



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost important to the state; and
- WHEREAS: It takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and
- WHEREAS: Due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapments declined until 2014, when 38 documented entrapments occurred nationally, resulting in 17 deaths; and
- WHEREAS: According to Purdue University, there were 61 documented cases in 2018 of farm accidents that resulted in injury, fatality, or required emergency extrication by first responders an increase of 13% over the 54 cases reported in 2017; and
- WHEREAS: Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and
- WHEREAS: Grain operators, farmers, and employees are encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage, through education, and awareness of hazards and safe work practices; and
- WHEREAS: Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by industry leaders and agricultural professionals working together; and
- WHEREAS: Through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, we hope to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16-22, 2020, as:

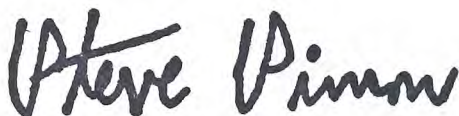
GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

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 14th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE