

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GOUT AWARENESS DAY

MAY 22, 2023

WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and

WHEREAS, gout impacts a patient's workplace, community and daily quality of life; and

WHEREAS, black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than white Americans, and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and

WHEREAS, stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience, and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 22, 2023, GOUT AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Howe".

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE