

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HUNGARY FREEDOM FIGHTER DAY

OCTOBER 23, 2026

WHEREAS, October 23, 2026, marks the 70th anniversary of the Hungarian Uprising, led by university students who organized a peaceful protest to promote democracy and end the Soviet-dominated communist government; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 ordinary citizens became "Freedom Fighters" risking their lives as they took over factories, weapon depots and Soviet tanks to establish a revolutionary government to create a multi-party democracy and release political prisoners, inspiring other captive nations to defend their freedom; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 Hungarians fled in the aftermath of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising, and over 47,000 of these people eventually settled in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 1989, the Republic of Hungary declared its independence, and in 1990 the Hungarian Parliament officially proclaimed October 23 as a Hungarian national holiday, demonstrating that the legacy of the 1956 uprising continues to inspire Hungarians to this day; and

WHEREAS, Hungary has been a reliable military ally against the global war on terrorism and in humanitarian aid and has contributed to the economic development in the world community; and

WHEREAS, Hungarian Americans and their descendants have contributed to the economic development, multicultural diversity and enrichment of all aspects of life in the state of North Dakota and the United States of America through government service, science, education, medicine, business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 23, 2026, HUNGARY FREEDOM FIGHTER DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

