## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## NATIVE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP DAY JUNE 2, 2024

WHEREAS, 100 years ago on June 2,1924, Native Americans were granted citizenship after President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act, which is also known as the Snyder Act; and

WHEREAS, Native American citizens continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to benefit our society; and

WHEREAS, Native American citizens, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening our communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, Native American citizens provide a rich history and culture which is interwoven with the beautiful legacy of North Dakota, shaping this state with an enduring gratitude of its Native American spirit and identity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to granting citizenship to Native Americans, the Snyder Act also ensured all rights protected by the constitution, among those, the right to vote, giving Native Americans an important role in picking the leadership of their communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to strengthen the long-standing cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2, 2024, **NATIVE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE