



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNGER FREE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, North Dakota is the top producer in the United States of durum and spring wheat, barley, dry edible beans and peas, flax, canola, honey and other crops, and has the lowest food hardship rate among the states, yet in 2016, 94,470 people, nearly half of whom were children and seniors, sought food assistance from the Great Plains Food Bank and its charitable feeding network partners; and

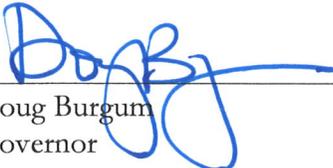
WHEREAS, adequate food is necessary for the health, well-being and education of individuals of all ages, and access to adequate healthful food assures people's abilities to be productive citizens on Main Streets, rural roads and farmstead drives; and

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affects 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, partners of the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition are working to identify and address unmet food and hunger needs, enhance the understanding and awareness of hunger issues, and identify and address solutions to meet immediate needs and underlying causes of hunger; and

WHEREAS, farmers and growers, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, schools, businesses, state, local and federal government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, concerned youths and dedicated individuals are working to end hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2017, **HUNGER FREE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State