

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SUICIDE RESOURCE AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

WHEREAS, nurses are the heartbeat of healthcare in North Dakota, and they are likely to encounter a patient with suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS, rural residents, farmers, farm families, veterans and tribal communities experience a disproportionately higher rate of suicide in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, there were 162 deaths by suicide in 2025, up from 148 deaths in 2024; North Dakota's age-adjusted suicide rate is higher than the national average at approximately 18 to 19.2 per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Governor's Challenge is a state and federal partnership aimed at preventing suicide among service members, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, various North Dakota organizations have suicide prevention resources available to nurses, that are specific to farmers, farm families, Indigenous populations and survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for nurses in North Dakota to know about suicide prevention resources to best serve their patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, **SUICIDE RESOURCE AWARENESS DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE