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Washington – Today, **Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)** released the following statement on the 100,000th death from the COVID-19 novel coronavirus:

"Like many of you, I have watched friends and loved ones pass away during this crisis. What has made our grief worse is the inability to share it with others in person and to worship and hold one another up together as a community," said Rep. Adams.

"A great poet once wrote that 'pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God.' As we mark this terrible milestone, we must take time to grieve and to comfort those who have lost threads that hold their families and communities together.

"Then, in honor of those who have left us, we must recommit to the idea of a country where we never suffer this much unnecessary death and pain ever again. We must fully embrace the collective good by wearing masks, washing our hands, and maintaining safe physical distances - even when we are told we no longer have to.

"Finally, we cannot fail in our duty to our neighbors across all walks of life. Boundless compassion is what we owe to each other, and to the lost. Never forget that our country's greatness is a muscle; to flex it in the future we must exercise it now to help those who are in need."

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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