

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DRUG COURT MONTH MAY 2020

WHEREAS, this year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of treatment courts; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota drug courts have been effectively engaging individuals in drug and alcohol treatment for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

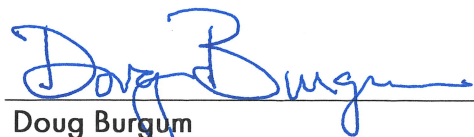
WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

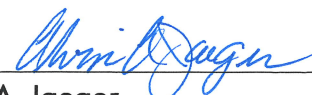
WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug-free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 2020, DRUG COURT MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE