NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

CHILD WELFARE WORKER APPRECIATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2025

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota honors and acknowledges the dedicated professionals across our communities who serve and protect our most vulnerable children and families, including child protection workers, case managers, supervisors, parent aides, transportation assistants, placement coordinators, licensing specialists, adoption workers, eligibility staff, adoption and guardianship subsidy personnel, as well as Children and Family Services program and policy administrators; and

WHEREAS, these individuals demonstrate unwavering commitment, compassion and resilience in their daily efforts to ensure the safety, stability and well-being of children and families in need, often working under challenging circumstances; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the risks that many children may face and the need to intervene to protect children in the state, and child welfare professionals are required to work in situations where their personal safety may be at risk; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the challenging task of assessing safety and providing services to assure that North Dakota's children have strong, stable families by maintaining family connections, improving stability, preventing crisis and supporting recovery; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the laws surrounding child welfare, how to develop culturally sensitive services and the legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare workers strive to maintain a high standard of ethics, integrity, commitment and professionalism in serving the children and families of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize child welfare workers for their dedication and contributions to assuring the safety, permanency and well-being of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 15-19, 2025, CHILD WELFARE WORKER APPRECIATION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE