

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota, State Fire Marshal, NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota Department of Emergency Services are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries and devices; and

WHEREAS, safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota first responders remain dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's residents are responsive to public education measures and can take personal steps to increase their safety from fire both in the home and on the landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 4-10, 2026, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE