

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

APRIL 29 - MAY 4, 2024

WHEREAS, the resilience of American small businesses continues to drive America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years, fostering the competition and innovation that creates opportunities for families, workers and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our nation's workers, enriching our main streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains, building our nation's infrastructure and innovating and inventing the products of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is the most business friendly and best state to start a business, giving thousands of North Dakotans the chance to pursue and succeed at their entrepreneurial careers and expand what North Dakota can provide; and

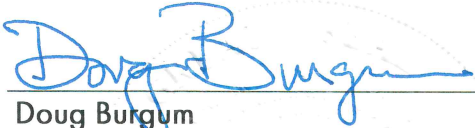
WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

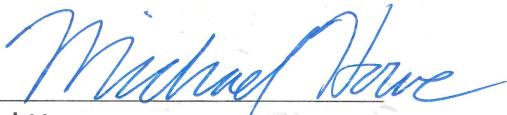
WHEREAS, entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American dream, evidenced by the historic small business boom, with a record 16.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021, including 5.5 million last year; and

WHEREAS, by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger nation where everyone can succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 29 - May 4, 2024, **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE