



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BLOOD DONATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

WHEREAS, blood transfusions save more than 4 million lives each year, and it is estimated that 1 in every 7 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 need 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 United Blood Services, the Dak-Minn Blood Bank, the American Red Cross, 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

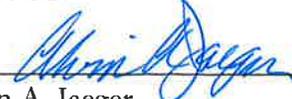
WHEREAS, Blood Donation Day serves to remind all North Dakotans of the need to constantly replenish the blood supply through donation and community awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 5, 2018, **BLOOD DONATION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State