

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FOSTER YOUTH VOICE MONTH OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, more than 1,450 youth involved in the foster care system in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, approximately 300 young adults are engaged in North Dakota independent living services; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to helping our children and young adults reach their full potential and live safe and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota youth and young adults involved in the foster care system should have an active role in the decisions that impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota young adults with lived foster care experience should have a voice in advocating for policy and practice changes; and

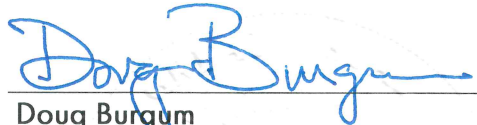
WHEREAS, North Dakota child welfare agencies support the development of a network of independent, community-based youth councils to give young adults a voice; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota child welfare agencies are uniting to recognize the impact of youth voices; and

WHEREAS, Foster Youth Voice Month is an opportunity for child welfare advocates to elevate youth voices to change their futures and those of generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 2023, FOSTER YOUTH VOICE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE