



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of our communities, providing love, support and guidance our children need in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans have a longstanding tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of stability and caring surroundings; and

WHEREAS, compassionate foster families play an important role in assuring children and youths are able to grow and develop in a safe, stable and nurturing environment until they can be reunited with their families or achieve permanency through adoptions and other lifelong connections; and

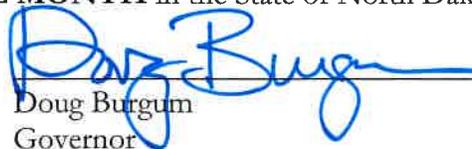
WHEREAS, Children's Foster Care Month is an opportunity to recognize the nearly 950 licensed foster families who provide quality foster care in the state; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families often engage to finalize permanency through adoption when foster children cannot return to their birth families, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

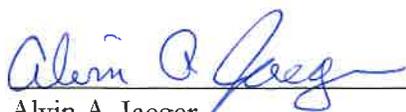
WHEREAS, foster families, county social services, child welfare providers and professionals, and others involved in foster care deserve recognition this month and all year long for their continued teamwork and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanency and well-being of children and youths; and

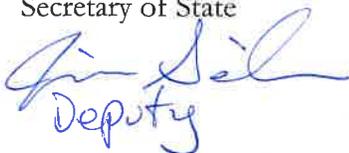
WHEREAS, this annual observance calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides help, healing and hope to children and youths in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Deputy