



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**HEALTH EQUITY AWARENESS MONTH**  
APRIL 2018

**WHEREAS**, every North Dakotan deserves a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, health equity requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, powerlessness, lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments and health care; and

**WHEREAS**, health equity means reducing and ultimately eliminating disparities in health and its determinants that adversely affect excluded or marginalized groups; and

**WHEREAS**, an important step in achieving health equity is identifying social inequities in access to resources and opportunities needed to be healthier; and

**WHEREAS**, health equity and its determinants requires an examination of policies, laws, systems, environments and practices to eliminate inequities in the opportunities and resources needed to be as healthy as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Indian Public Health Resource Center at North Dakota State University is hosting the first-ever, full-day event addressing health equity in the State of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of the event, "Health Equity and Social Justice, Bridging the Gap," reflects the work done by communities, schools, government, faith-based organizations, businesses, non-profits and other partners to promote health equity in North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2018, **HEALTH EQUITY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State