



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATIONS
MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 14-20, 2018

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,550 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 480 men each year will 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, 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, 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 14-20, 2018 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 14-20, 2018, **MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State