## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATIO

WHEREAS, stomach cancer, also called gastric cancer, tends to develop slowly over many years, rarely causes symptoms, and is difficult to detect in the early stages; and

WHEREAS, based on the most recent data, approximately 0.8 percent of all men and women will be diagnosed with stomach cancer at some point during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in the United States it is estimated that more than 95,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, more than 27,000 new cases of stomach cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States and nearly 11,000 patients will pass away within the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates, and most stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage IV which only has a 5.3 percent five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, the overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 31.5 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that those affected by stomach cancer have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of all forms of stomach cancer continues to be vigorously supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2022, STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE