STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

4-H WEEK OCTOBER 5-11, 2025

WHEREAS, for over 120 years, 4-H has served America's young people to make the best better, and this year's National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reminds us that 4-H in North Dakota is building a ready generation in a world of change, and equips the 6 million young people from across the country who participate in 4-H with skills for the future, while meeting them where they are today; and

WHEREAS, 4-H impacts over 24,000 North Dakota youth who learn by doing through hands-on projects in areas of health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment and camping opportunities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the educational youth development program of North Dakota State University, a land grant university, and is conducted at the county level by NDSU Extension staff with the help of nearly 3,000 adult volunteers who create developmental relationships that are caring, challenge growth and share experiences; and

WHEREAS, 4-H supports future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership, an important imperative for the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H achieve positive youth development outcomes based on opportunities for supervised independence, a sense of belonging with a positive group, a spirit of generosity toward others and a wide variety of opportunities to master life's challenges; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is working at the state and national levels to bring together young people and adults in solutions that address the opportunity gap young people face in education, mental health and social inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim

October 5-11, 2025, 4-H WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong GOVERNOR **Z**

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE