

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, a craniofacial difference is a structural or physical anomaly of the head and/or face; and common syndromes causing craniofacial differences include Cleft Lip Syndrome, Apert syndrome, Treacher Collins syndrome, facial palsy and Craniosynostosis; and

WHEREAS, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand what they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure up to 30 to 40 surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

WHEREAS, families with a member who has a craniofacial condition are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

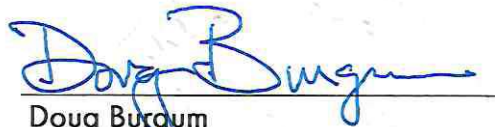
WHEREAS, there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Children's Craniofacial Association and others serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them; and

WHEREAS, Craniofacial Acceptance Month is celebrated in September to bring awareness to the 100,000 children each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, or condition of the head and/or face, and to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences, while working toward the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2024, CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE