

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### X-LINKED HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2022

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia, also known as XLH, is a whole-body, whole-life rare genetic disorder that affects the person through birth, childhood, adulthood and advanced age affecting the patient's bone, joints, dental, hearing, muscle and or nerve systems; and

WHEREAS, XLH affects about 1 in 20,000 individuals according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, XLH occurs when levels of the mineral phosphorus are low in the blood and phosphorus is excreted in urine, and may lead to bone abnormalities and defects that may impair mobility, including bone fractures, hearing loss, ligament and bone pains, and increased risk of infections such as spontaneous dental abscesses; and

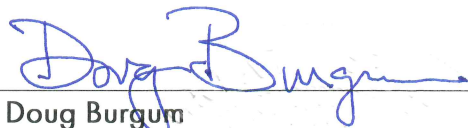
WHEREAS, patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options or being able to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, XLH is not a curable disease, however dedicated researches around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and

WHEREAS, public and consistent educational programs help ensure new parents and health providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
June 2022, X-LINKED HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA AWARENESS MONTH in the  
State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE