

## BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2020

WHEREAS, an estimated 87,240 Americans of all ages, races, socio-economic status and gender may receive a primary brain tumor diagnosis in 2020; and

WHEREAS, malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer, with just a 35 percent five-year relative survival rate, and are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children and adolescents under the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, nearly 130 North Dakotans were diagnosed with a malignant or benign tumor of the brain or other nervous system tissue, and 45 of those cases were found to be a malignant brain tumor; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to major facilities, such as University of North Dakota and others that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors and a higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on patients' and their families' lives, are critical to support and action for a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2020, BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burg GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE