

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

COPD AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive lung disease caused by damage to the airways or parts of the lungs that makes it hard to breathe; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 30 million Americans are affected by COPD, but only 17 million Americans are diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, COPD is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the projected cost attributed to COPD in 2029 is \$60.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, while incurable, COPD is both preventable and treatable; and

WHEREAS, health departments play a role in disease prevention, health promotion and education, which inform the public of COPD; and

WHEREAS, COPD Awareness Month is a time to recognize commitment to policy improvements and the individuals with COPD who contribute to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 2025, **COPD AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE