

## $\longrightarrow$ PROCLAMATION $\implies$ GOLD STAR MOTHERS' AND FAMILIES' DAY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous Americans of every generation have served in the United States Armed Forces with honor and valor, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our great nation from terror and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifice made by every one of these brave men and women is mourned by all Americans, and the loved ones they leave behind have paid a price no family should have to pay and bear the burden of their unimaginable loss forever; and

WHEREAS, these Gold Star mothers and families have endured the loss of loved ones and have earned and deserve the utmost respect and admiration from their fellow citizens for their inspiring strength and determination; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to acknowledge and remember the sacrifices borne by these mothers and families, offering support as they continue to honor their fallen loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the last Sunday of September is designated as Gold Star Mothers' Day in North Dakota in honor of mothers whose sons or daughters served and died in the line of duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or its allies, or died as a result of injury sustained in such service; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget those who nobly gave their lives in service to our country, and we pay tribute to these brave men and women in uniform by honoring the mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who bear the burden of their loss forever.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 29, 2024, GOLD STAR MOTHERS' AND FAMILIES' DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

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