

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1, 2022

WHEREAS, started in 1988 and recognized annually on December 1, World AIDS Day is a global event to remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS and to honor and support those living with and affected by HIV; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 1.2 million people are living with HIV today, while approximately 38 million people are living with the disease worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, over 500 people are currently living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, over the last three decades, there have been many advancements in drug treatments for HIV/AIDS to the point where people who take antiretroviral therapies and achieve and maintain an undetectable viral load, or the amount of HIV in the blood, are unable to sexually transmit the virus to others; and

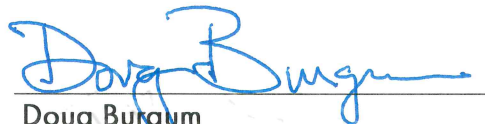
WHEREAS, because of antiretroviral treatments regimens such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) people exposed to HIV who take these therapies consistently can reduce their risk of acquiring HIV through sex by over 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes the essential role of the networks of individuals living with and affected by HIV, public health workers, health care providers, organizations and the advocates who continue to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a global response is necessary to end HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
December 1, 2022, **WORLD AIDS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE