

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND WELLNESS WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2026

WHEREAS, North Dakota is blessed with a multitude of children and families who form the cultural, social and spiritual foundation of the state; and

WHEREAS, strong families remain central to the strength and stability of every community in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the cultural heritage of Native American families and children is important to the future of the state and to the generations who will follow; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1978, recognizes the role of Native families and tribal nations in matters involving the well-being of their children; and

WHEREAS, continued cooperation between state and tribal agencies supports consistent, thoughtful decisions for all North Dakota children and families; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the need for steady support systems that strengthen the physical, emotional and educational growth of children and families; and

WHEREAS, programs that help children remain connected to their families, cultures and communities contribute to their long-term stability and to the overall well-being of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 19-25, 2026, **INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND WELLNESS WEEK**
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE