

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse and future generations of their family; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences like loving caregivers and safe, stable and nurturing relationships can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences to promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that build strong children and families with access to concrete economic and social supports; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that in order to solve the public health issue of abuse and neglect we must work together to change hearts and mindsets through storytelling and sharing, center the needs of families, break down bias and barriers, and inspire action from expected and unexpected partners in prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2026, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE