

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NO KILL ANIMAL SHELTER MONTH JANUARY 2026

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota and North Dakotans care for beloved pets; and

WHEREAS, "No-Kill" is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter that can be saved and striving for at least 90% of the companion animals that enter its facilities to leave alive; and

WHEREAS, many loving and healthy animals in shelters and rescues throughout North Dakota are waiting for homes, and many North Dakota shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the killing of healthy or treatable dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, pet adoption provides many dogs and cats a second chance at life, reduces strain on overcrowded shelters, and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and

WHEREAS, together North Dakotans can work to achieve "No-Kill" in North Dakota in 2026, and animal shelters can help achieve this by implementing policies and programs such as foster care networks, adoption programs and others that prioritize lifesaving.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
January 2026, **NO KILL ANIMAL SHELTER MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE