STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, in 2026, the American Cancer Society estimates that 480 new cases of lung and bronchus cancer will be diagnosed and 270 deaths will occur from the disease in North Dakota, exceeding the estimated deaths from colorectal cancer, female breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual low-dose CT screening for eligible adults ages 50 to 80, while the National Lung Screening Trial demonstrated a 20% reduction in lung cancer mortality compared with screening by chest X-ray; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Statewide Cancer Plan reports that lung cancer has a five-year relative survival rate of only 28.4% when diagnosed at a late stage, emphasizing the importance of awareness, screening and timely diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Health and Human Services reports that every county in the state has an EPA Zone 1 ranking indicating the highest potential for indoor radon levels, placing many North Dakotans at increased risk of radon-related lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that 61,950 women in the United States will die from lung and bronchus cancer in 2026, underscoring the importance of lung cancer awareness and early detection for women in North Dakota and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize Lung Cancer Awareness Month and learn about early detection through screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 2026, LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA — OCTOBER 1st 1889 — LIBERTY AND UNION NOW AND FOREVER ONE AND INSEPARABLE

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE