

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 18-23, 2021

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes that its educational institutions, at all levels, have a vital role in preparing students to enter the workforce where they will identify, respond to and protect citizens from cyberthreats that may significantly impact individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 500,000 jobs open in the national cybersecurity workforce and globally an expected shortfall of 1.8 million cybersecurity professionals by 2022; and this deficit could be filled by local talent if exposed early to available educational resources for career entry; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and the COVID-19 pandemic has created increased cybersecurity challenges due to an unprecedented level of individuals working from home; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security careers will encourage the youth of the state to pursue educational opportunities in this and other related science, technology, engineering and math fields to the benefit of North Dakota and enhance the security of North Dakota's information, infrastructure and economy; and

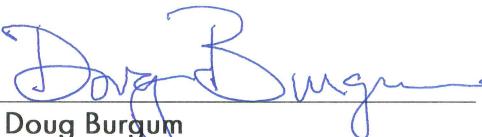
WHEREAS, the North Dakota K-20W initiative has brought together leaders from all sectors of state education and government in a first-of-its-kind, whole-of-government effort to educate North Dakota students in computing and cyber sciences; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota educational institutions and their students have demonstrated their considerable capabilities in national contests, including the National Cyber League, SANS Cyber FastTrack, National Cyber Summit Cyber Cup and MITRE Capture the Flag competitions; and

WHEREAS, National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week has been developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education as a celebration focusing on local, regional and national interest to inspire, educate and engage learners of all ages, educators, parents, employers and the community on career opportunities in the field of cybersecurity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
October 18-23, 2021, CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE