## NORTH DAKOTA



## LIONS MONTH JUNE 2021

WHEREAS, North Dakota Lions Clubs are members of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 million members in over 48,000 Lions Clubs in over 205 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, the first Lions Club of North Dakota originated in Fargo in 1921, and there are, today, 94 Lions Clubs in the State of North Dakota, composed of over 2,200 women and men volunteers statewide providing needed service to all; and

WHEREAS, Lions District 5NW and District 5NE making up the western and eastern halves of the state of North Dakota have united to celebrate the Lions Clubs International Birthday of June 7, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Lions were challenged by Helen Keller in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness"; and "Sight for Kidz" Vision Screening Program and Eye Glass Recycling are services provided in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Lions unite their global service around five areas of need — diabetes, hunger, environment, vision and childhood cancer — and North Dakota Lions provide service in all these areas; and

WHEREAS, the heart of all Lions Clubs is service, giving time, talent and energy to serve others and make a difference in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2021, LIONS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE