



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE AWARENESS MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2017

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 500,000 clostridium difficile infections occur per year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and

**WHEREAS**, each year an estimated 14,000 people die from clostridium difficile infections with more than 80 percent of the deaths among Americans aged 65 years or older; and

**WHEREAS**, health care facilities employ dedicated professionals who advocate for improving health and promoting patient and staff safety in order to minimize and prevent clostridium difficile; and

**WHEREAS**, improved health practices such as thorough hand hygiene and environmental cleaning can significantly reduce the risk and spread of clostridium difficile infections; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the education of health care workers on proper infection prevention techniques is proven to reduce all types of health care associated infections; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of all is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our families and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2017, **CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

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Renae Ribms  
Acting Deputy