



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH AWARENESS DAY
MAY 14, 2017

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) is a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters; and

WHEREAS, CAS causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children; those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle, and without appropriate intervention, children with CAS are at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so the impact of this disorder can be minimized, and with early intervention and appropriate speech therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the critical need to provide speech therapy and other services so the impact of this disorder can be minimized and so affected children can grow into productive, contributing adult citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 14, 2017, **CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH AWARENESS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Alvin A. Jaeger, written over a horizontal line.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State