

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

WHEREAS, mesothelioma is an aggressive and incurable cancer that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen and other organs; and

WHEREAS, mesothelioma is most often associated with exposure to asbestos; there is no safe level of asbestos exposure; one fiber at one time can be enough to cause mesothelioma; and

WHEREAS, asbestos was heavily used in the military, shipbuilding, manufacturing, industry and construction of virtually all office building, public schools and homes built before 1980, and has been recognized as the worst occupational health disaster in U.S. history; and

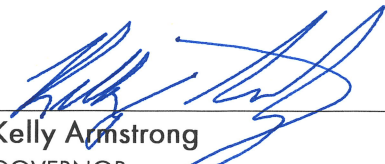
WHEREAS, asbestos continues to be present in such structures to this day; and

WHEREAS, the five year survival rate for mesothelioma is only 12%; and

WHEREAS, because of occupational, military-related, household or incidental exposure, and the latency of this disease ranging from 10 to 50 years between exposure and disease development, tens of millions of Americans are now at risk for developing mesothelioma.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 26, 2025, **MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY**
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE