

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FIRST NATIONS DAY

OCTOBER 9, 2026

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous people and their unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

WHEREAS, Native American citizens continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Native American citizens, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission is actively working on enhancing and fortifying its collaborations with both state and tribal entities; and

WHEREAS, on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents – justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to strengthen the long-standing cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 9, 2026, FIRST NATIONS DAY, and November 2026,
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE