



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SCHIZENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY
MAY 19, 2018

WHEREAS, schizencephaly is a rare but life-altering developmental birth defect caused by underdeveloped brain formation during pregnancy, for which there is no known cure, affecting an estimated 7,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, this chronic disorder can cause epilepsy, muscle spasms, partial or complete paralysis, poor vision and other severe medical complications; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with this condition must often learn to live with constant medical expenses and continued therapies; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with schizencephaly is imperative in allowing communities to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this condition; and

WHEREAS, organizations throughout North Dakota and the United States, such as *We Are R.A.R.E.*, are working together to promote awareness and support by providing improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to demonstrate compassion for their fellow citizens living with this condition by helping in the effort to raise awareness about schizencephaly.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018, **SCHIZENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Alvin A. Jaeger, written over a horizontal line.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State