

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY

MARCH 26, 2026

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against polio; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates the polio vaccine has prevented 20 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

WHEREAS, science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

WHEREAS, people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to show their appreciation for workers in the fields of research, technology, science education and medicine, and to reflect on and share how scientific advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 26, 2026, **SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE