



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
EYE DONOR MONTH
MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, the first National Eye Donor Month was observed in March of 1983 as a 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 March; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Lions Sight & Health, the only donation organization based in the Dakotas, has provided corneas to 73 recipients in North Dakota last year, restoring their sight and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, 125 individuals in North Dakota made the selfless gift to donate their corneas in 2016; 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 March 2017, **EYE DONOR MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State