



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by spontaneous mutation or deletion of the TCF4 gene, located on the 18th chromosome; and


WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by intellectual disability and developmental delay, breathing problems, recurrent seizures/epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, lack of speech and distinctive facial features; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome impacting lives around the world and in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation celebrates International Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day on September 18 to raise awareness for Pitt Hopkins research; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through research, education and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 18, 2018, **PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State