

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

AUGUST 9-15, 2020

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to and having a significant impact on America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, as the country's largest primary care network, community health centers are the health care home for 29 million people in over 12,000 communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, health centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban communities, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities; and every day, health centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy services to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and

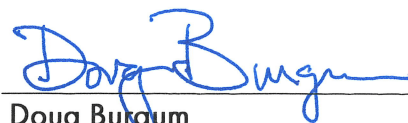
WHEREAS, North Dakota's community health centers provide access to affordable, high-quality health care for all North Dakotans, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, and in doing so, improve health care outcomes and reduce health care system costs; and in 2019, North Dakota's five community health centers provided patient-centered, comprehensive care to more than 40,000 individuals at 21 sites located in 19 communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's community health centers are critical economic engines for the communities they serve, generating millions of dollars in combined economic impact and employing nearly 400 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and dentists; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize North Dakota's community health centers, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth, and to showcase the integral role they play in the lives of their patients and in the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
August 9-15, 2020, **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE