NORTH DAKOTA

EPROCLAMATION ===

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH OCTOBER 2020

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today, including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity and community livability; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are an integral part of the creative and cultural lifeblood of North Dakota, supporting health and vibrancy in our urban and rural areas, helping individuals and communities tell their stories and creating welcoming and inspiring places for people to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the nation's more than 100,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's more than 4,500 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the 56 states and United States jurisdictions are working together to promote the importance of arts and humanities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, during Arts and Humanities Month we provide a focus on equitable access to the arts and humanities at local, state and national levels, encourage individuals, organizations and diverse communities to participate in the arts and humanities, allow governments and businesses to show their support of the arts and humanities and raise public awareness about the role the arts and humanities play in our communities and lives; and

WHEREAS, in this turbulent year, the arts and humanities have played a critical role in supporting our citizens through a pandemic, and National Arts & Humanities Month is a time for communities to come together in unified celebration of the power of the arts and humanities to make a difference and change our lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in arts and humanities activities and celebrate the cultural and historical riches of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2020, ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE