



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY
JULY 30, 2018

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 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 often bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of North Dakotans 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 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, 2018, **GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State