

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### BEEF MONTH MAY 2026

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, the North Dakota beef industry has had a tremendous impact on local communities and the economy of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota beef producers have a legacy of caring for their cattle and the environment by protecting land, air and water resources on their ranches; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a major beef producing state with nearly 1.7 million head of cattle on Jan. 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the beef industry contributes greatly to North Dakota's economy, generating approximately \$1.4 billion annually in cash receipts for cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota cattle producers continue to meet the challenges of a changing industry to provide this state, nation and world with beef, which is nutrient-rich providing protein, iron, zinc and B-vitamins with more than 40 cuts that meet the government's definition of "lean"; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota beef producers work hard every day to add value to other agricultural industries, utilizing crops grown by North Dakota's farmers to produce over 683 million pounds of beef annually; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota beef industry, with funding provided by producers through the beef checkoff, works to increase consumer demand for beef through promotion, education and research programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 2026, BEEF MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE