

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2026

WHEREAS, nearly 28 million people in the United States have asthma, including approximately 4.75 million children, and 21.8 million people have food allergies, including 3.9 million children; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, 71,000 of our citizens suffer from asthma and allergies; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children, and food allergy has increased among U.S. children significantly in the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in black children; and

WHEREAS, children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases, and over 1 million individuals per year visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives of over 3,100 people in the United States in 2023, proving that people with asthma and food allergies need access to affordable health insurance and to the medications and devices they need at affordable prices in order to get the best care possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 2026, ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE