



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2017

WHEREAS, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks, work hard; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street, to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

WHEREAS, small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and

WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 28 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
APRIL 30 to MAY 6, 2017, **NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State