



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 2018

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a serious national public health epidemic affecting more than 1.7 million Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, a 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, more than 5.3 million Americans live with disabilities resulting from brain injury, including about 13,000 North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, most traumatic brain injuries could be prevented with the top causes including falls, car crashes, struck by/against events and assaults; and

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

WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavioral 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 traumatic brain injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2018, **BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State