

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

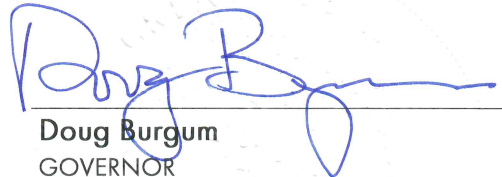
PROCLAMATION


DONATE LIFE MONTH MAY 2021

- WHEREAS**, one organ donor can save up to eight lives and heal the lives of more than 75 people; and
- WHEREAS**, in 2020, more than 39,000 transplants gave renewed life and support to patients and their families and communities; and still more than 100,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants; and
- WHEREAS**, many Americans support organ, tissue and eye donation as an opportunity to give life and health to others but have not taken the steps to become a donor; and
- WHEREAS**, donors are often people who die suddenly and unexpectedly, and discussing donation is an important conversation to have with family members; and
- WHEREAS**, those who have made the decision to become a donor may add their name to the North Dakota Donor Registry by answering "yes" on their application when they visit a North Dakota Driver's License Site to obtain a driver's license, permit or ID card; and
- WHEREAS**, Crosses for Cameron was founded on June 28, 2020, through the Dakota Medical Foundation to honor Cameron Bolton, an organ donor whose final act of compassion and generosity impacted the lives of many; and
- WHEREAS**, Crosses for Cameron provides comfort and peace for those who have experienced extreme loss, to help them move forward in their grieving process, and provide organ donation awareness and education globally; and
- WHEREAS**, during the month of May we celebrate donation recipients, recognize those who continue to wait, honor donors and their families and thank registered donors for the gift of hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2021, **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE