

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH
OCTOBER 2026**

**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY
OCTOBER 15, 2026**

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; and in 2002, a group of women successfully petitioned the federal government, as well as the governors of each of the 50 states, to observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15 of each year; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a newborn baby or sudden unexpected infant death; and approximately 1 in every 4 women suffers a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss; and

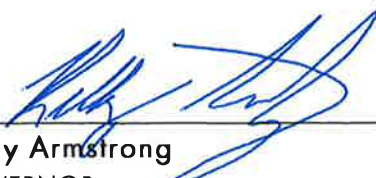
WHEREAS, in 2025, there were 52 infant deaths in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, recognizing pregnancy and infant loss gives North Dakotans an opportunity to reflect on how we can support grieving mothers, fathers and families – while also continuing efforts to prevent the causes of these heartbreaking losses; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the deep and lasting impact of miscarriage, stillbirth and infant loss, and the importance of support for those who are grieving the lives of babies lost too soon. On October 15 at 7 p.m. in every time zone, people are invited to light a candle for one hour in remembrance. Together, these candles create a Wave of Light across the world, showing love, support and unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 2026, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH, and
OCTOBER 15, 2026, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE