



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**BREASTFEEDING WEEK**  
AUGUST 1-7, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the first week of August is recognized as World Breastfeeding Week, a global initiative to raise awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding, as breastfeeding is a proven primary prevention strategy, protecting both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute diseases and conditions, building a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, to celebrate the 2018 World Breastfeeding Week theme, "Breastfeeding Foundation of Life;" and

**WHEREAS**, all major medical authorities recommend mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months and continue breastfeeding for at least the first year of a child's life; and

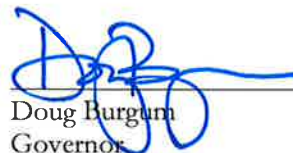
**WHEREAS**, women with infants and children are one of the fastest growing segments of the U.S. labor force, yet women cite returning to work as one of the primary reasons for not continuing to breastfeed to six months of age; and

**WHEREAS**, accommodations for breastfeeding at work benefit not only women and infants, but employers as well, as there are cost savings in terms of health care including less illness among breastfed infants, higher morale and a stronger sense of loyalty among female employees, and greater awareness of a positive, family-friendly image in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law requires support at work for some mothers who breastfeed, including the provision of a location, other than a bathroom, and reasonable break times to express breast milk; and


**WHEREAS**, North Dakota employers who support breastfeeding mothers in the workplace can be designated as "Infant Friendly" by the North Dakota Department of Health; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 1-7, 2018, **BREASTFEEDING WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaegar  
Secretary of State