NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION \equiv

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH MARCH 2020

WHEREAS, North Dakotans recognize the importance of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies and in North Dakota there exists a long history of helping neighbors in need and voicing gratitude for those who do; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help community members find shelter after home fires, deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital and enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against serious, preventable diseases are deserving of our gratitude; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, its volunteers and its donors fulfill a critical role in our communities, responding on average to more than a disaster every day in North Dakota, providing safe shelter, food, emergency relief supplies, emotional support, health services and recovery assistance to people during disaster responses, mostly home fires; and

WHEREAS, through the power of volunteers, partners and donors in our communities, the American Red Cross continues to save lives through its Home Fire Campaign in the Dakotas Region, which has supported the installation of more than 18,000 free smoke alarms since the program's inception in 2014, helping to save lives; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, the American Red Cross provides emergency communications services for military members and their families; helps reconnect families separated by international wars, conflicts and disasters; and teaches and empowers people to provide CPR, first aid and other support during life-threatening emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2020, AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE