STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

WORLD WISH MONTH

PROCLAMATIO

APRIL 2024

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; and

WHEREAS, the organization now known as Make-A-Wish has since granted more than 500,000 wishes worldwide, serving every community in the United States 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 2½ to 18 years old with critical illnesses to our state in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish North Dakota has granted more than 1,100 wishes in our state over the last 39 years, delivering hope and joy back into the lives of children with critical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, when a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that wishes can improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2024, WORLD WISH MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE