NORTH DAKOTA

== PROCLAMATION ===

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2022

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that strikes over 13,000 American women each year and most often affects women in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease early when it can be effectively treated; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities lacking access to health care and proven life-saving tools; and

WHEREAS, available cervical cancer vaccines, together with screening tests, provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and increasing awareness among patients and health care providers alike regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safeguarding women's health; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable and to encourage and support the women in their lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim

January 2022, CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

CREAT SEAL OF THE PROPERTY OF

Doug Burgum

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE