



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2017

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11.9 minutes, with 44,193 deaths by suicide in our country during 2015; and

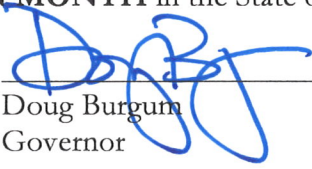
**WHEREAS**, in the U.S., suicide is the second leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year olds, and is the tenth leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of suicide extends further than the individual's life that is lost, and it is estimated each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with sadly over 250,000 newly bereaved each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, 134 North Dakotans died by suicide, and several thousand friends and family members were changed forever by losing those people; and

**WHEREAS**, far too many North Dakotans die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2017, **SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State

  
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