



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 500,000 clostridium difficile infections occur per year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 14,000 people die from clostridium difficile infections with more than 80 percent of the deaths among Americans aged 65 years or older; and

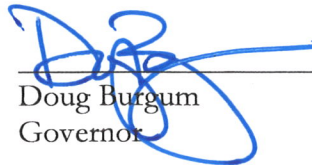
WHEREAS, health care facilities employ dedicated professionals who advocate for improving health and promoting patient and staff safety in order to minimize and prevent clostridium difficile; and

WHEREAS, improved health practices such as thorough hand hygiene and environmental cleaning can significantly reduce the risk and spread of clostridium difficile infections; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the education of health care workers on proper infection prevention techniques is proven to reduce all types of health care associated infections; and


WHEREAS, the health and safety of all is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our families and communities.


NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2017, **CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



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