



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ADDICTION TREATMENT WEEK
APRIL 23-29, 2018

WHEREAS, with over 20 million Americans living with a substance use disorder (SUD), we know the disease of addiction affects communities nationwide and does not discriminate; and

WHEREAS, more than 64,000 Americans died from a drug overdose in 2016, including more than 42,000 deaths from opioids. Additionally, over 88,000 people die every year from alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 55 recorded opioid overdose deaths in North Dakota, up from 20 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, despite the large population affected by addiction, only 1 in 10 people with the disease receives treatment; and

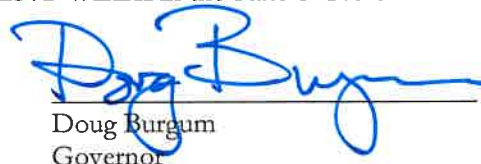
WHEREAS, Addiction Treatment Week will help raise awareness that addiction is not a moral failing, but a disease that can affect our family, friends, coworkers, partners and community. Creating awareness around the disease of addiction will decrease the shame and stigma associated with this disease and encourage those with addiction to seek quality treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more clinicians to educate themselves to treat addiction and bridge this treatment gap. This week calls on all medical professionals to treat addiction and save lives. It is vitally important for the medical community to turn the tide on the addiction epidemic; and

WHEREAS, during Addiction Treatment Week, the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and its partners are promoting education and awareness of the disease of addiction; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the critical importance of decreasing the shame and stigma associated with the disease of addiction; to help those affected find evidence-based treatment; and to support those in the recovery community.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2018 **ADDICTION TREATMENT WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Deputy