experiences through stories, photos and videos; and


WHEREAS, this year’s campaign highlights artwork created by individuals with disabilities and is featured in the Developmental Disabilities Awareness campaign imagery, displaying the talents of those with disabilities to a national audience; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to gain awareness and give consideration to the needs of those affected by developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
March 2024, **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of  
North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE