

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS DAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

WHEREAS, approximately 7% of children under the age of 18 in the United States have had a parent incarcerated, and the parents of 1 in every 50 children in the United States are in prison; and


WHEREAS, these children are at higher risk of adverse childhood experiences, insecure attachment, social stigma, unstable family relationships, physical and mental health issues and low educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, contact between incarcerated parents and their children can help reduce these risk factors for the children and reduces recidivism for the incarcerated parent, as more than 40% of parents in prison lived with their children before they were sent to prison; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to help reduce risk factors to both children and parents through education, promoting family contact while incarcerated and reducing social stigma.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 15, 2024, **CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE