

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history of the disease, but women over the age of 40 are at the greatest risk for being diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, a mammogram is the single most effective method of detecting breast cancer changes long before physical symptoms that may be cancer can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$11,000 to \$12,000 in health care costs is saved per patient who catches breast cancer at an early stage and does not require additional treatment to combat late-stage breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, churches and worksites can play a special role in educating their members or employees about breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Friday, October 16, is designated as National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, the pink ribbon is the internationally recognized symbol for breast cancer awareness throughout the month of October.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
OCTOBER 2026, BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE