

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2020

WHEREAS, Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Jean Alfred Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause; and

WHEREAS, Necrotizing Fasciitis is a serious yet uncommon bacterial skin infection that spreads quickly and kills the body's soft tissue; and Necrotizing Fasciitis attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bug or virus"; and

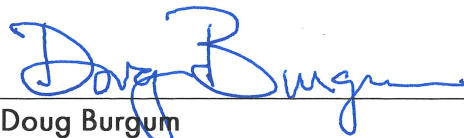
WHEREAS, the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; and other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS, Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors, and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Necrotizing Fasciitis is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy and hypertension; and in rare occasions Necrotizing Fasciitis may occur following minor injuries to the skin, but the cause is not always apparent and may occur in seemingly healthy individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2020, **NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE