

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LITTLE I WEEK
FEBRUARY 9-15, 2026

WHEREAS, North Dakota State University has a proud tradition of excellence in agriculture education, leadership development, and student engagement that has strengthened the agricultural economy and rural communities of North Dakota for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Saddle and Sirloin Club is a nationally recognized student organization, hosting a student-run livestock show, providing hands-on learning opportunities and leadership experience for students pursuing careers in agriculture and other fields; and

WHEREAS, first held in 1926, the Little International has become a cherished tradition at NDSU and across the state, showcasing the dedication, skill, and professionalism of NDSU students while honoring North Dakota's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the 100th Little International, to be held February 13-14, 2026, marks a significant milestone celebrating a century of student leadership, innovation, and commitment to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Little International brings together students, alumni, producers, educators, families, and community members from across North Dakota and beyond, strengthening connections between the university, agriculture industry, and fueling the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, events such as the Little International highlights the vital role agriculture plays in North Dakota's economy and culture, while inspiring the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota proudly supports this historic event and congratulates all student, faculty, staff, and participants who have contributed to the success of the Little International over the past 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
February 9-15, 2026, **LITTLE I WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR


ATTEST:
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE