



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY
MARCH 27, 2019

WHEREAS, assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment or product system that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of people with disabilities and older adults; the term “assistive technology service” means any service that directly assists a person with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive technology device; and

WHEREAS, assistive technology allows people with disabilities and older adults to be involved in their communities and in inclusive classrooms and workplaces; and


WHEREAS, assistive technology devices and services are necessities for millions of people with disabilities and older adults, without which they would be unable to live in their communities, access education and obtain, retain and advance gainful, competitive integrated employment; and

WHEREAS, the availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation and is critical to the employment of people with disabilities and older adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the US Census Bureau reported that 10.7 percent of the population in North Dakota, or over 78,000 individuals, have a disability; more than 5,660 children in North Dakota, ages 0-17, have a disability and among North Dakotans 65 years of age and older, 33 percent have a disability; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota’s State Assistive Technology Act Program, ND Assistive, supports a continuum of services including the exchange, repair, recycling and other reutilization of assistive technology devices; device loan programs providing assistive technology devices to individuals, employers, public agencies and others; the demonstration of devices to inform decision making; and providing financing through a variety of initiative to purchase or obtain assistive technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 27, 2019, **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State