



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DRUG COURT MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, for more than 29 years drug courts have served more than one million individuals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota drug courts have been effectively engaging individuals in drug and alcohol treatment for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, drug courts are a proven budget solution that benefit all facets of society; and

WHEREAS, drug courts are one of the most successful justice programs for reducing addiction, crime, and recidivism, while saving taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, drug courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug courts significantly improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **DRUG COURT MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State