



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 7-13, 2019

WHEREAS, libraries are not only about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota libraries serve 2.1 million visitors annually; one in three North Dakota citizens has a library card and North Dakota citizens utilized public library computers in over 490,000 instances and logged 1.5 million WiFi sessions annually; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians are leaders in their institutions and organizations, in their communities, in the nation and in the world; librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies; and

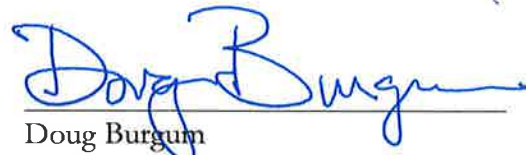
WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well as new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programming, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and social engagement, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all regardless of their background; and

WHEREAS, libraries work with diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019, **LIBRARY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State