## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, adequate nutritious food is necessary for the health, well-being and education of individuals of all ages, and access to adequate healthful food assures people's abilities to be productive citizens on Main Streets, rural roads and farmstead drives; and

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affect even the least likely of individuals, including adults who are caring for family members, children of hardworking parents and seniors living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's farmers and ranchers lead the nation in growing food crops including durum and spring wheat, barley, oats, dry edible beans and peas, flax, canola, honey and other crops for food, feed and fuel, and agriculture is a leading industry; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's current severe drought conditions have impacted farmers and ranchers and their food product supply; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic presented new challenges in routines at work and school, supply chain interruptions, loss of jobs and wages and increased volatility in food supply, resulting in higher rates of food insecurity and food hardship; and

WHEREAS, partners of the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition responded to the increase in food and nutrition security needs that arose during the pandemic in multiple ways to serve those in need; and

WHEREAS, partners across the state are continually working to end hunger and work toward food resiliency and sustainability in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2021, HUNGER ACTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE