

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FORENSIC NURSES WEEK

NOVEMBER 3-9, 2025

WHEREAS, forensic nursing has been formally recognized as a specialty practice area since 1995; and

WHEREAS, forensic nurses provide specialized, compassionate and evidence-based medical care to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, abuse and human trafficking across the lifespan, while also playing a critical role in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, forensic nurses are the bridge between the medical and legal needs of survivors, empowering survivors to seek healing and justice as they choose; and

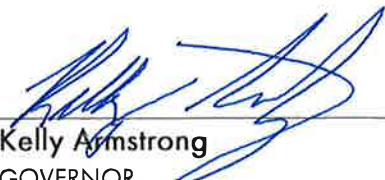
WHEREAS, violence remains a persistent public health issue, with the health consequences of violence costing hospitals in the United States approximately \$18.2 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, individuals who experience violence may sustain physical injuries as well as acute and chronic health conditions, including sexually transmitted infections, substance use disorder, PTSD, anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS, forensic nurses work collaboratively with law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, military agencies and community organizations, ensuring that the provisions of care extends from the clinical setting to the courtroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 3-9, 2025, **FORENSIC NURSES WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE