STATE OF **NORTH DAKOTA**

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY OCTOBER 15, 2019

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 56 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

WHEREAS, the observance of 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, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day 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, 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 15, 2019, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE