

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### 389TH BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD DECEMBER 13, 2025

WHEREAS, on December 13th, 1636, North America's first organized militia regiments were established in Massachusetts, marking the symbolic birth of the United States National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard is composed of Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen in every state, the District of Columbia and three territories, always ready to deploy and provide critical support to communities across the country in response to natural disasters, as well as to serve globally in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the first unit of what would become the North Dakota National Guard was organized as Company A, Dakota Militia at Bismarck on September 14, 1883, with roots in the Dakota Territorial Militia that had been established in Yankton on January 27, 1862; and

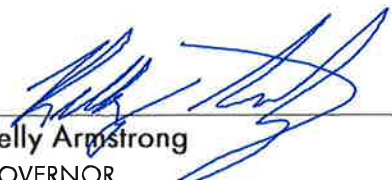
WHEREAS, the North Dakota National Guard currently comprises more than 4,000 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who embody the motto "Always Ready, Always There"; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, members of the North Dakota National Guard have served with distinction on both state and federal missions, with their lineage tracing back to the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, today, the state of North Dakota honors the North Dakota National Guard and all its servicemembers throughout history for their dedication, sacrifice and service in protecting the safety, security and freedom of North Dakotans and all Americans, while also congratulating the United States National Guard on 389 years of exceptional service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
December 13, 2025, the **389TH BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD**  
in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE