

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

WHEREAS, lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation characterized by the absence of normal convolutions in the cerebral cortex, causing the brain to have less or no ridges or folds and making it appear smooth — it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals is born with lissencephaly; and

WHEREAS, people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays and more; and


WHEREAS, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home, and the need for more education, awareness and support for families is critical; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for lissencephaly, but children can show progress in their development over time, and supportive care may be needed to help with comfort, feeding and nursing needs; and

WHEREAS, citizens, patients, caregivers, medical professionals and all agencies and organizations interested in supporting these families are encouraged to come together on this day to raise awareness and demonstrate support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 8, 2024, LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE