

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER RECOGNITION DAY DECEMBER 18, 2019

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes our Native American and American Indian elders as valuable assets to our communities; and

WHEREAS, in the Older Americans Act of 1965 [Public Law 89-73], in Section 418, Native American Programs were written into law; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Older Americans Act was amended to include Title VI, which established programs for the provision of nutrition and supportive services for Native Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) is funded by the Administration for Community Living through the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, the NRCNAA was officially founded in 1994 and housed at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within the Center for Rural Health programs and initiatives; and

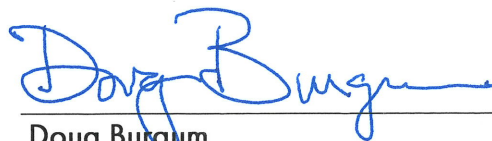
WHEREAS, in 2019, the NRCNAA is celebrating its 25th year of service to tribal organizations and communities; and

WHEREAS, together, the NRCNAA and North Dakota are committed to supporting tribal efficacy, bridging tribal to nontribal relationships, enriching tribal research and championing tribal elder issues locally, regionally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, this day is intended to honor American Indian elders and bring awareness to their needs.


NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
December 18, 2019, **NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER RECOGNITION DAY**
in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE