

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2025

WHEREAS, frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) is identified as a related dementia in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and included as a priority in the goals and strategies to achieve the vision of a nation free from Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Alzheimer's and Dementia State Plan includes goals of community education and caregiver support for all North Dakotans facing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) reports that FTD is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior and motor skills; and

WHEREAS, FTD strikes people as young as 17 and is the most common form of dementia for people under 60 years of age; and

WHEREAS, FTD is often misdiagnosed as a psychiatric problem or other neurodegenerative disease and takes an average of 3.6 years from the start of symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis, with average life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after symptoms start; and

WHEREAS, FTD often changes a person's personality and ability to express emotion, impacts a person's ability to produce speech and may eventually cause them to become mute, and can cause muscle weakness, falling, loss of balance and difficulty swallowing; and

WHEREAS, AFTD is the leading national organization exclusively focused on the spectrum of FTD disorders with a mission to improve the quality of life of people affected by FTD and drive research to a cure. It is imperative that there is greater awareness and reduction of stigma for this serious disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 21-28, 2025, FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE