NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, North Dakota's rich agricultural heritage and diverse farming communities play a pivotal role in shaping the state's identity and economy; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School programs serve as a vital link between local farms, early care and education programs, and K-12 schools enhancing child nutrition and providing educational opportunities related to agriculture, health and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School supports North Dakota's farmers and ranchers through the purchase of locally grown food, fostering economic development and sustainability within our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the integration of local foods into child nutrition helps students learn how their food is raised and produced, and strengthens the connection between children and the land that sustains them; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to support and participate in activities that promote the benefits of local agricultural products used in meals for children; and

WHEREAS, October has been nationally recognized as Farm to School Month, celebrating the efforts of schools, farmers and communities in increasing the amount of locally produced foods served through child nutrition programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2025, FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

CREAT SE 12.00 S. 1.00 S. 1.00

Kelly Amstrong

GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE