## NORTH DAKOTA

## === PROCLAMATION ====

## PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH OCTOBER 2019

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; approximately one in every four women suffers a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss; and

WHEREAS, the loss of a child is an inconceivable tragedy and a traumatic event that brings a family pain, suffering and grief; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month generates awareness and increases North Dakotans' understanding of the tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; and

WHEREAS, throughout this month, North Dakotans are encouraged to raise awareness of the prevalence of pregnancy loss and infant loss, and to recognize those bereaved mothers, fathers and families who mourn the loss of their infant.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2019, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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