



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2017

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, NF affects all populations equally regardless of race, ethnicity, gender; and

WHEREAS, although 1 in every 3,000 births are diagnosed with NF and over 125,000 Americans are living with this autosomal dominant disorder, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bone, and skin. The disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and ultimately, a cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through a number of consortia; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient health care through the NF Clinic Network. The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management, treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research.

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


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State