

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

APRIL 30 - MAY 5, 2023

WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of small businesses who, despite a worldwide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

WHEREAS, small businesses remain the heartbeat of communities and the American economy, employing more than half of American workers, inventing and innovating to launch new technologies and create new American-led industries, enriching our main streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains and building our nation's infrastructure; and

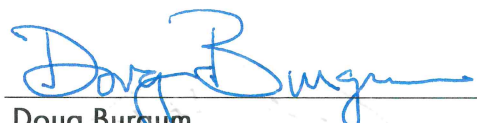
WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and


WHEREAS, entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American dream, evidenced by the remarkable small business boom, with more than 10.5 million Americans applying to start a business since Jan. 20, 2021 — more than in any other two-year period in American history; and

WHEREAS, by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger nation where everyone can succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 30 - May 5, 2023, **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE