



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DRUG COURT MONTH
MAY 2019

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th 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 19 years; and

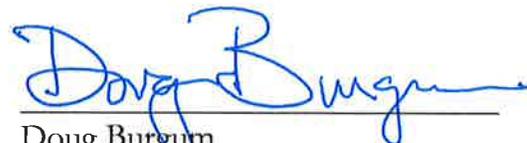
WHEREAS, treatment courts are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

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 2019, **DRUG COURT MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State