

PROCLAMATION CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2017

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; this tragic disease is detected in over 250,000 of our nation's young people each year; and

WHEREAS, one in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer and one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2008, Brave the Shave is dedicated to helping the diagnosed children of North Dakota and their families through the Family Fund which helps alleviate financial burdens that can come with a cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the Parents of the Brave group was founded as a subsidiary community of Brave the Shave that connects families who have children at various stages of a cancer battle with a mission to not only support each other, but to bring awareness to the disease that their children have fought against.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2017, **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State