

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DONATE LIFE MONTH APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to eight lives and heal the lives of more than 75 people; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, more than 40,000 transplants gave renewed life and support to patients and their families and communities; still more than 106,000 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

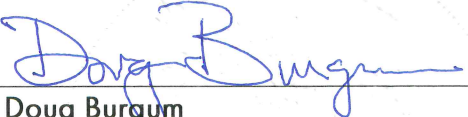
WHEREAS, Crosses for Cameron was founded on June 28, 2020, through the Dakota Medical Foundation to honor Cameron Bolton, an organ donor whose final act of compassion and generosity impacted the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing organ donation awareness and education globally, Crosses for Cameron provides comfort and peace for those who have experienced extreme loss, helping them move forward in their grieving process; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April 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
April 2022, DONATE LIFE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE