

PROCLAMATION **DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH**OCTOBER 2018

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world and includes conditions such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia can be very disabling and can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2018, **DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State