



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FINLAND 100 DAY
DECEMBER 6, 2017

WHEREAS, 2017 commemorates Finland's 100th anniversary as a sovereign nation with Finns, Finnish Americans and Friends of Finland worldwide, joining with the theme of "Together" this centennial year; and

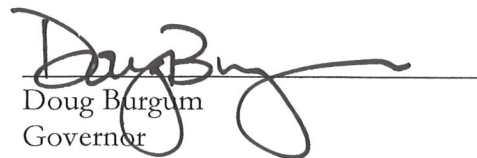
WHEREAS, the history of Finns in North Dakota can be dated back to the late 1800s with the first Finnish settlement in Dakota Territory; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are very proud of this heritage and have worked hard to preserve it through the North Dakota Finnish Society in Minot, the Young People's Society in Wing, the Red River Finns in Fargo-Moorhead, the Finnish-American Historical Society of North Dakota in Brocket, and Savo Hall Association and Frederick Forward in Frederick; and


WHEREAS, Finnish Americans continue to celebrate traditions and cultures with an authentic wood-fired log sauna display and a Midsummer Night celebration in the Scandinavian Heritage Park in Minot; participation in the Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival and Pangea Festival in Moorhead, Minnesota the St. Urho's Day Parade and Celebration in Rolla; the serving of Finnish Mojakka Ja Leipä (Beef Stew with bread) at Norsk Høstfest in Minot, the annual Wing Finn Hall Benefit; Frederick Finn Fest, and the St. Urho's Celebration on March 16 and the celebration of Pikku Joulu (little Christmas) on December 6 at various locations; and

WHEREAS, Finnish Americans are known for their Sisu (determination, fortitude, grit, perseverance, strong-willed attitude) and musical and artistic expression to make North Dakota a better place for all to live and work, now and for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim December 6, 2017, **FINLAND 100 DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State