

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 3-9, 2022

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community; and

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs and classes, in addition to books; and

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building, and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

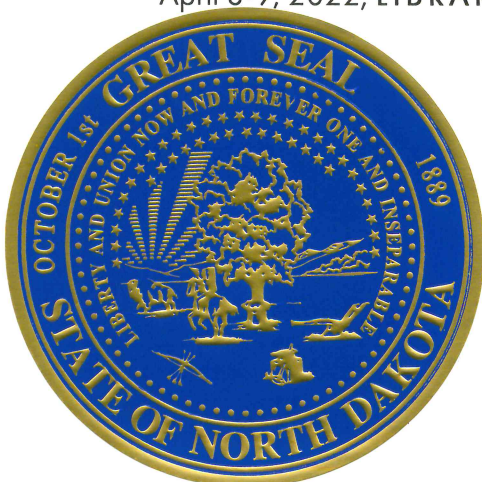
WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

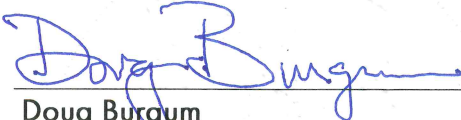
WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 3-9, 2022, LIBRARY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE