

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

JULY 30, 2026

WHEREAS, 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States each year, with roughly the same rate occurring in those born in North Dakota annually; and

WHEREAS, those living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including, but not limited to, failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of North Dakota are among those affected by gastroschisis; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of gastroschisis is often the precursor to funding for research and other avenues of support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 30, 2026, GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE