STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Over 860,000 children across Minnesota attend public schools; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public schools equip young people with the skills and knowledge to be active contributors to their community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS: Inclusive, safe, and high-quality public schools are where children learn to think critically, solve problems, and build relationships; and

WHEREAS: Partnerships between public schools and community members and organizations help improve student opportunities and outcomes for children across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: All students deserve opportunities to achieve academic success, regardless of who they are or where they live. Stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding for all public schools in Minnesota is necessary to ensure that students have empowered educators and an engaging learning environment; and

WHEREAS: Students, teachers, paraprofessionals, school staff, student support staff, and administrators make Minnesota's public schools vital components of our communities; and

WHEREAS: When we support our public schools, we contribute to the success of every student and the overall health and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS: We show our gratitude to the educators and school staff across Minnesota who are striving each and every day to support and encourage the hopes and dreams of Minnesota's students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 24 – 28, 2025, as:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS 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 21st day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE