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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2018

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, sepsis is a medical emergency that kills over 270,000 Americans each year, affecting all age groups with the very young, elderly and those with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems especially at risk; and

WHEREAS, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy and are more likely to experience an impaired quality of life from amputations, memory loss, anxiety or depression; and

WHEREAS, approximately 87 percent of sepsis cases are present upon admission to a medical care facility, yet more than 40 percent of adults in the United States have never heard of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the No. 1 cause for hospital re-admissions and the No. 2 cause for hospital admissions of Medicare beneficiaries in the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis for health care providers, emergency medical services and community members is critical to efforts to reduce sepsis harm and death; and

WHEREAS, the Sepsis Alliance has declared the month of September as Sepsis Awareness Month to improve recognition of the symptoms of sepsis in communities and bring attention to this treatable condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2018, **SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State