



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS 75TH ANNIVERSARY
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the economy and create a vast array of goods, services and jobs throughout this state and across America; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States (15 U.S.C. 631) recognize that encouraging and developing the capacity of small business is essential to the free market competition upon which the economic well-being and security of the nation depend; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1943, the National Federation of Small Business was created to represent the interests of thousands of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1949, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) succeeded to the work of the National Federation of Small Business; and

WHEREAS, NFIB has expanded to represent hundreds of thousands of small and independent businesses, including many in this state, and has advanced their ability to own, operate and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, NFIB ensures that the governments of the United States and the 50 states hear the voice of small business as they formulate public policies; and

WHEREAS, the small and independent businesses and the people of this state have benefitted from the work of NFIB for three-quarters of a century.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS 75TH ANNIVERSARY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State