

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK OCTOBER 20-26, 2019

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has a strong interest in the health of all citizens; respiratory therapists are especially concerned with the lung health of citizens; and

WHEREAS, chronic lower respiratory disease has been listed among the leading causes of death; this includes several groups of lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, asthma and emphysema; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Week serves to raise public awareness of respiratory diseases and promotes early detection of chronic lung disease; and

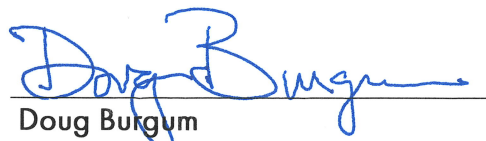
WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Week celebrates Respiratory Therapists in many work settings such as in hospitals, nursing facilities and home health care; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for Respiratory Care supports the profession moving to a baccalaureate entry level, calling for a goal of 80 percent of respiratory therapists to either have, or be working toward, a bachelor's degree by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Week helps to recognize and applaud the efforts of Respiratory Therapists going back to school to advance their degree, as well as educators who are dedicated and passionate in teaching and guiding the future of respiratory therapy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 20-26, 2019, RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE