

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DISABILITY PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH JULY 2026

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are valued members of our communities and contribute every day to the economic, cultural, civic and social vitality of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Awareness Month recognizes the history, achievements, experiences and contributions of individuals with disabilities while promoting inclusion, accessibility and equal opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, marked a significant milestone in advancing civil rights and removing barriers that have limited participation by people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to fostering communities where individuals of all abilities are treated with dignity and respect and have the opportunity to live, learn, work and participate fully in community life; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Awareness Month encourages greater understanding of disability as a natural part of human life and promotes awareness of the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and self-determination and equity; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating disability pride helps challenge stereotypes, reduce stigma and affirm the rights and contributions of people with disabilities across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
July 2026, **DISABILITY PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE