

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a mutation or deletion of the TCF4 Gene, located on the 18<sup>th</sup> chromosome; and

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by intellectual disability and developmental delay, breathing problems, recurrent seizures/epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, lack of speech and distinctive facial features; and

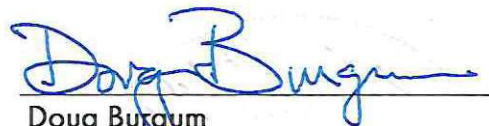
WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, impacting lives around the world and in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation and families celebrate international Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Day on September 18 to raise awareness for Pitt Hopkins Research; and

WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through research, education and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
September 18, 2024, PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in the  
State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE