## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND WELLNESS WEEK APRIL 20 - 26, 2025

WHEREAS, North Dakota is blessed with a multitude of children and families — an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, strong families are the core of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, preserving the cultural heritage of Native American families and children is important for the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act, passed by the United States Congress in 1978, emphasizes the importance of Native American families being involved in the decisions and policies that affect their children; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota acknowledges the need for comprehensive support systems that promote the physical, emotional and educational development of children and families, ensuring their success and resilience in an ever-changing world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 20 - 26, 2025, INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND WELLNESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

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