

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 12-18, 2024

WHEREAS, food allergies are expensive, costing the United States' economy more than \$25 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults; and more than 33 million Americans have food allergies, including nearly 6 million children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as from hives to anaphylaxis; and

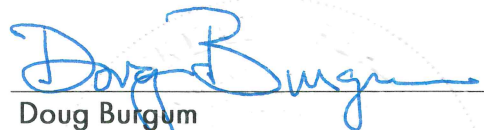
WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, every 10 seconds, a food allergy sends a person to the emergency room for treatment of symptoms from a serious allergic reaction to food, which typically occurs when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377% in only a decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 12-18, 2024, **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE