

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we recognize the brave young Americans courageously fighting cancer, remember those we have lost to this horrible disease and reaffirm our commitment to developing cures for childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in our nation; and 43 children per day, or 15,780 children annually, are diagnosed with cancer in the United States, with approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, yet 80 percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and

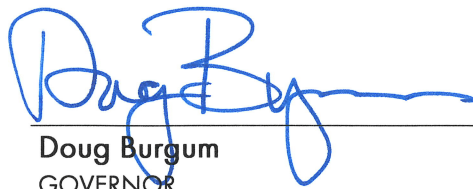
WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one-quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial hardship due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

WHEREAS, researchers and health care professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and hundreds of nonprofit organizations at the local and national level are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

WHEREAS, Landon's Light was created in 2017 in honor of Landon Solberg, a West Fargo child fighting terminal brain cancer, with the intent of showing support to Landon and his family, and has grown as a symbol of hope to bring awareness to childhood cancer to communities within our state and nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2019, CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE