



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2017

WHEREAS, there are 427,910 children across the United States in foster care; and

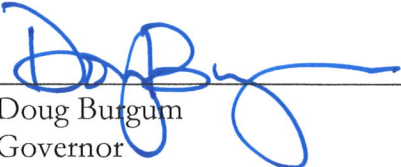
WHEREAS, National Adoption Month raises awareness of the importance for children and youth in foster care and focuses attention on the continuous need for adoptive parents; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations in North Dakota committed to sheltering and providing supportive services to those in need, including the member organizations of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month also features National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 18, 2017, when judges and child advocates come together in communities across our state and nation to finalize adoption and celebrate adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, all residents of North Dakota are encouraged to join in celebrating adoption, honoring families that grow through adoption, increasing their awareness of changes and issues related to adoption, and focusing attention on those children who await permanent adoption by a loving, committed family.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 18, 2017, **NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State