## NORTH DAKOTA

## = PROCLAMATION ===

## LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have less or no ridges and folds, making it appear smooth; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

WHEREAS, people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders and developmental delays, along with other complications; and

WHEREAS, addressing complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more education, awareness and support for families; and

WHEREAS, Lissencephaly Foundation Inc., a nonprofit charitable organization, wants to help support these individuals through its continued efforts of empowering families and educating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 8, 2021, LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

> Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE