



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FIRST NATIONS DAY
OCTOBER 5, 2018
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2018

WHEREAS, First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous people and their unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, American Indian people, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, the 65th North Dakota Legislative Assembly affirmed the work of the North Dakota Tribal and State Relations Committee and reauthorized its work in continuing to develop and strengthen state and tribal partnerships; and

WHEREAS, on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents – justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

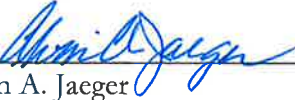
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to strengthen the long-standing cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 5, 2018, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2018, **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State