



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The health and well-being of children in Minnesota is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS: Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect – which is the when the heart's structure has one or more faults at time of birth; and

WHEREAS: While the severity and impact of this condition varies from person to person, the medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS: Medical research to study the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects helps protect the health and well-being of children; and

WHEREAS: It is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects and the risks it poses to newborns and children; and

WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families, patients, and medical professionals impacted by these conditions to share their perspective so that we may all understand how this defect affects our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2025, as:

## CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE