

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2026

WHEREAS, aphasia is an acquired language disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate through speaking, understanding language, reading or writing, while leaving intelligence intact; and

WHEREAS, aphasia is most commonly caused by stroke, but may also result from traumatic brain injury, brain tumors or progressive neurological diseases; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 million people in the United States are living with aphasia, including thousands of residents in North Dakota; and

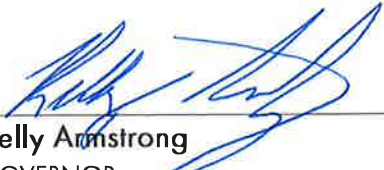
WHEREAS, individuals with aphasia often face significant barriers to communication, employment, health care access and community participation; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and understanding of aphasia can reduce stigma, promote inclusion and support communication access for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, Aphasia Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the resilience of people with aphasia, honor their families and care partners and highlight the importance of accessible communication in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 2026, APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE