



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION

**NORTH DAKOTA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS DAY**  
MARCH 22, 2017

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress created the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program to provide training and technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small businesses across the United States; and


**WHEREAS**, SBDCs are the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the nation, providing free advertising and low-cost training on important business topics such as: business planning, logistics, capital acquisition, marketing, regulatory compliance, and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, SBDCs allow clients to open, manage, and grow their businesses, providing job creation and employment and enhancing the allure of their cities by supporting unique businesses that attract and retain top North Dakota talent; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota Small Business Development Centers (NDSBDC) are a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of North Dakota, and the North Dakota University System providing training and technical assistance to entrepreneurs across our state; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 alone, NDSBDC donated 5,410 hours of free consultation assistance, created or retained 472 jobs, and assisted in creating 94 businesses in our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017, **NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State