

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2026

WHEREAS, Huntington's disease is an inherited, progressively degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a 10- to 20-year period; and

WHEREAS, every child with a parent diagnosed with Huntington's disease faces a 50% risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and symptoms usually present in adults between the ages of 35 to 55, disrupting their ability to work and provide for their family; and

WHEREAS, the key symptoms of Huntington's disease include involuntary jerking or twitching movements, rigid or slow movements, frequent falls and clumsiness, difficulty with planning, organizing and prioritizing, memory loss or poor focus and emotional changes like depression or irritability. These symptoms worsen over time, eventually hindering mobility and communication; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 North Dakotans suffer from Huntington's disease, and nationally approximately 41,000 adults are symptomatic; and

WHEREAS, Huntington's disease organizations in North Dakota and nationwide work tirelessly to provide support, resources, awareness and research to continue to unravel the mysteries of treatment and, eventually, a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2026, HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE