

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23-31, 2023

WHEREAS, the disease of addiction and the accompanying alcohol and drug abuse affect individuals, families and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, visible, unified efforts by community members are invaluable tools to support individuals and families battling the disease of addiction and prevent drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week, celebrated in communities across the nation on October 23-31, 2023, offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, businesses, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to supporting the health of all citizens and eliminating the shame and stigma of addiction; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in drug prevention education activities during Red Ribbon Week and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2023, RED RIBBON WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE