

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LAW DAY
MAY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works — even the founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

WHEREAS, despite more than two centuries of progress, our democracy remains imperfect; and

WHEREAS, today, many Americans say they do not intend to vote, or believe that their votes do not matter, or are afraid to speak their minds; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting democracy by taking individual responsibility not only to speak up and vote but also to find the courage to listen, to respect and to agree on paths forward toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2026 is "The Rule of Law and the American Dream," and we encourage all Americans to explore how a stable legal system ensures the rights of individuals to pursue their dreams, personal freedoms and economic opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 1, 2026, LAW DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE