



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**AMERICAN HEART MONTH**  
FEBRUARY 2018

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the estimated global cost of cardiovascular disease was \$863 billion, and it is estimated to rise to \$1.044 trillion by 2030. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in North Dakota, accounting for 1,323 deaths in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Cardiac Systems mission is to be an effective system of acute cardiovascular emergency care throughout the state and ensure and facilitate the implementation of the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cardiac Ready Communities project in North Dakota promotes public education on heart disease, CPR training and AED access to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, CPR skills training is now a benchmark outcome within new North Dakota quality physical education (PE) standards at both the middle school and high school levels, with almost 7,000 North Dakota students graduating every year with the lifesaving skills of CPR; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals and emergency medical services across the state of North Dakota are equipped with lifesaving equipment, such as 12-lead cardiac monitors, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and LUCAS automated CPR devices; and


**WHEREAS**, during American Heart Month, the American Heart Association is promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attacks and strokes and making heart-healthy choices; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to learn CPR and dial 9-1-1 to activate the lifesaving cardiac system of care, not drive a personal vehicle to the emergency room, which will increase survival rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2018, **AMERICAN HEART MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State