



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
April 8-14, 2018

**WHEREAS**, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated victim service providers are working every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services; and

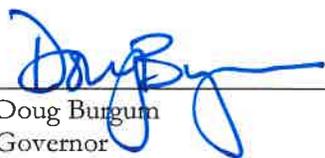
**WHEREAS**, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging a broader array of health care providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing and access to justice; and

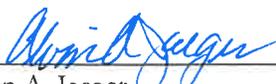
**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime— especially those who are challenging to reach or serve—are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Victim Services Program and all victim service programs throughout the State of North Dakota are hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2018, **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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