

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 18-24, 2020

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,620 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 520 men each year die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

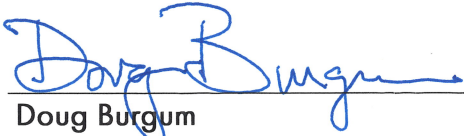
WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this disease, the week of October 18-24, 2020, has been designated to foster public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer and encourage early detection and prompt treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
October 18-24, 2020, **MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK** in the  
State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE