

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS DAY MARCH 19, 2025

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) is powering the creation, growth and success of small business in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the foundation of our communities, large and small, and the driver of our state's economy, making up 98.9% of North Dakota's businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the North Dakota SBDC delivered no-cost business advising and training to 2,395 North Dakota entrepreneurs and businesses; and North Dakota SBDC clients successfully launched 154 new small businesses, secured \$90.9 million in new capital investment and supported over 5,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2017, SBDC Day has been celebrated annually to honor the significant impact Small Business Development Centers have on empowering dreamers, innovators and entrepreneurs across the nation, while also recognizing the vital role small businesses play in enriching the economic and cultural fabric of our state and country; and

WHEREAS, SBDC Day unites over 1,000 SBDCs nationwide each year, along with hundreds of thousands of clients they serve, creating a platform for small business owners, business advisors and supporters in North Dakota and across the nation to share their journeys and celebrate their successes; and,

WHEREAS, today, North Dakota stands with small business owners throughout the state in acknowledging the invaluable contributions of SBDCs and reaffirms its dedication to fostering and uplifting small businesses across the state; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota thanks the North Dakota SBDC for its service and impact on the economic success of our state and all residents are encouraged to support small businesses in North Dakota and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
March 19, 2025, **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS DAY**
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE