

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to protecting the safety, health, security and resilience of its residents, visitors, businesses and communities before, during and after emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationwide as National Preparedness Month, providing an opportunity to encourage individuals, families, businesses, schools, healthcare organizations and communities to prepare for emergencies that may occur at any time; and

WHEREAS, protecting the health and well-being of North Dakotans requires a prepared public health and healthcare system capable of preventing, responding to and recovering from emergencies, including disease outbreaks, mass casualty incidents, natural disasters and other events that may threaten public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with local public health units, hospitals, tribal nations, emergency medical services, emergency management agencies, federal partners, volunteer organizations and numerous public and private partners, works year-round to strengthen emergency preparedness, healthcare readiness and response capabilities across the state; and

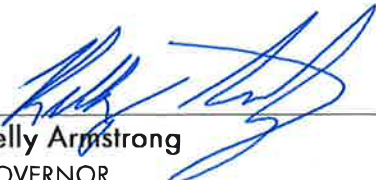
WHEREAS, resilient communities are built through planning, education, training, volunteerism and strong partnerships that empower North Dakotans to prepare themselves, assist their neighbors, support vulnerable populations and work together before, during and after disasters; and

WHEREAS, taking simple preparedness actions such as creating an emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit, staying informed through trusted sources, signing up for emergency alerts, understanding local hazards and practicing emergency procedures can significantly reduce the impacts of disasters and save lives; and

WHEREAS, preparedness is an ongoing commitment that strengthens our ability to mitigate, withstand, respond to and recover from disasters while safeguarding the health, safety and prosperity of current and future generations of North Dakotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2026, **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE