STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, all children and teens deserve a family that can provide security, support, unconditional love and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, adoptive families around North Dakota welcome children and teens into stable and loving homes, and child welfare professionals as well as public and private child-serving organizations ensure our children are thriving in safe, nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, last year in North Dakota, 241 children were adopted from foster care, in addition to infant, international and stepparent adoptions; 20 or more children in foster care are still waiting for adoptive families, and many others are currently in the adoption process; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Month also features Adoption Day on Saturday, November 21, 2026, when court staff, child welfare professionals and families will come together in Fargo to finalize adoptions of children in foster care and celebrate adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, supportive and committed relationships are especially critical in helping children and older teens prepare and succeed as they enter adulthood; teens are encouraged to tell their stories about foster care and adoption with the hope of educating their peers and communicating the importance of permanency; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, 802 families have been served by the North Dakota Post Permanency Network, which provides support for families following adoption, including mentoring, in-person and online support groups and other educational supports.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 2026, **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA — OCTOBER 1st 1889 — LIBERTY AND UNION NOW AND FOREVER ONE AND INSEPARABLE

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE