



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 21, 2018

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.5 million people ages 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease, and another 200,000 people under the age of 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's; and

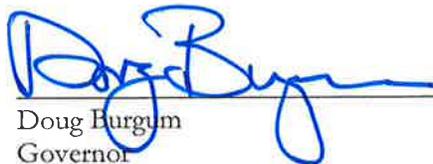
WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and North Dakota has the second-highest mortality rate due to Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino citizens are 1.5 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's and African-American citizens are two times more likely to develop late onset Alzheimer's, making it imperative to increase research and improve understanding about increased incidence of Alzheimer's in ethnic and racial groups; and

WHEREAS, nearly 30,000 family members and friends cared for the 14,000 North Dakotans with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 34 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling \$436 million in North Dakota alone; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day is observed in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 21, 2018, **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State