

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 16,790 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 46 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 285 children in the United States may be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday, a number that increases each year; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every three minutes a family tragically learns that their child has cancer; 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 the two-thirds who do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited to, but including heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

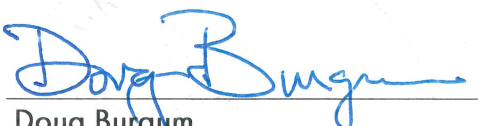
WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors, and there are more types/variances of childhood cancers than adult cancers; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of children being treated for cancer in our state; and North Dakotans care for their neighbors, communities and state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2023, CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE