

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### WORLD VOICE DAY

APRIL 16, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the human voice is a fundamental means of communication, expression connection and participation in civic, professional and personal life; and

**WHEREAS**, caring for our voices is essential for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, as vocal health supports education, employment, advocacy and overall well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of people worldwide live with voice disorders, including spasmodic dysphonia and related conditions, many of which are underrecognized, misunderstood or misdiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, early awareness of voice changes, access to qualified medical and therapeutic care and increased public understanding can improve outcomes and quality of life for those affected by voice disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, World Voice Day is observed annually to promote vocal health, encourage education and research and foster compassion and inclusion for individuals whose voices may be affected by illness or disorder.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 16, 2026, **WORLD VOICE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE