



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY
JUNE 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver established the first Special Olympics Games 50 years ago on July 20, 1968, at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, since that day, Special Olympics has grown to more than 4.9 million athletes and exists in 172 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics North Dakota is an accredited program in good standing with the global movement that is Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,600 athletes and 5,000 volunteers in North Dakota know the joy of inclusion, respect and support by participating in Special Olympics sports competitions, wellness events and fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics North Dakota, through the transformative power of sport, allows North Dakota citizens with intellectual disabilities to discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics North Dakota athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment — on the playing field and in life — and inspire people in our communities to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential; and


WHEREAS, Special Olympics North Dakota would like to thank and invite all participants, volunteers, law enforcement, family and donors to shape the next 50 years of Special Olympics in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 7, 2018, **SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State