THE CITY OF FARGO

- OFFICE OF THE MAYOR -

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fragile X syndrome (FXS) is the most common inherited cause of autism and intellectual disabilities globally, affecting all demographics; and

WHEREAS, More than 1.5 million Americans carry a Fragile X mutation, placing them at risk for associated disorders, and more than 100,000 Americans have FXS; and

WHEREAS, Despite easy DNA testing, FXS often goes undiagnosed due to its recent discovery and limited awareness, even among medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Focused research offers the potential for effective treatments and a cure for FXS; and

WHEREAS, Fragile X research remains significantly underfunded despite the disorder's prevalence, cure potential, treatment benefits and relevance to related conditions; and

WHEREAS, FXS serves as a valuable research model for neuropsychiatric disorders such as autism and schizophrenia, as well as conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's; and

WHEREAS, Increased public and medical awareness of Fragile X will empower informed medical decisions for carriers and aid individuals with FXS in societal adaptation and contribute to understanding autism and related conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of Fargo, North Dakota do hereby proclaim July 22, 2025 to be

WORLD FRAGILE X DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of The City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 15th day of July, 2025.

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota