

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 16, 2022

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

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

WHEREAS, more than 6 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's, and 15,000 of those Americans are North Dakotans; 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

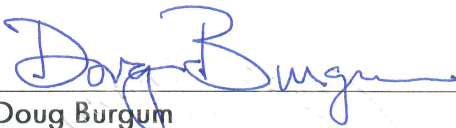
WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaskan Natives are three times as likely, Hispanic Americans and Latino citizens are 1.5 times more likely and African American citizens are 2 times more likely to develop late onset Alzheimer's, making it imperative to increase research and improve understanding about increased incidence of Alzheimer's in ethnic and racial groups; and

WHEREAS, 19,000 people provided 29 million hours of unpaid care for people in North Dakota with Alzheimer's and other dementias totaling \$521 million in 2020; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 16, 2022, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE