

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, adequate food is necessary for the health, well-being and education of individuals of all ages, and access to adequate healthful food assures people's abilities to be productive citizens on Main Streets, rural roads and farmstead drives; and

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affect even the least likely of individuals, including adults who are caring for family members, children of hardworking parents and seniors living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's farmers and ranchers lead the nation in growing food crops including durum and spring wheat, barley, oats, dry edible beans and peas, flax, canola, honey and other crops for food, feed and fuel, and agriculture is a leading industry; and

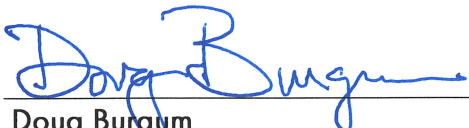
WHEREAS, North Dakotans experience among the lowest rates of food hardship in the nation, yet in 2018, 97,355 people, nearly half of whom were children and seniors, sought food assistance from the Great Plains Food Bank and its charitable feeding network partners; and

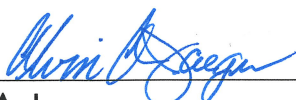
WHEREAS, partners of the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition have been connected for 10 years and continue to work to identify and address unmet food and hunger needs, enhance the understanding and awareness of hunger issues, and identify and address solutions to meet immediate needs and underlying causes of hunger; and

WHEREAS, farmers and growers, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's and women's advocacy groups, schools, child care providers, businesses, state, local and federal government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, concerned youth and dedicated individuals are working to end hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2019, HUNGER ACTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE