



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**WHEREAS**, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting, and most commonly affects the proximal muscles, or those muscles closest to the body, specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area and thighs; and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected, occurring among males and females of all ethnic groups with symptoms that can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

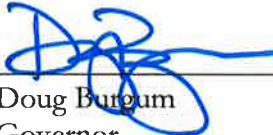
**WHEREAS**, through ongoing research, LGMD has been identified as a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified, yet there is no known cure or treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families affected by LGMD often face delays in diagnosis, difficulties finding medical experts and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

**WHEREAS**, greater public awareness, more research, improved medications and additional treatment options are needed to better understand and treat LGMD and better support patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, a global collaborative of LGMD-focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD has organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 30, 2018, **LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State