NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

WORLD WISH DAY

APRIL 29, 2021

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish was founded by family and friends of 7-year-old Chris Greicius, who got his wish to be a police officer on April 29, 1980. The organization now known as Make-A-Wish® has since granted more than 500,000 wishes worldwide, operating in every community in the U.S. and in nearly 50 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, four forward-thinking and generous North Dakotans brought the mission of creating life-changing wishes for children ages 2 ½ to 18 years old with critical illnesses to our state in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish North Dakota has granted nearly 1,000 wishes in our state over the last 36 years, delivering hope and joy back into the lives of children with critical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that wishes can improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes. When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish depends on referrals, local donors and volunteers to realize its vision to reach every eligible child and make their wishes come true.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 29, 2021, WORLD WISH DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE