



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY
MARCH 21, 2018

WHEREAS, March 21 was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which results in an individual having Down syndrome and is designated as World Down Syndrome Day; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota joins a global awareness effort recognized by the United Nations since 2012; and

WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of ability and are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of the community; and

WHEREAS, the estimated 600 individuals with Down syndrome living in North Dakota are recognized as valued citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that individuals with Down syndrome deserve to live and grow in their own homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is acknowledgement that Designer Genes of ND Inc., GiGi's Playhouse Fargo LLC, and B.U.D.S. (Better Understanding Down Syndrome) of Greater Grand Forks are poised to assure that individuals with Down syndrome and their families are supported to have quality lives; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to engage in activities to promote awareness of the potential of individuals with Down syndrome and the contribution to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 21, 2018, **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY** in the State of North Dakota.


Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of Stat