

PROCLAMATION MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, thousands of brave North Dakotans serve in the military and have taken the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has more than 8,300 children with a parent serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has many children with a sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of April as the "Month of the Military Child" provides an opportunity to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their sacrifice and their unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their "Kids Serve Too"; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to observe this month by connecting with military kids, military families and the communities where they work, live and play to provide support to all our North Dakota children affected by the deployment of family members and other caring adults in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2018, **MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger & Secretary of State