

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DRUG COURT MONTH

MAY 2021

WHEREAS, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota drug courts have been effectively engaging individuals in drug and alcohol treatment for 21 years; and

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

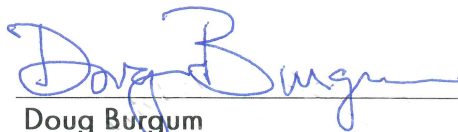
WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and


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 along with judicial officers, prosecutors, law enforcement, treatment providers, parole and probation, court officers and court staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 2021, DRUG COURT MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE