

## PROCLAMATION **READ ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA DAY**MARCH 2, 2018

WHEREAS, well-developed reading skills serve as a catalyst for academic aptitude, the sharing of ideas and the cultivation of creativity; and

WHEREAS, enjoying these benefits of reading serves to enhance the lives of North Dakota residents and drive innovation within our state; and

WHEREAS, innovation in North Dakota drives a stronger economic future; and

WHEREAS, reading skills and habits are best developed during childhood, and reading with children provides an opportunity for caregivers of all kinds to bond with and strengthen their relationships with the children in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** March 2, 2018, marks the 114<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. Seuss, a monumental figure in children's literature.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2, 2018, **READ ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger / Secretary of State