



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: As winter arrives each year in Minnesota, approximately 404,000 tons of chloride-containing salt is scattered on paved surfaces across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Salt applied to streets and sidewalks causes damage to infrastructure and threatens the health of lakes, streams, and drinking water; and
- WHEREAS: It only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. Once the salt is in the water, it's there for good and continues to build up year after year; and
- WHEREAS: By implementing smart salting best practices and new technologies, public agencies and private businesses are reducing salt use by 30-70 percent, while still supporting safe travels for those on our streets and sidewalks; and
- WHEREAS: An informed public can support the adoption of best practices in snow and ice control and help advocate for the protection of freshwater resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 26-30, 2026, as:

## WINTER SALT WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE