



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH
AUGUST 2018

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects more than 5 million people in the United States; 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 loss and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure and few effective treatment options or medications; 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 2018, **GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State