

## RURAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY JUNE 4, 2024

WHEREAS, cancer profoundly impacts individuals and families throughout the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, rural communities encounter unique challenges, including greater distances and limited access to health care; and

WHEREAS, long distances can cause suffering and additional struggle due to a lack of opportunity to experience check-ups and regular treatment when signs of cancer begin to appear; and

WHEREAS, the critical roles of early detection and prevention are paramount in combating cancer; and

WHEREAS, the courage and resilience of rural communities is important in confronting cancer and finding ways to recognize and treat those diagnosed in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the innovative efforts and continuous strength of our rural communities serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration that is helping design a better approach to meeting the needs of rural health care; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to support those who struggle with cancer in our rural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 4, 2024, RURAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE