

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 1-5, 2024

WHEREAS, since 1885 the State of North Dakota has made public health an essential state agency in order to guard and protect the health and welfare of the people of North Dakota, currently through 28 Local Public Health Units, operating in 50 counties; and

WHEREAS, public health action, together with scientific and technological advances, has played a major role in reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today's disease surveillance and control systems; and

WHEREAS, a person's health status can differ drastically by geographic area due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

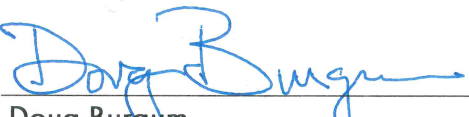
WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including both non-communicable and communicable diseases, and response to infectious disease outbreaks and natural disasters; and

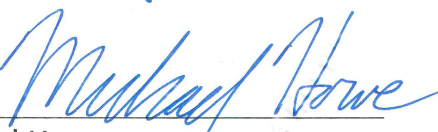
WHEREAS, the health of all North Dakotans depends on close collaboration between state and local public health agencies and tribal nations in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-5, 2024, has been designated National Public Health Week, and April 4, 2024, has been designated Indigenous Public Health Day, intended to show gratitude for the efforts of public health workers to keep citizens healthy and safe and to highlight the importance of individual and community action as we work together to make North Dakota the healthiest state in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 1-5, 2024, **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE