

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, keeping children safe and families strong is the key to healthy communities, while providing services and support to families so they can stay together or be reunited as soon as possible is the primary goal of the North Dakota child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans have a long-standing tradition of helping the community, while opening their hearts and homes to children in need of stability and support; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota foster care providers are role models and provide important mentoring to parents, helping them enhance relationships with their children and maintain family connections until reunification can occur; and

WHEREAS, Children's Foster Care Month is an opportunity to recognize nearly 900 licensed foster families and numerous relative kinship caregivers who provide quality care to 1,200 children and adolescents placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to engage family and kinship caregivers immediately, while working to recruit additional foster care providers and retain current foster care providers; and

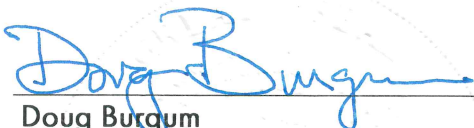
WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other close family members and relative caregivers have an important role in providing normalcy, stability and family connections to children and adolescents who are not able to remain with their biological parents; and

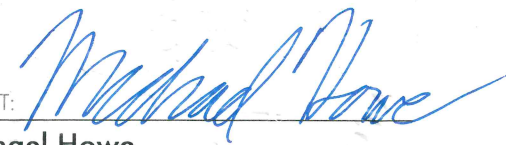
WHEREAS, relative caregivers, foster care providers, human service zones, child welfare professionals and other partnering agencies involved in foster care deserve recognition this month and all year long for their continued teamwork and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanency and well-being of children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides safety and supports for the engagement of children and adolescents, while strengthening opportunities for their families in our North Dakota communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2024, CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE