

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

APRIL 11, 2026

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease, and it is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurodegenerative disease, with 90,000 new people diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, research shows that a combination of genetic and environmental factors, such as exposure to pesticides like paraquat and certain metals, are tied to Parkinson's disease; and Midwest and agricultural communities, like those in North Dakota, are more affected than southern or eastern states, but more research is needed to uncover the exact cause and progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, complications from Parkinson's disease are the 14th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to increase awareness and understanding of Parkinson's disease to ensure individuals and families can obtain the highest level of care and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 11, 2026, PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE