

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States, impacting North Dakotans, their families and the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, according to ND Vital Records, 142 North Dakotans died by suicide in 2024; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services provides critical resources and support for suicide prevention, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about suicide prevention, reducing stigma and promoting positive mental health is essential to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, implementing evidence-based suicide prevention initiatives includes implementing prevention, intervention, recovery and postvention services; and


WHEREAS, effective suicide prevention requires collaboration among multiple state and non-state agencies and organizations as well as individual volunteers and suicide survivors; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that with proper communication and services to deal with difficulties in life, regardless of a person's circumstances, suicide is a preventable public health problem for all people, and suicide prevention is a priority in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 2025, **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE