

PROCLAMATION **AMBER ALERT AWARENESS DAY**JANUARY 13, 2018

WHEREAS, statewide AMBER Alert plans have been implemented in all 5O states, creating a coordinated network of programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, AMBER Alert programs have helped save the lives of more than 897 children across the country since October 2002, when a nationally coordinated alert program was introduced; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of North Dakota's AMBER Alert plan in February 2003, eight AMBER alerts have been issued involving eight children, with the successful recovery of seven of the eight children; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has developed a secondary distribution network to disseminate AMBER Alerts via Internet service providers and the wireless industry; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to learn more about AMBER Alerts and to access valuable information when an alert has been issued by dialing 511, visiting the state's AMBER Alert website at https://www.nd.gov/publicalert/ or opting to receive immediate notification of an abduction in their area by registering at http://esp.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/amber/ambersignup.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim January 13, 2018, **AMBER ALERT AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State