

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2019

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects all those diagnosed with it in the same way — rather it is an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS, all forms of muscular dystrophy result in progressive muscle weakness, ranging from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 million individuals in the United States are affected by muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, research has yielded improved understanding of treatment options including pharmaceuticals to treat some types of muscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of muscular dystrophy and its types will facilitate the continued discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much-needed funding for support and services to individuals and families affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
August 2019, **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH** in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE