

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH
OCTOBER 2025

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY
OCTOBER 15, 2025

WHEREAS, on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; and in 2002, a group of women successfully petitioned the federal government and the governors of each of the 50 states, to observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15 of each year; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, the death of a newborn baby or sudden unexplained infant death syndrome; and approximately 1 in every 4 women suffers a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, there were 55 infant deaths in North Dakota; and


WHEREAS, observing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month in October and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15, gives North Dakotans an opportunity to reflect on how we, as individuals and communities, can support grieving mothers, fathers and family members, while also continuing efforts to prevent the causes of these heartbreaking losses; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month is a time to honor and remember the lives of babies lost too soon and to support the families who grieve them. It offers a space for healing, understanding and connection for those affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and infant loss. This month, we encourage all citizens to speak with kindness and compassion, recognizing the deep impact of these losses. On October 15, at 7 p.m. in every time zone, people are invited to light a candle for one hour in remembrance. Together, these candles create a wave of light across the world, showing love, support and unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 2025, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH, and
October 15, 2025, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE