## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY NOVEMBER 10, 2020

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are cancers that begin in specialized cells called neuroendocrine cells which have traits similar to those of nerve cells and hormone-producing cells; and

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS, all too often health care professionals underestimate the malignant and metastatic potential of neuroendocrine tumors; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis of NET cancer may be as simple as ordering a special blood or urine test, yet NET cancer patients may be misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis, which can have a negative impact on their chance of survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to treatment by networks of specialists; and

WHEREAS, although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

WHEREAS, with timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 10, 2020, NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE

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