

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects all those diagnosed with it in the same way — rather it is an umbrella term covering more than nine types of muscular and 43 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 30,000 individuals in North Dakota are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and

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

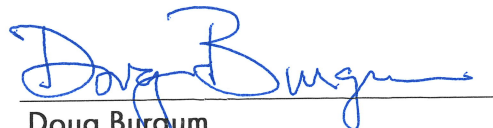
WHEREAS, research has yielded improved understanding of treatment options including pharmaceuticals to treat some types of muscular diseases; and


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 2021, **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH** in the  
State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE