## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## AMERICORPS WEEK

MARCH 12-18, 2023

WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota more than 200 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 80 locations by tutoring and mentoring youth, restoring the environment, assisting capacity building nonprofits and more; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business, foundation and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs bring people together across race, age and ZIP code to address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships, cultivate mutual respect and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors and through their service; AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities and North Dakota as a whole; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 2023, AMERICORPS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE