# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### FIRST NATIONS DAY
OCTOBER 9, 2026

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2026

**WHEREAS,** First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous people and their unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Native American citizens continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

**WHEREAS,** Native American citizens, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission is actively working on enhancing and fortifying its collaborations with both state and tribal entities; and

**WHEREAS,** on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents – justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** North Dakotans are encouraged to strengthen the long-standing cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 9, 2026, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2026, **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE 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