

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2023

WHEREAS, trisomy is the presence within a person's cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair; as a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

WHEREAS, the three most common trisomies found in newborns are trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome) and trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome); and

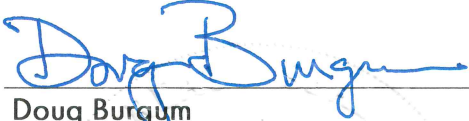
WHEREAS, local support groups, medical professionals and online communities offer education, encouragement and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March "Trisomy Awareness Month" is observed to encourage citizens to increase their awareness of trisomy and its impacts on affected families; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
March 2023, **TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE