



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY**  
JULY 30, 2017

**WHEREAS**, roughly 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in North Dakota each year; and

**WHEREAS**, those living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on their lives, including but not limited to 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 in 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 North Dakotans are among those affect by gastroschisis; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize and support those affected by this disease on Gastroschisis Awareness Day in conjunction with the 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, 2017, **GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State