



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH**  
MAY 2017

**WHEREAS**, the term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools, and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

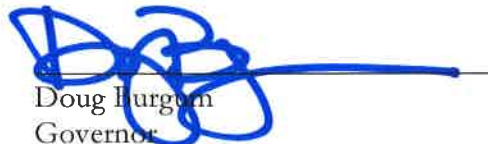
**WHEREAS**, today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one, dies in active service to the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, less than 1 percent of our nation's population serves in our military and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of May, we honor those who lost a family member who died while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2017 **GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State