



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 2019

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries (TBI) affect more than 1.7 million Americans every year 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 trauma; and

WHEREAS, traumatic 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, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of war, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, as many as 28,000 North Dakotans will sustain a TBI this year, which may lead to death or permanent disability; many more patients will remain undiagnosed and untreated due to lack of medical resources, funding and/or awareness; 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 traumatic brain injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2019, **BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State