NORTH DAKOTA

= PROCLAMATION =

4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8, 2022

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest research-based youth development organization in the nation, empowering nearly 6 million youth across the country with skills to lead for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 4-H sees that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has impacted over 24,000 North Dakota youth who learn by doing through hands-on projects in areas of health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment and camping opportunities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the educational youth development program of North Dakota State University and is conducted at the county level by NDSU Extension staff with the help of nearly 3,000 adult volunteers who create developmental relationships that are caring, challenge growth and share power; and

WHEREAS, 4-H provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions, assisting them in finding their spark; and

WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H achieve positive youth development outcomes based on opportunities for supervised independence, a sense of belonging with a positive group, a spirit of generosity toward others and a wide variety of opportunities to master life's challenges; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is working at the state and national level to bring together young people and adults in solutions that address the opportunity gap young people face in education, mental health and social inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2-8, 2022, 4-H WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burg GOVERNOR

> Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE