## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## PTSD AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that may develop after a person is exposed to a traumatic event, such as combat, sexual assault, serious accidents, natural disasters or abuse; and

WHEREAS, PTSD affects not only veterans and first responders, but also individuals of all backgrounds, including children and adults across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding of PTSD can help reduce stigma, promote access to timely and effective care and improve outcomes for those affected; and

WHEREAS, mental health professionals, including those at organizations like The Village Family Service Center, are dedicated to providing critical support and treatment to individuals experiencing trauma-related symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes the strength and resilience of those living with PTSD and the importance of creating trauma-informed communities and encourages all citizens to increase their understanding of PTSD, support those affected and advocate for continued access to mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2025, PTSD AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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