

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

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, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, with this number increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84%, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of 19 still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

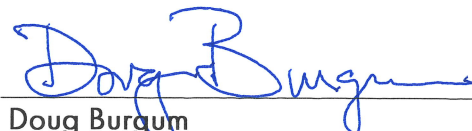
WHEREAS, two-thirds that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited to, but including heart, liver or lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2021, **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE