



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**  
MAY 1-7, 2017

**WHEREAS**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, 2017, as Youth Week to honor the United States of America's junior citizens for their accomplishments and to give fitting recognition for their service to their community, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent our nation's greatest resources and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

**WHEREAS**, our youths need guidance, inspiration, and encouragement, which we can offer, to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youths, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations, and our sincere willingness to help them prepare for the responsibilities and opportunities afforded to them as citizens of the United States of America.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2017, **ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State