

## PROCLAMATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK FEBRUARY 17-24, 2018

WHEREAS, many of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the visionary efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to North Dakota's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations throughout North Dakota are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities by offering programs, activities and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand their knowledge, skills and attitudes to become successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of our communities and state; and

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship Week provides North Dakotans with an opportunity to focus on innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for successful entrepreneurs and workers in future workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 17-24, 2018, ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgun

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State