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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**  
AUGUST 2017

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone 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 to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

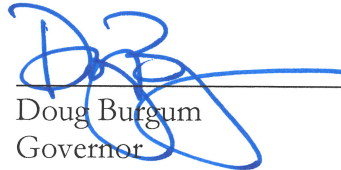
**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1 million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and


**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of these diseases 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 dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light Up Green for MD is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy, and the issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 2017 **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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Alvin A. Jaeger  
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