## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## 4P-/WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY APRIL 16, 2024

WHEREAS, the good health and general well-being of the people of North Dakota is strengthened by our awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn as the main syndrome; and

WHEREAS, children with 4p- syndrome are commonly born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, compared to their same-age peers, and experience medical complications while still maintaining pleasant and loving personalities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools, and to offer hope to persons with 4p- syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the 4p- Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome, though it is thought many remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans and all people are encouraged to work together to increase research into understanding the syndrome, to advocate for effective diagnostic screenings and to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, as well as join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of those with 4p- syndrome play in helping our medical community to advance the knowledge and awareness of this syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota joins people throughout the nation in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with 4p- syndrome and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim

April 16, 2024, 4P-/WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE