NORTH DAKOTA

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PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY NOVEMBER 22, 2021

WHEREAS, public health is a field that concerns itself with improving the health of populations and encompasses many health topics from diseases to injury prevention, as well as the promotion of healthy living and outbreak detection and control; and

WHEREAS, the need for a supportive and successful public health system has grown exponentially throughout the last decade; and

WHEREAS, 28 independent local public health units work in partnership with the North Dakota Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the public health workforce works every day to protect us and our communities from disease, injury and other health threats; and

WHEREAS, researchers are constantly working day-in and day-out to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and stop the spread of the virus, reducing its effects on the North Dakota population; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Thank You Day on November 22 is an opportunity to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can help meet the needs of individuals who work in public health and offer them support for all they do to keep our communities healthy and educated; and

WHEREAS, on the Monday before Thanksgiving, North Dakotans are encouraged to express their gratitude for public health's extraordinary contributions to the public good and to celebrate these hardworking individuals as they continue to fight COVID-19 and work to advance the public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 22, 2021, PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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