# STATE OF
# NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK
DECEMBER 6-12, 2026

**WHEREAS**, Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science, including artificial intelligence, plays in transforming our society and how computer science enables innovation and creates economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the field of computer science is a foundational subject that underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, artificial intelligence literacy refers to the knowledge, skills and attitudes associated with how artificial intelligence works, including fundamental concepts in computer science and how to use artificial intelligence safely, responsibly and ethically; and

**WHEREAS**, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the field of computer science, including artificial intelligence, involves technologies with the power to fundamentally transform nearly all sectors of the North Dakota economy; and

**WHEREAS**, technological leadership in all areas of computer science, including artificial intelligence, is an economic and national security imperative; and participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to take up further studies of computer science.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim DECEMBER 6-12, 2026, **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE