

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### INFLUENZA PREVENTION MONTH OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, between Oct. 1, 2021, and June 11, 2022, United States citizens have experienced over 8 million influenza infections, over 3.7 million medical visits due to influenza, over 82,000 influenza hospitalizations and over 5,000 deaths due to influenza; and

WHEREAS, influenza is especially dangerous to the very old and very young; approximately 20,000 children under the age of 5 are hospitalized due to influenza each year, with about 100 dying from influenza complications, and over 2,000 children have lost their lives from influenza since 2004, most of whom, approximately 80 percent, were not vaccinated against influenza; and

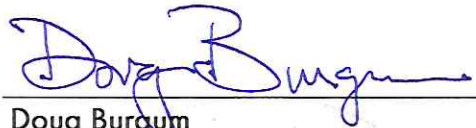
WHEREAS, precautions such as good hand hygiene and protective actions such as staying home while ill, when combined with safe and effective influenza vaccinations, are the best way to prevent illness, hospitalization and death from influenza; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, influenza vaccination coverage decreased from the previous flu season, for every age group except people 65 years and older; and everyone aged six months and older who is eligible for influenza vaccination is encouraged to talk to their health care provider to make an informed decision; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019-2020 influenza season over 52 percent of the eligible U.S. population was vaccinated against influenza, which prevented about 7.5 million illnesses, 105,000 hospitalizations and 6,300 deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
October 2022, INFLUENZA PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE