

PROCLAMATION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MONTH JULY 2017

WHEREAS, young professionals represent about one-third of North Dakota's population and play a significant role in the economic viability of the state; and

WHEREAS, the attraction, retention, and engagement of young professionals is essential to the continued and future competitiveness of North Dakota, its businesses, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a positive and supportive state, dedicated to advancing opportunities for its young professionals; and

WHEREAS, young professionals in North Dakota are engaged and dedicated citizens actively giving back through social, philanthropic, professional, and civic development; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is one of only 15 states with a dedicated statewide Young Professionals network and is among the five oldest networks in the nation, and the North Dakota Young Professionals has become recognized as a leader and go-to resource for Young Professionals networks across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has 10 local Young Professionals networks across the state serving as forward thinking, community partners for the advancement and sustainability of their communities. Accomplishments of these young professionals deserve acknowledge, affirmation, and celebration; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Young Professionals network will be celebrating 11 years of service in July 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 2017 **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger O Secretary of State