

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY JULY 30, 2020

WHEREAS, 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, those living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including, but not limited to, failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

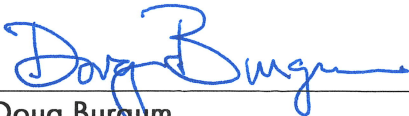
WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of North Dakota are among those affected by gastroschisis; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize and support those affected by this disease on Gastroschisis Awareness Day in conjunction with Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation organizing a nationwide day of observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
July 30, 2020, GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE