



State of North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY
OCTOBER 13, 2017

WHEREAS, thousands of families across North Dakota are affected by metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, currently no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer and those with metastatic breast cancer will continue treatment indefinitely with the goal of extending the best quality life possible; and

WHEREAS, more than one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetimes. Specifically, in North Dakota, it is estimated that 473 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017. Tragically, it is estimated that more than 94 women in North Dakota will die of breast cancer, nearly all due to metastatic breast cancer; and

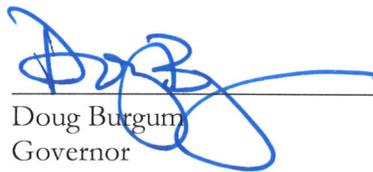
WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes. Although Caucasian women see the greatest incidence of breast cancer, the mortality rate for African-American women with breast cancer is higher than in Caucasian women, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, while metastatic breast cancer remains incurable, there is reason to be hopeful. Extensive research efforts are underway to address this high unmet need. *ClinicalTrials.gov* is a searchable database which provides patients, family members and the public with information about current ongoing clinical research studies; and

WHEREAS, there is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed. North Dakota will continue to push for critical research and advanced treatments for metastatic breast cancer. We are honored to participate in observation of Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and to shed light on the devastation metastatic breast cancer brings to communities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we ask the citizens of North Dakota to become informed and aware of metastatic breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota. I do hereby proclaim, October 13, 2017, **METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Renae Ribbons
Special Deputy