

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

BLOOD DONATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

WHEREAS, every two seconds a patient in the United States is in need of blood, and blood is essential for surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses, traumatic injuries and other life- and health-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and hospitals and medical centers rely upon 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% of the United States' population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do; 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

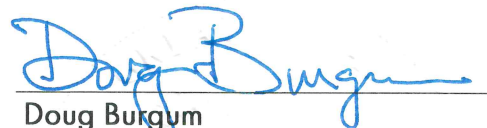
WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including Vitalant, BioLife, Dak-Minn Blood Bank, the Dr. Daliah Show and many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety 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 4, 2023, **BLOOD DONATION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE