



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH AWARENESS DAY**  
MAY 14, 2018

**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 that the impact of this disorder can be minimized. With early intervention and appropriate speech therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices; and

**WHEREAS**, states, insurance providers and schools are encouraged to recognize the critical need to provide speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized and so that 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, 2018, **CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State