

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS DAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

**WHEREAS**, approximately 7% of children under the age of 18 in the United States have had a parent incarcerated, and the parents of 1 in every 50 children in the United States are in prison; and

**WHEREAS**, these children are at higher risk of adverse childhood experiences, insecure attachment, social stigma, unstable family relationships, physical and mental health issues and low educational attainment; and

**WHEREAS**, contact between incarcerated parents and their children can help reduce these risk factors for the children and reduces recidivism for the incarcerated parent, as more than 40% of parents in prison lived with their children before they were sent to prison; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to help reduce risk factors to both children and parents through education, promoting family contact while incarcerated and reducing social stigma.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 15, 2023, **CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: A black ink signature of Michael Howe.

Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE