

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY
MAY 14, 2026

WHEREAS, apraxia of speech is an extremely challenging neurological speech disorder that affects 1 in 1,000 children with 1/3 having a genetic causal basis; and

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

WHEREAS, while the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate and intensive speech therapy, often for many years, to learn to speak; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, the primary and secondary impacts of apraxia of speech diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in North Dakota is essential for families of children with this disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
MAY 14, 2026, APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE