

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2023

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-most diagnosed and second-leading cause of cancer deaths in North Dakota among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is projected to be the No. 1 cancer killer for those ages 20 to 49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening is one of the most powerful tools for preventing colorectal cancer, yet 1 in 3 eligible North Dakotans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of people ages 50 to 75 in the United States are up to date with colorectal cancer screening; however, the percentage among Native Americans is less than one-third; and

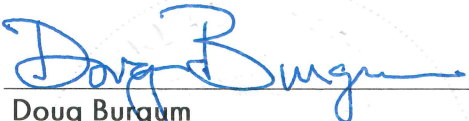
WHEREAS, colorectal cancer death rates among Native Americans are higher in rural areas, and the stage of the disease is often more advanced at diagnosis; and

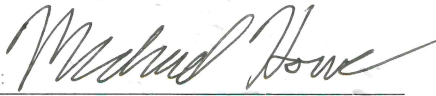
WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 2023, COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE