

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 6-12, 2026

WHEREAS, public health has been an essential part of North Dakota since 1885, currently delivered through 28 Local Public Health Units, operating in all 53 counties; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including both non-communicable and communicable diseases, and response to infectious disease outbreaks and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, a person's health status can differ drastically by geographic area due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, the health of all North Dakotans depends on close collaboration between state and local public health agencies and tribal nations in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, "Stroll N Roll North Dakota," a statewide walking event designed to promote physical activity and social connection, will be observed on April 8, 2026, in conjunction with National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-12, 2026, has been designated National Public Health Week, intended to show gratitude for the efforts of public health workers to keep citizens healthy and safe and to highlight the importance of individual and community action as we work together to make North Dakota the healthiest state in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2026, **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE