



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2017

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect 500,000 to 1.5 million people in the United States, and the prevalence will more than double by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, complications from Parkinson's disease are the 14th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

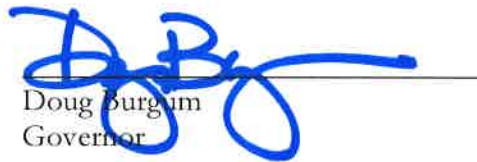
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$14.4 billion annually, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors, slowness of movement, and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment, dementia, mood disorders, digestive difficulties, and sleep problems; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks 3rd in the nation for per capita incidence of Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to increase awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease to ensure individuals and their families can obtain the highest level of care and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2017, **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS DAY** and April 2017, **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State