

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS DAY

APRIL 11, 2024

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; 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 and dementia; and mood disorders, digestive difficulties and sleep problems; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors; and Midwest and agricultural communities, like those in North Dakota, are more affected than southern or eastern states, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; 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, 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 11, 2024, PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK in the
State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Howe", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE