

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ANNE CARLSEN LEGACY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 22, 2026

WHEREAS, the Anne Carlsen Center is guided by its mission to make the world a more inclusive place where independence is a gift to all, a commitment that has shaped every program, service and relationship the organization has built across North Dakota over the past 85 years; and

WHEREAS, founded on September 22, 1941, in Jamestown, North Dakota, as the Crippled Children's School, the Anne Carlsen Center is rooted in the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Anne Carlsen Center has grown over 85 years from a single building serving 18 students to a statewide organization with locations across North Dakota, now serving nearly 3,000 individuals with developmental disabilities or delays in 41 of the state's 53 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Anne Carlsen Center employs more than 500 dedicated professionals across North Dakota who carry forward the organization's mission each day, guided by the core values of acceptance, compassion, teamwork and service above self; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, Anne Carlsen celebrates its 85th anniversary honoring the thousands of individuals and families whose lives have been changed by the organization's unwavering commitment to nurturing abilities and changing lives across the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Anne Carlsen provides services that empower individuals to live with greater independence and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
August 22, 2026, **ANNE CARLSEN LEGACY CELEBRATION**
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE