

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2022

WHEREAS, arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases and conditions that affect joints, tissues that surround joints, and other connective tissue; and arthritis is a chronic health problem that is the nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans and is most common among people with multiple chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing and can even lead to death; and

WHEREAS, arthritis affects an estimated 60 million American adults living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis, representing 24.1 percent of adults in the United States; and an estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of age have a form of arthritis or rheumatic conditions, representing approximately 1 in every 250 children in the United States; and

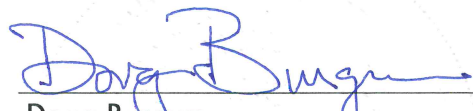
WHEREAS, arthritis costs the U.S. economy more than \$304 billion each year, \$140 billion in direct medical care costs and \$164 billion in lost wages; and


WHEREAS, in North Dakota, there are 127,674 people living with arthritis, including children; and among working age adults with arthritis in North Dakota, 46.5 percent have some work limitations due to their arthritis; and

WHEREAS, 1 out of every 3 U.S. veterans lives with arthritis, and it is the top cause of disability among veterans; research supporting better prevention strategies, interventions and treatments is crucial to reducing the number of soldiers and veterans suffering from arthritis.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2022, ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE