



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**  
APRIL 2017

**WHEREAS**, April marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the federal Fair Housing Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota law has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1983, and North Dakota passed the 1999 Housing Discrimination Act authorizing the Department of Labor and Human Rights to investigate complaints alleging discriminatory housing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, equal opportunity for all - regardless of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital or public assistance status - is a fundamental goal of our state law; and

**WHEREAS**, access to housing of an individual's choice contributes significantly to quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota continues to work to eliminate discrimination in housing and to provide citizens with the opportunity to live in safe and affordable housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2017, **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Alvin A. Jaeger, written over a horizontal line.

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State