

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, annuities provide a safe alternative for individuals who want a predictable way to meet immediate, ongoing and future financial obligations and objectives; and

WHEREAS, surveys consistently indicate that the vast majority of Americans are looking for a financial vehicle that provides the benefits annuities offer, specifically the ability to address the critical concern of running out of money during retirement; and

WHEREAS, outliving one's retirement income creates a financial hardship that may require working additional years of employment, reduce the standard of living in retirement, defeat the fulfillment of legacy goals or require dependence upon family and friends for monetary support; and


WHEREAS, research indicates that annuity owners have a higher confidence in their overall retirement readiness; and

WHEREAS, because determining what kind of an annuity to buy and when to take income is one of the most important financial decisions consumers will ever make, individuals and families can benefit greatly from the expert advice of a qualified insurance or financial services professional; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Annuity Awareness, a nonprofit whose membership represents hundreds of leading insurance companies and organizations, has designated June as national Annuity Awareness Month, the goal of which is to educate consumers on annuity benefits, support them in considering annuities for meeting specific financial goals, and encourage them to seek professional advice for implementing annuities effectively in their income and legacy planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
June 2019, ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE