



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**COOPERATIVE MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2018

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota cooperatives have a major impact on the state's economy and are operated for the benefit of their members; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperatives engage in activities as diverse as processing and marketing crops and obtaining farm supplies, developing renewable energy projects and providing financial services, electricity and telecommunication services to their members; and


**WHEREAS**, cooperatives are especially effective at adding value to the goods and services produced in rural America, supporting local economic growth and job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the key guiding principles of the cooperative movement is service to community; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota supports agricultural and utility cooperatives through programs, educational materials, information, research, technical assistance and development; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the valuable impact cooperatives have on enhancing our state's economic opportunity and quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2018, **COOPERATIVE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State