## NORTH DAKOTA

## $\equiv$ PROCLAMATION $\equiv\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-$

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 20-26, 2025

 $\mathsf{WHEREAS}$ , every citizen can affect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, 30.7% of residents formally volunteer through organizations in our communities; and

WHEREAS, with 11.79 million hours of voluntary service annually, the value of those volunteer hours in North Dakota equals \$393.3 million in contributed services; and

WHEREAS, countless North Dakotans enhance the quality of life of others by volunteering with service organizations, in schools, places of worship, hospitals, youth groups and with other organizations that benefit our communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteers working in communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the many individuals and organizations who lend their time, skill and effort to making our communities better places; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2025, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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