

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

OCTOBER 25-31, 2020

WHEREAS, our state is now faced with COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Week helps the public's awareness of respiratory diseases and promotes early detection of chronic lung disease; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is always concerned with the health of its citizens; and respiratory therapists are especially concerned with the lung health of citizens; and

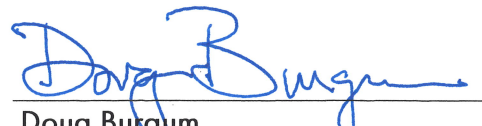
WHEREAS, chronic lower respiratory disease has been listed among the leading causes of death; and chronic lower respiratory disease includes several groups of lung disease to include COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), bronchitis, asthma and emphysema; and

WHEREAS, the AARC's (American Association for Respiratory Care) push to move the profession to a baccalaureate entry level helps to recognize and applaud the efforts of Respiratory Therapists going back to school to advance their degree; and

WHEREAS, to recognize educators who are dedicated and passionate in teaching and guiding the future of respiratory therapy so there are continually qualified RT's to assist patients particularly amidst the national COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 25-31, 2020, RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE