

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2022

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a disease in which cells in the colon or rectum grow out of control into abnormal growths called polyps that may develop into cancer over time; and

WHEREAS, screening tests can identify polyps to be removed before they develop into cancer and can help identify cancer at an early stage when treatment is most effective; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined, but there currently is no cure; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 147,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and over 53,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2021; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately higher among racial and ethnic minorities; and

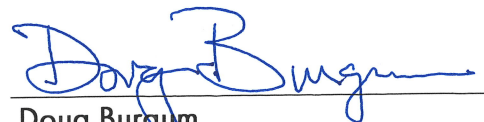
WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and


WHEREAS, it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March helps provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
March 2022, COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE