

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, every North Dakotan plays an important role in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Dakota Department of Human Services, in 2020, there were 15,482 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect in North Dakota, resulting in 1,614 children who were confirmed as victims; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies and families; and

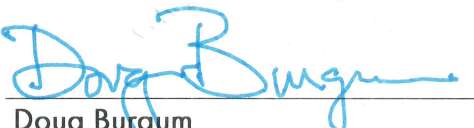
WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the societal and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2021, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE