



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS DAY
APRIL 23, 2018

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders, digestive difficulties and sleep problems; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has the third highest per capita incidence of Parkinson's disease in the union. Midwest and agricultural communities are much more affected than southern or eastern states; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1 million Americans live with Parkinson's disease, which is more than the combined number of people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and Lou Gehrig's disease-second only to Alzheimer's disease.

WHEREAS, complications from Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to increase awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease to ensure individuals and their families can obtain the highest level of care and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2018, **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State