



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**  
MAY 4, 2018

**WHEREAS**, heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs; and

**WHEREAS**, the public is relatively unaware of heterotaxy syndrome, including many medical professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, heterotaxy syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, families struggle to educate medical teams and are often the only common thread between medical specialties; and

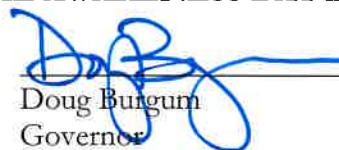
**WHEREAS**, mortality is high, but due to lack of tracking and research, the exact numbers are unclear; and

**WHEREAS**, those with heterotaxy syndrome who survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, funding into causes and holistic treatment of heterotaxy syndrome are low; and

**WHEREAS**, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they are not alone.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018, **HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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