

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

APRIL 18-24, 2021

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in eight couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

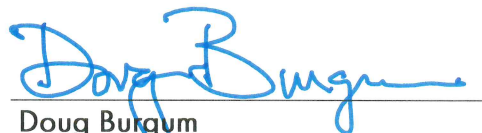
WHEREAS, all couples and individuals challenged in their family building journey should have access to family building options including adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, Everlasting Hope, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community in spreading awareness to remove the stigmas and barriers that stand in the way of building families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 18-24, 2021, **INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE