

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2022

WHEREAS, keeping families strong is the key to building strong communities; and providing services and support to families so they can stay together or be reunited is the primary goal of the North Dakota child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of stability and support; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota foster parents are role models and provide important support for parents, helping them enhance their relationships with their children to achieve family stability and maintain family connections until reunification can occur; and

WHEREAS, Children's Foster Care Month is an opportunity to recognize nearly 1,000 licensed foster families who provide quality care to over 1,500 children and adolescents placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to recruit new foster families and to retain current foster families; and

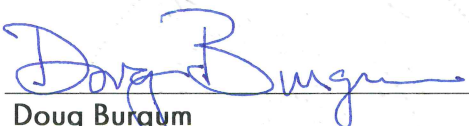
WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other close family members and relative caregivers also have an important role in providing normalcy, stability and family connections to children and adolescents who are not able to remain with their biological parents; and

WHEREAS, foster families, human service zones, 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 adolescents; 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, adolescents and their families in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2022, CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE