

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 14-20, 2023

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

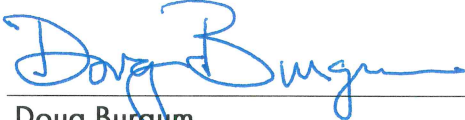
WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of 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 14-20, 2023, FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Michael Howe

SECRETARY OF STATE