



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2017

WHEREAS, the brave men and women who proudly serve in the United States Armed Forces and risk their lives to protect our freedom deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

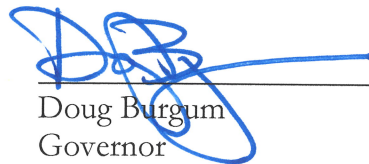
WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress has historically been viewed as a mental illness caused by a pre-existing flaw of character and/or ability and the term PTSD carries a stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress can occur after experiencing a severely traumatic event including sexual assault, physical abuse, high-impact collisions and crashes, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and military combat; and

WHEREAS, making the condition less stigmatizing and more honorable can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek timely treatment without fear of retribution or shame, ultimately reducing the number of PTSD-related suicide; and


WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSD should retain the right to their dignity and deserve our consideration, as well as those who have received these wounds in action against an enemy of the United States further deserve our tribute and acknowledgement.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2017, **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State