

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

MARCH 25, 2021

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation from Congress creating the Medal of Honor in 1861, with the first Medal being awarded in 1863; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 4,000 individuals have received this highest honor throughout our nation's history, and 22 North Dakotans have been awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Global War on Terror, including Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble who also received the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, the state's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, our country has celebrated National Medal of Honor Day on March 25 since the holiday was first created by Congress and signed into law in 1990; and

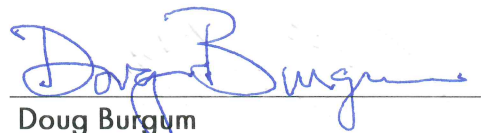
WHEREAS, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation established a national Moment of Honor in 2020 to encourage all Americans to pause, reflect and pay tribute to these heroes; and


WHEREAS, North Dakotans can participate by taking a moment of quiet reflection at 3:25 p.m. on Medal of Honor Day, March 25, as a time to remember those past recipients and honor those living recipients of the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are deeply patriotic and have a strong history of supporting the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 25, 2021, **MEDAL OF HONOR DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE