

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, suicide is a significant public health concern affecting individuals, families and communities across North Dakota and the nation; and

WHEREAS, according to North Dakota Vital Records, 162 North Dakotans died by suicide in 2025; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Health and Human Services provides critical suicide prevention resources, including access to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, reducing stigma, promoting mental well-being and increasing awareness of available resources is essential to preventing suicide and supporting those in need; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based suicide prevention efforts include prevention, intervention, recovery and postvention services that strengthen systems and improve outcomes for individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health professionals, healthcare providers, first responders, educators, faith leaders, tribal communities, veterans' organizations and community partners work every day to strengthen suicide prevention efforts across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, every North Dakotan can contribute to suicide prevention by recognizing warning signs, offering compassionate support and connecting individuals to resources.

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




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE