



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 11, 2018

WHEREAS, North Dakota's military spouses are honored on the second Friday of each May to recognize them for the important role they and their families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe; and

WHEREAS, for more than two centuries, our freedom has been safeguarded by brave patriots who have stepped forward and sworn an oath to defend the principles upon which our Republic was founded; alongside these selfless heroes, our nation's military spouses also offer tremendous service and make great sacrifices for our country; and

WHEREAS, military spouses are an important part of communities across our state and around the world. We know them as our neighbors and friends, colleagues and coaches, teachers and nurses. They move from active duty station to duty station, picking up their families and careers whenever their country asks. They frequently live in a different community than their spouse. They keep their households running while dealing with the strain of deployment, natural disasters and issues of homeland security. They support our wounded warriors, preserve the legacies of our fallen, and find ways to give back to our country day after day; and

WHEREAS, the strength and readiness of America's military depends on the well-being of our military spouses and families; and

WHEREAS, on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, let us honor the unparalleled contributions of our military spouses and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring the priorities of our military families remain the priorities of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 11, 2018, **MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State