



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2017

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is a systemic, inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ of the body and causes the immune system, which normally protects the body from infection and disease, to overreact resulting in damage to the body's own tissue; and

WHEREAS, a common symptom of sarcoidosis is the formation of granulomas, or microscopic clumps of inflammatory cells that group together; and

WHEREAS, if too many granulomas formations occur in an organ, they can interfere with the function of that organ; and

WHEREAS, the cause of sarcoidosis is currently unknown; and

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, or gender; and

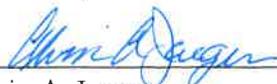
WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 individuals across the United States are affected by sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Sarcoidosis Awareness Month is to generate public awareness, understanding, and compassion for those suffering from the disease, along with support for the research being conducted to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2017 **SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State