

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, more than 12,500 active duty, National Guard and Reserve military members in North Dakota have taken the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

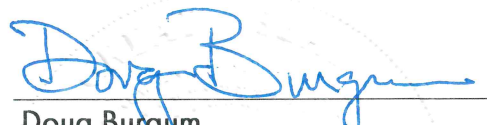
WHEREAS, more than 8,500 military connected children in North Dakota have a parent or stepparent serving in the military; and many North Dakota children have a sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is fitting we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit and let our men and women in uniform know that while they take care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of April as the "Month of the Military Child" provides an opportunity to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their sacrifice and their unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their "Kids Serve, Too"; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to observe this month by connecting with military children, military families and the communities where they work, live and play to provide support to all North Dakota children affected by the deployment, training requirements, and commitment to mission success of family members and other caring adults in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2024, **MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

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GOVERNOR



Michael Howe

ATTEST:

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE