

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening inherited disorder caused by variants in the GLA gene leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems, including the heart, brain, kidneys and lungs, and the nervous, auditory and digestive systems; and

WHEREAS, people with Fabry disease experience chronic pain in their extremities, reduced ability to perspire, heat intolerance and overheating, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood. Adults may experience stroke, kidney and/or heart failure, lung disease and hearing loss at relatively young ages; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening for Fabry disease is performed in several states, and studies show a higher prevalence of 1 in 4,128 newborns than the previously expected 1 in 50,000 newborns. This suggests many children and adults remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis with genetic testing and treatment is vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications. There are currently three FDA-approved treatments available to reduce symptoms and slow the onset of organ damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2026, FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE