

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 4-10, 2022

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is served by 28 Local Public Health Units, operating 52 offices in 50 counties; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant difference in health status, such as obesity, poor mental health and drug use, among people living in rural areas compared with people living in urban areas, and this variance increases because rural residents are often more likely to face social determinants that negatively impact health, such as poverty, transportation barriers and lack of economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, a person's health status can differ drastically by ZIP code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, measles, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

WHEREAS, public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today's disease surveillance and control systems; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 4-10, 2022, has been designated National Public Health Week, intended to show gratitude for the efforts of public health workers to keep citizens healthy and safe and to highlight the importance of individual and community action as we work together to make North Dakota the healthiest state in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 4-10, 2022, **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum

Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: A blue ink signature of Alvin A. Jaeger, written over a faint circular watermark of the state seal.

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE