

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, every person has the right to live free of violence at home and in neighborhoods, schools and communities across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an ongoing pattern of behaviors and abusive tactics used by an intimate partner or ex to gain power and control over a person's life and is a serious public health issue that affects all communities and citizens of North Dakota, without regard for age, race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or social, ethnic, geographic or economic differences; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women have experienced sexual violence, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime with 'IPV-related impacts' such as being concerned for their safety, PTSD symptoms, injury or needing victim services; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota in 2025, 18 domestic violence and rape crisis centers served 6,218 unduplicated victims of domestic violence, and at least 4,640 children were directly impacted by these events; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to support survivors, have informed conversations about domestic violence, challenge social norms that enable domestic violence and join victim advocates in the belief that all community members must be a part of the solution to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, together, through prevention education, increased awareness, and ensuring justice for victims of violence by holding perpetrators responsible for their actions, we can end domestic violence in North Dakota.

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




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE