

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, every person has the right to live free of violence at home and in neighborhoods, schools and communities across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an ongoing pattern of behaviors and abusive tactics used by an intimate partner or ex-partner to gain complete power and control over a person's life, and is a serious public health issue that affects all communities and citizens of North Dakota, without regard for age, race, ability, sexual orientation, gender or social, ethnic, geographic or economic differences; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota in 2021, 18 domestic violence and rape crisis centers served 5,417 unduplicated victims of domestic violence, and approximately 3,895 children were impacted; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible and simple acts can make a difference; and

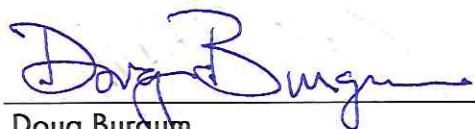
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to have informed conversations, learn the skills needed to be an active bystander, challenge social norms that enable domestic abuse and join anti-domestic violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be a part of the solution to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, through prevention education, increased awareness and ensuring justice for victims of violence by holding perpetrators responsible for their actions, North Dakotans can work together to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is intended to remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors and work together to identify and eliminate domestic violence in our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2022, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE