

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY JANUARY 15, 2020

WHEREAS, intestinal malrotation is a congenital birth defect which occurs when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development, and may lead to volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, symptomatic intestinal malrotation may affect 1 in 2,300 births; of those affected by intestinal malrotation, approximately 40 percent are diagnosed after their first year; and

WHEREAS, to decrease the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation it is vital for health care providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms to prevent misdiagnosis and delayed treatment; and

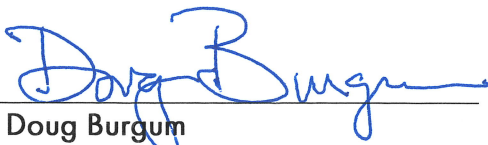
WHEREAS, the cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green or bright yellow fluid, reported in 80 percent of pediatric cases; other symptoms include abdominal pain, changes in bowel movements, dehydration and lethargy; and

WHEREAS, while many individuals with intestinal malrotation are asymptomatic, symptoms of intestinal malrotation without volvulus may include vague abdominal issues such as gastric problems, abdominal pain, lack of appetite, failure to thrive or reflux; those affected may also experience episodes of the more extreme symptoms of a volvulus or intermittent volvulus; and

WHEREAS, Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day serves to highlight the urgency of this condition, to honor the memory of children whose lives have been cut short by the condition, and to fulfill the Intestinal Malrotation Foundation's mission to raise awareness, increase research, educate health care professionals and provide support to those affected by intestinal malrotation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
January 15, 2020, **INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS
AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE