

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### BLOOD DONATION DAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

WHEREAS, blood transfusions save more than 4 million lives each year, and it is estimated that one in every seven people entering a hospital will need blood; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, as hospitals and medical centers rely on a readily available supply to serve their patients as they treat a variety of medical conditions or illnesses; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can be separated into its components and help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent take advantage of the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, blood donations have a shelf life of between five days and one year depending on the components it is separated into, making the need for a sustainable supply vital; and

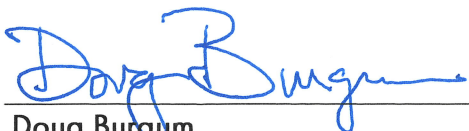
WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including Vitalant, BioLife, Dak-Minn Blood Bank, the Dr. Daliah Show and many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety, health and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, Blood Donation Day serves to remind all North Dakotans of the need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
September 5, 2019, BLOOD DONATION DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
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Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
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Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE