

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 8, 2019

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that may cause tumors to form anywhere in the body's nervous system, including the brain, spinal column and nerves, and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin; and

WHEREAS, NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, and is often diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the tumors caused by NF are usually benign, but can sometimes become cancerous, and the disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain and cancer; and

WHEREAS, although over 2 million people around the world are living with NF and 1 in every 2,500 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF1, NF2 and Schwannomatosis are three genetically distinct types of NF caused by different genes and chromosomes, and while there is no known cure for NF, treatment options are available to help alleviate symptoms; and

WHEREAS, organizations, such as NF Upper Midwest, are working to support individuals and families affected by NF, to raise awareness of and provide education about NF and to promote medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications and support for research.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
June 8, 2019, NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE