

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH
OCTOBER 2020

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY
OCTOBER 15, 2020

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a newborn baby or sudden infant death syndrome; and approximately one in every four women suffers a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, there were 72 infant deaths in North Dakota; and

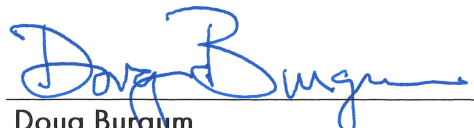
WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should be remembered by a compassionate public and the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day aims to provide some comfort to those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or other complications; and

WHEREAS, observing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month in October and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15th enables us to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can help meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

WHEREAS, throughout this month, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the support groups and community organizations across the state that provide assistance to those who have lost an infant, and to remember the lives that have been lost and the families who mourn them.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 2020, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH, and
October 15, 2020 PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE