NORTH DAKOTA

== PROCLAMATION ====

ECZEMA AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, eczema is the name for a group of inflammatory skin conditions that causes profound itch, dry skin, rashes, blisters and skin pain; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of eczema is increasing, with an estimated 1 in 10 individuals affected, totaling over 31.6 million children and adults in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, eczema is a heterogeneous disease. People of all skin colors, races, ethnicities and ages can be affected by eczema, yet healthcare disparities impact optimal care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic burden of eczema, including direct medical costs, indirect cost from lost productivity and quality of life impacts is conservatively estimated at \$5.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, more than 55% of adults with moderate to severe eczema report inadequate disease control, and few therapies are FDA-approved for young children.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2025, ECZEMA AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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