



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
COOPERATIVE MONTH
OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, North Dakota cooperatives have a major impact on the state's economy and are operated for the benefit of their members; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives engage in activities as diverse as processing and marketing crops and obtaining farm supplies, developing renewable energy projects, and providing financial services, electricity and telecommunication services to their members; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives are especially effective at adding value to the goods and services produced in rural America, supporting local economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, one of the key guiding principles of the cooperative movement is service to community; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota supports agricultural and utility cooperatives through programs, educational materials, information, research, technical assistance and development; and

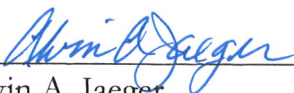
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the valuable impact cooperatives have on enhancing our state's economic opportunity and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2017, **COOPERATIVE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State