



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic disease that is destroying lives, families, and futures across every social and economic group in our state; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota already is short of workforce and substance use disorders are impacting workforce productivity across all industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover; and

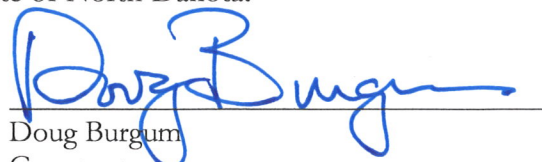
WHEREAS, the Burgum administration is committed to making naloxone more accessible and reducing unnecessary barriers and regulation limiting access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, as citizens we can unite to reduce the stigma and shame surrounding the disease of addiction and work to Reinvent Recovery; and


WHEREAS, recovery strategies need to be a top public health priority

WHEREAS to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), North Dakota Department of Human Services, North Dakota Department of Health, along with the behavioral health recovery community, invite all residents of North Dakota to participate in **Recovery Month** by observing this month with appropriate programs and activities to celebrate and support people in recovery and promote the message that addiction is treatable and there is hope for recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota. I do hereby proclaim, September 2017, **RECOVERY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State