

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12, 2026

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 130th anniversary of the American Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, for the 24th consecutive year, nursing has been named the most trusted profession in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 5.6 million professional nurses in the United States today, with 22,763 of them working in North Dakota, making them the largest group of health care professionals in the state; and

WHEREAS, nurses are the backbone of the North Dakota health care industry, providing services in numerous settings, including but not limited to: hospitals, clinics, urgent care, long-term care and assisted living facilities, surgical centers, emergency departments, outpatient services, rehabilitation settings, correctional facilities, schools, public health, home health, hospice and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota nurses work long hours and manage heavy patient loads with tight staffing ratios while providing competent and compassionate patient care; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Nurses Association urges the citizens of North Dakota to recognize and honor every hard working North Dakota nurse for their contributions to the health and well-being of this state, this week and every week throughout the year, making them the "heartbeat of the prairie."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 6-12, 2026, NURSES WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE