

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup>-leading cause of death in the United States and the second-leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 34; and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 47,000 people die by suicide in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2019, there were 1.38 million suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 140 North Dakotans died by suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, suicide has many contributing factors, with undiagnosed or untreated behavioral health conditions being the most common; and over 90 percent of people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or treated; and

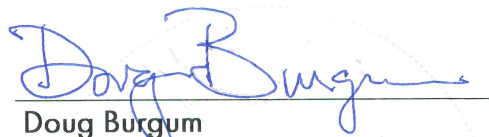
WHEREAS, North Dakota's Suicide Prevention effort includes several state and non-state agencies and organizations as well as individual volunteers and suicide survivors encouraging initiatives based on the goals contained in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and North Dakota Behavioral Health Plan, Vision 20/20; and

WHEREAS, implementing effective prevention, intervention, recovery and postvention services can assist North Dakotans in finding help, hope and recovery; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable public health problem, and suicide prevention is a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
September 2021, SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE