

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DWARFISM AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

**WHEREAS**, Dwarfism Awareness Month is observed each October to promote understanding, acceptance, inclusion and respect for individuals with dwarfism throughout the state of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, dwarfism encompasses more than 200 distinct medical conditions characterized by short stature and affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans with dwarfism are valued members of their communities who contribute to the state's civic, educational, cultural, professional and economic life through their talents, achievements, leadership and service; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness of dwarfism helps challenge misconceptions and stereotypes while promoting greater understanding of the experiences, accomplishments, and contributions of individuals with dwarfism and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Dwarfism Awareness Month provides an opportunity to encourage accessibility, equal opportunity and respectful treatment in North Dakota schools, workplaces, healthcare settings, businesses, public spaces and community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Dwarfism Awareness Month provides an opportunity for all North Dakotans to celebrate diversity, promote kindness and inclusion and reaffirm the importance of creating communities where every person is treated with dignity and has the opportunity to participate fully in society.

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



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE