

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### NURSES WEEK

MAY 6-12, 2020

WHEREAS, more than 3.6 million nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all our nation's nursing resources; and

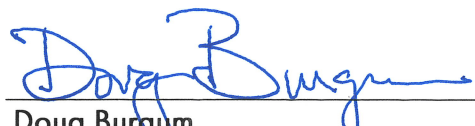
WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be a critical necessity for public health; nurses are on the front lines of our fight against the potentially deadly novel coronavirus disease, caring for patients and often risking their own health, and North Dakotans are grateful to these modern heroes whose incredible and tireless efforts are helping to keep us all safe; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by nurses will continue to be an increasingly important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 6-12, 2020, NURSES WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE