



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2018

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

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic brain 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 faces a workforce shortage, and substance use disorders are impacting workforce productivity across all industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and recovery is possible; and


WHEREAS, the Burgum Sanford 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 eliminate the shame and stigma surrounding the disease of addiction and work to Reinvent Recovery; and

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

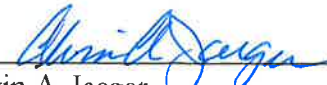
WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, North Dakota Department of Human Services, North Dakota Department 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 2018, **RECOVERY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State