

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2021

WHEREAS, 35 years ago in 1986, President Ronald Reagan designated March as "Hemophilia Awareness Month," and in the years since, the month of March has been a time to raise awareness of all bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, these bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, bleeding disorder advocates, during the month of March, wear a red material around their neck such as a scarf or tie; and

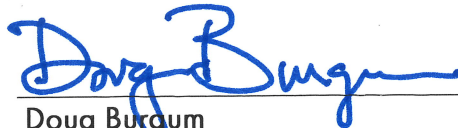
WHEREAS, this Awareness Month in North Dakota will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease—which alone impacts an estimated 1 percent of the U.S. population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will generate greater awareness in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond the community of those impacted to the general public in the pursuit of eliminating unnecessary procedures and disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2021, BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


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SECRETARY OF STATE