

Honorable Governor Doug Burgum
Governor of North Dakota
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Governor Burgum,

It has been my honor to serve your teams, and the Great State of North Dakota for nearly 6 years. After an extraordinarily hard decision-making process, I have decided to resign my position as Chief Information Officer for the State of North Dakota. My last day in this role will be 2 December 2022.

Over the past six years we have completed unbelievable things. I am in awe in what has been accomplished across our teams. We have broken the stereotypes of what “state workers” can do and have shattered expectations for technology in government.

The state of North Dakota is now the undisputed national leader in Cyber Security. Our initiatives have changed the education of future generations and unbelievably changed the ability for government to operate in a digital world.

I thank you for your leadership and your inspiration. I came to North Dakota, and to government, purely based on your ability to inspire and make people believe that we truly can make the world a better place.

Sincerely and with Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Shawn Riley