



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2017

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of our communities; providing the love, support, and guidance our children need in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of stability and caring surroundings; and

WHEREAS, compassionate foster families play an important role in assuring children and youths are able to grow and develop in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment until they can be reunited with their families; or achieve permanency through adoptions and other lifelong connections; and

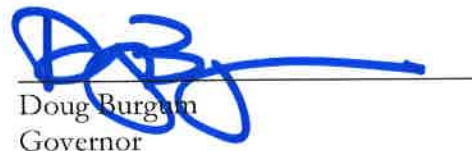
WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children who cannot return to their birth families, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, Children's Foster Care Month is an opportunity to recognize the nearly 750 licensed foster families who provide quality foster care in the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, foster families, county social services, child welfare professionals, and others 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 youths; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides help, healing, and hope to children and youths in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17, 2017, **CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State