

## PROCLAMATION **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK**DECEMBER 4-8, 2017

WHEREAS, computing technology is changing how people interact with each other and the world around them and is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science, and bolstering productivity in many economic sectors; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science supports the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to the United States economic output; and

WHEREAS, National Computer Science Education Week informs students, teachers, parents and the general public about the important role that computer science plays in enabling innovation in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the many opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; this week, in honor of her birthday, is designated as "National Computer Science Education Week."

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim December 4-8, 2017, **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State