## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## EYE DONATION MONTH

NOVEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, the first National Eye Donor Month was observed in March 1983 as the result of a proclamation read by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, every year thereafter, a member of Congress has continued the tradition and reads a proclamation into the Congressional Record each November; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Lions Sight & Health, the only donation organization based in the Dakotas, provided 881 corneas to recipients in our area last year, restoring their sight and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, there were 881 individuals who made the selfless gift to donate their corneas in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the North Dakota Legislature passed Senate Bill 2163, The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, to promote donation; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes the importance of continuing to raise awareness of the need to donate, to recognize donors and their families, and to celebrate recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2021, EYE DONATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE