NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH NOVEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by their loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness. The hospice model is a critical component of the health care continuum that involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative agencies bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

WHEREAS, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance as well as emotional and spiritual support, hospice and palliative services ensure patients live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, each year, hospice provides solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time and each year, more than a million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nations' hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the central philosophy of hospice care puts patients first, ensuring a coordinated and person-centered approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes; and

WHEREAS, hospice is a valuable benefit for all North Dakotans and their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2025, HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

CHEAT SEAL OF NORTH DAY

Kelly Armsfrong

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe

SECRETARY OF STATE