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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
JANUARY 2019

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all North Dakotans is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our state's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, approximately 13,240 people were diagnosed with cervical cancer nationwide, and 4,170 died from the disease; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, when it can still be successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer vaccines are now widely available, and when combined with regular screenings, they provide an effective means of preventing the disease; and

WHEREAS, while the number of cases and deaths from cervical cancer has decreased significantly in the past 40 years, each case of cervical cancer is a tragedy that devastates patients and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of prevention and detection techniques among patients and health care providers is a key component in safeguarding cervical health; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of January, organizations and health care practitioners are encouraged to promote awareness about cervical cancer and to support patients currently battling cervical cancer and those who have lost loved ones to this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim January 2019, **CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State