

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY MARCH 27, 2026

WHEREAS, the maternal mortality rate in North Dakota has experienced a significant increase over the past decade, and as of 2022, there were approximately 20.1 deaths per 100,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality, affecting 2 to 8 per 100,000 births; and

WHEREAS, an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

WHEREAS, AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in North Dakota, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to properly prepare health care providers to manage and treat patients, increase the lives saved and gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and

WHEREAS, awareness of AFE and continued data collection and research will promote understanding of this disorder, expand research for an effective treatment and increase the number of lives that can be saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 27, 2026, AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE