

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY JUNE 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible, mind-altering brain disorder that impacts memory, cognition and behavior; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease accounts for between 60% and 80% of all dementia cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's, and 15,000 of those Americans are North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, 19,000 people provided 29 million hours of unpaid care to those diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2022 in North Dakota; and

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

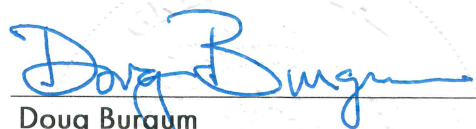
WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives are three times as likely, Hispanic Americans and Latino citizens are 1.5 times more likely and African American citizens are two times more likely to develop late onset Alzheimer's, making it imperative to increase research and improve understanding about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

WHEREAS, research into the disease and treatment of Alzheimer's is ongoing, and new FDA-approved treatments continue to become available; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day is observed in June in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers impacted by Alzheimer's disease, and the researchers who are seeking new treatments and a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
June 20, 2023, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE