



Greetings from the Office of the Governor!

Welcome to the summer conference of the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations. We are grateful for this gathering of talented leaders from North Dakota's numerous nonprofit organizations today.

At the State of North Dakota, we are united in a shared purpose to Empower People, Improve Lives and Inspire Success. Our state's nonprofit organizations play a critical role in each of these three missions, and they are at the core of thriving communities across the nation.

The NDANO's mission to "Educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits" aligns perfectly with the vision of the State of North Dakota, creating meaningful improvements in everything from arts and education to health care and the environment. North Dakota citizens benefit greatly from the various nonprofit organizations that contribute to our state's reputation for vibrant, caring communities.

We are deeply thankful to the leaders of North Dakota's nonprofits – and all who work to make them operate smoothly – for their commitment to our communities, their organizations and the well-being of North Dakotans everywhere. Please accept our gratitude for your dedication to making North Dakota an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family.

On behalf of First Lady Kathryn and Lt. Gov. Sanford, thank you for allowing us to share our beautiful state with you. Best wishes for a successful conference as you continue to build relationships, develop valuable skills and learn alongside your colleagues.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum