



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** Heart valve disease is a serious and life-threatening condition that occurs when one or more heart valves do not function properly, disrupting normal blood flow and potentially leading to severe complications; and

**WHEREAS:** More than 5 million people in the United States are diagnosed with heart valve disease each year, and countless others remain undiagnosed due to limited awareness of its symptoms and risk factors; and

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 17 percent of all deaths in Minnesota are due to heart disease, including heart valve disease, making it the second-leading cause of death in the state behind cancer; and

**WHEREAS:** Early detection, timely treatment, and improved access to care can significantly enhance the quality of life and survival rates for those living with heart valve disease; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 22, 2025, Minnesota joins people across the nation in observing Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day, encouraging everyone to engage in educational efforts, share life-saving information, and take proactive steps to protect their heart health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 22, 2025, as:

# HEART VALVE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE