

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2020

WHEREAS, arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts and more, is a well-rounded subject and an essential element of a complete education for all students; and

WHEREAS, arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of young people in a community through self-awareness, self-efficacy, self-management and perseverance; and social awareness and relationship skills are central to any arts education activity, no matter the age and ability of the student or the environment in which the learning takes place; and

WHEREAS, arts education supports academic success across the curriculum, enabling students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes to a welcoming school environment where students can express themselves in a safe and positive way; and

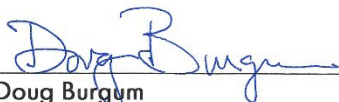
WHEREAS, in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in the 21st century workforce, including communicating through words, images, sounds and movement; and

WHEREAS, reduced funding, inequitable access to digital technology and suspension of arts-based curriculum and programs lead to reduced access to and participation in arts education for students; and

WHEREAS, the arts are an integral part of life in North Dakota and are an integral part of a complete education contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 13-19, 2020, **ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE