

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, sepsis is a life-threatening complication of the body's overwhelming response to an infection, which, without rapid diagnosis and treatment, can quickly progress to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives and 6,800 children's lives every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the No. 1 cost of hospitalization in the United States, at \$62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life and often experience after-effects such as amputations — 14,000 per year in the United States — and post-traumatic stress disorder; and


WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this condition, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of adults in the United States can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, the signs and symptoms of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME" which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline" and "Extremely ill"; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors, as the risk of mortality from sepsis increases by between 4% and 9% for every hour treatment is delayed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2024, SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE