



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
AUGUST 26, 2018

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified culminating a 72-year movement to secure the right to vote for women in America, ensuring their right to exercise the power of the ballot to shape the policy and the future of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the women's suffrage movement in North Dakota secured the right to school suffrage, or the ability to vote on school issues, for women in 1883, and through continued effort, supported the passage of a legislative bill in 1917 expanding women's rights to suffrage to include voting for presidential electors, county officials, city and township officers; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ratified the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on December 1, 1919, recognizing the right of women to full suffrage; and

WHEREAS, women's rights to full suffrage achieved constitutional protection in 1920, and the rights and freedoms of women have improved throughout the ensuing 98 years and continue to improve today; and

WHEREAS, women of every background have made immeasurable and invaluable contributions to North Dakota throughout our past and during our present and will continue to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS, equality remains a goal toward which all North Dakotans should strive, recognizing that only when all women and men have an equal opportunity to build a prosperous future can our communities, our state and our nation reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 26, 2018, **WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State