## NORTH DAKOTA

## = PROCLAMATION =

## GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects more than 5 million people in the United States, yet it is an illness little known to many; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is paralysis of the stomach muscles which can cause debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, early satiety and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure and few effective treatment options or medications for those affected by gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, more research, improved medications and additional treatment options are needed to better support those diagnosed with gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness are critical to improving the understanding of the medical community and the public regarding gastroparesis and its devastating impacts on those it affects.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 2021, GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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