



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Bandy – a sport best described as field hockey on skates – was established in northeast England in the mid-1800s; and
- WHEREAS: Bandy was first played in Minnesota in December 1979, and the state has become a significant center for bandy since then, played every winter from early November to early March; and
- WHEREAS: There are four separate leagues that compete at the Guidant John Rose Oval each winter: the Men's Elite, the Women's Elite, the First Division, and the Recreational League; and
- WHEREAS: Both the U.S. Women's and U.S. Men's National Bandy Teams will be competing in the Bandy World Championships in Lidköping, Sweden, from March 24-30, 2025; and
- WHEREAS: Both the U.S. Women's and U.S. Men's National Bandy Teams are comprised almost entirely of Minnesotans, meaning they'll be proudly representing our state in addition to our nation during the competition; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the significance and tradition of bandy, congratulates those representing the country in the World Championships, and encourages all people to join in celebrating the U.S. National Teams as they compete in Lindköping, Sweden.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 24-30, 2025, as:

BANDY 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 19th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE