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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development causing a hole in an infant's diaphragm, allowing organs to migrate through the hole and crowding the abdomen, and ultimately may cause the infant's lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a CDH; 1,600 newborns are affected by CDH every year in the United States with only about half surviving past infancy; and

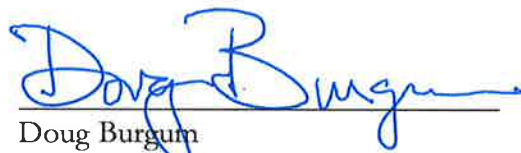
WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis; however, very few people are aware of it; and

WHEREAS, many people living in North Dakota have been diagnosed with and survived their CDH; although many families in North Dakota have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems and developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2019, **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State