

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY INCLUSION WEEK

DECEMBER 4-8, 2023

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to fostering a community that empowers people, improves lives and inspires success regardless of ability; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the 92,708 North Dakotans affected by visual, cognitive, hearing, ambulatory and other disabilities acknowledging both the challenges they face and the invaluable contributions they make to our communities; and

WHEREAS, there exists a greater need to raise inclusion, awareness and understanding of the effects of all disabilities and the unique contributions of individuals living with such conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is our collective responsibility to create an environment that includes all individuals and respects the dignity and worth of everyone, regardless of their abilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes the importance of fostering empathy, compassion and inclusion to build a stronger and more cohesive community; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities possess a wealth of talents, skills and perspectives. They enrich our communities and contribute to the overall well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness about intellectual and developmental disabilities helps to dispel stereotypes, eliminate stigma and foster a more inclusive society.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
December 4-8, 2023, **DISABILITY INCLUSION WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: A blue ink signature of Michael Howe, written in a cursive style.

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE