



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
OCTOBER 15, 2018

**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 2017, there were 44 infant deaths in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child; and

**WHEREAS**, even the shortest lives are valuable, 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 may provide comfort to those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or other complications; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, people around the world participate in the International Wave of Light, which invites participants to light a candle for pregnancy loss and infant loss remembrance starting at 7:00 p.m. on October 15 in their respective time zones, and to leave the candle burning for at least one hour to create a continuous wave of light spanning the globe for a 24-hour period to honor and remember the children who have died during pregnancy or shortly after birth; 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, 2018, **PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State