

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

TALKING BOOKS AWARENESS DAY MARCH 3, 2021

WHEREAS, the Pratt-Smoot Act was passed by the United States Congress on March 3, 1931, authorizing the Library of Congress to provide books for the use of the adult blind; and

WHEREAS, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled continues to bring reading materials in digital audio and Braille formats to the homes of blind, visually handicapped or physically handicapped patrons throughout North Dakota and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Talking Books service has access to more than 116,000 titles of bestsellers, classics, biographies, romances and many other genres; and

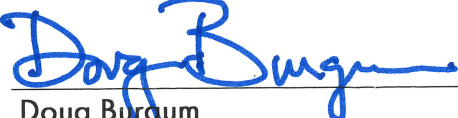
WHEREAS, the North Dakota Talking Books service provided over 69,000 items to 1,553 North Dakota patrons in 2020; and

WHEREAS, September 1, 2020, marked the 25th anniversary of the Talking Books service at the North Dakota State Library; and

WHEREAS, March 3, 2021, marks the 90th anniversary of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 3, 2021, TALKING BOOKS AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE