

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2020

WHEREAS, brain injuries are a serious national public health concern affecting more than 3.6 million Americans annually, regardless of age, race, gender or ethnicity and result from a multitude of causes, including falls, accidents, stroke, overdose, suicide attempts, poisoning, disease or infection, motor vehicle crashes, military action or IED blasts, intimate partner or domestic violence, abuse, assault, sports and recreation injuries, birth defects, gunshot wounds and other violence; and

WHEREAS, brain injury is a contributing factor to a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States and is the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.1 million children and adults in the U.S. live with a lifelong disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury and an additional 6.4 million live with disability resulting from stroke, translating to more than 22,000 North Dakotans living with disability from brain injuries; and

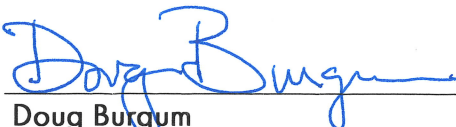
WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges; and


WHEREAS, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, as the lead state agency serving people with brain injury, works collaboratively with the North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council and the North Dakota Brain Injury Network, to build a system of coordinated services for individuals with brain injury and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is important for the prevention of brain injuries and for enhancing the recovery process for all individuals affected by brain injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
March 2020, BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE