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Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH
AUGUST 2018

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 2018, **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State