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North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 13-19, 2018

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency department visits each year. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in medical procedures associated with anaphylaxis caused by food; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergy, and scientists do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 13-19, 2018, **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State