NORTH DAKOTA

= PROCLAMATION ===

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 18-24, 2021

WHEREAS, every citizen can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, 218,019 people volunteer annually in North Dakota, making our state 11th in the country for volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, with 15.6 million hours of voluntary service annually, the value of those volunteer hours equals \$377.8 million in contributed services; and

WHEREAS, countless North Dakotans enhance the quality of life of others by volunteering with service organizations, in schools, places of worship, hospitals, youth groups and with other organizations that benefit our communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteers working in communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real, positive difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the many individuals and organizations who lend their time, skill and effort to making our communities better places; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE