



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**  
APRIL 2017

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect 500,000 to 1.5 million people in the United States, and the prevalence will more than double by the year 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, complications from Parkinson's disease are the 14<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

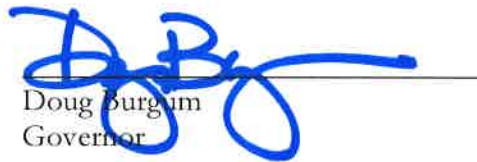
**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement, and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment, dementia, mood disorders, digestive difficulties, and sleep problems; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for per capita incidence of Parkinson's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to increase awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease to ensure individuals and their families can obtain the highest level of care and support.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2017, **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS DAY** and April 2017, **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State