## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

## HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 15-22, 2020

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in North Dakota, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, for more than a guarter of a century the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, this week is meant to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in North Dakota for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations in North Dakota committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness including the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People, Youthworks, United Way, and Burleigh County Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to ending homelessness through its support of the North Dakota Homeless Grant, Statewide Continuum of Care, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Incentive Fund, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, McKinney/Vento programs for homeless youth, as well as the North Dakota Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize that many people do not possess the basic necessities of life, such as shelter, food and clothing, and deserve support from citizens and private and public nonprofit organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 15-22, 2020, HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

> Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE