

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a disease of the gastrointestinal tract characterized by abdominal pain, cramping, bloating and altered bowel habits and impacting work productivity, mental health and quality of life; and the major forms of IBS are diarrhea predominant (IBS-D), constipation predominant (IBS-C) and mixed IBS (IBS-M); and

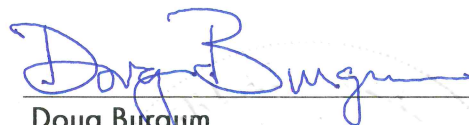
WHEREAS, IBS is a chronic illness affecting approximately 45 million people in the United States, yet public awareness and medical understanding is lacking and there is no known cure for IBS; and

WHEREAS, those who suffer from IBS seek more funding for research, treatments and cures to end their suffering; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Dakota can benefit from increased awareness of the debilitating effects of IBS for the good of public health and to better support those affected by this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2022, **IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE