

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH FEBRUARY 2022

WHEREAS, mounting university research indicates gum disease is a possible precursor to heart disease and diabetes, and is connected to other systemic diseases including stroke, Alzheimer's, dementia, rheumatoid arthritis, certain cancers, pre-term birth and stillbirths; and

WHEREAS, gum disease is a contagious infection of the tissue and bone that support the teeth and has far-reaching effects on the human body; and

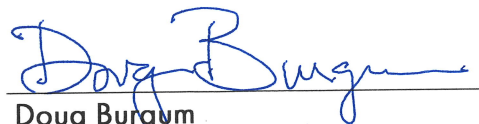
WHEREAS, between 74 percent and 85 percent of Americans suffer some degree of gum disease, but fewer than half are aware of it, and building awareness can improve community health and prevent serious health consequences; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to providing reliable oral health information including how to prevent and treat gum disease, including symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated; and

WHEREAS, Gum Disease Awareness Month supports community health by disseminating important information and the tips and tools to empower citizens to make powerful improvements to their health and the health of their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2022, GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE