



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SPARE KEY'S 20th ANNIVERSARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

WHEREAS, Spare Key is a 501(c) nonprofit, regional organization based in Minnesota with an ongoing mission to provide assistance to families in crisis with critically ill or seriously injured children; and

WHEREAS, Spare Key helps families with hospitalized children in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota through mortgage grant payments to provide the gift of time to families while their children are in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, any family with a critically ill or seriously injured child under the age of 18 who has been hospitalized 14 of the past 90 days is eligible to apply, with no income guidelines required; and

WHEREAS, Spare Key receives no public or government funds of any kind but is funded by the generosity of thousands of private donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and events; and

WHEREAS, Spare Key has served approximately 3,500 families with \$5.3 million in housing grants since 1997. In North Dakota alone, approximately 75 families have been helped by Spare Key with an estimated \$75,000 in housing grants donated; and roughly 43 percent of the families helped by Spare Key have been treated at Fargo Sanford Health; and

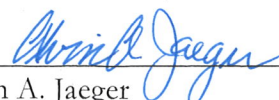
WHEREAS, Spare Key is grateful for all the support it has received and looks forward to the next 20 years of helping families "Bounce and Not Break."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 15, 2017, **SPARE KEY'S 20th ANNIVERSARY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State