



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, although over 2 million people around the world are living with Neurofibromatosis (NF) and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin. The disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain and cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through a number of consortia called Synodos; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient health care through its national NF Clinic Network; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs and local chapter activities; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation proudly celebrates 40 years of driving research, expanding knowledge and advancing care for the NF community, this year reflecting on the many key advancements in NF research that can be traced to the Foundation; and

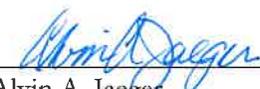
WHEREAS, much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications and support for research.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018, **NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State