



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-09**

**WHEREAS**, under Article V, Section 7 of the North Dakota Constitution, the Governor is authorized to convene special sessions of the Legislative Assembly.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to authority under Article V of the North Dakota Constitution, Governor Kelly Armstrong hereby convenes a special session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in the legislative chambers at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota.

1. This special session is convened under the following authority:
  - a. The Governor is vested with the executive power under the North Dakota Constitution Article V, Section 1;
  - b. The Governor is vested with the specific authority to convene a special session of the Legislative Assembly under Article V, Section 7 of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The special session of the Legislative Assembly is convened to act on funding related to the Rural Health Transformation Program.
3. This action is necessary to ensure North Dakota can swiftly accept and appropriate the federal funding to implement this vital program and to avoid interruption to state government operations and services to citizens, the Legislative Assembly should complete this item by Friday, January 23, 2026.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 29 day of December, 2025.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Howe".

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelly Armstrong".

Kelly Armstrong  
Governor