



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FIRST NATIONS DAY**  
OCTOBER 6, 2017  
**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2017

**WHEREAS**, First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous peoples and their unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state, as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

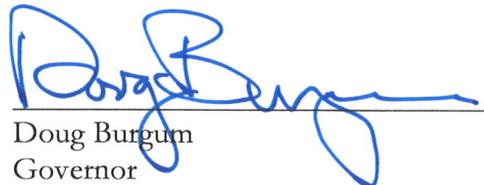
**WHEREAS**, American Indian people, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 65<sup>th</sup> North Dakota Legislative Assembly affirmed the work of the North Dakota Tribal and State Relations Committee and reauthorized its work in continuing to develop and strengthen state and tribal partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to commemorate the long-standing, cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 6, 2017, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2017, **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State