



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, the term "Gold Star" began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and


WHEREAS, today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, less than 1 percent of our nation's population serves in our military, and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor those who lost a family member who died while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State