

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse and future generations of their family; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences like loving caregivers and safe, stable and nurturing relationships can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences to promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies and families; and

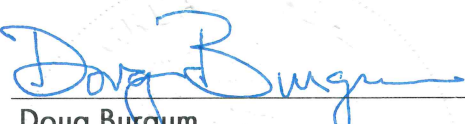
WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that build strong children and families; and

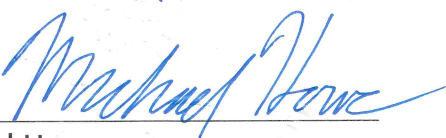
WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community in a partnership to build awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 2024, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE