

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a mutation or deletion of the TCF4 Gene, located on the 18th chromosome; and

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by intellectual disability and developmental delay, breathing problems, recurrent seizures/epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, lack of speech and distinctive facial features; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,500 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, impacting lives around the world and in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation and families celebrate international Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Day on September 18 to raise awareness for Pitt Hopkins research; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through research, education and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 18, 2026, **PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY** in the
State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE