



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Volunteers make an immeasurable impact on the health and well-being of communities by offering their time, skills, and resources for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers in the state have made strides to address climate change, provided essential resources such as food and shelter to community members in need, moved the dial on inequality, and helped those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: People in Minnesota contribute countless hours to their communities through formal and informal volunteerism, with 40.3 percent of people engaging in formal volunteering through organizations, and 63.4 percent informally helping others by going above and beyond for their friends, family, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is ranked third in the United States for formal volunteerism participation; between September 2022 and 2023, 1,832,313 formal volunteers in Minnesota contributed 110,503,811 hours of service; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers are essential in building stronger, more connected communities, creating lasting changes where they live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS: Volunteer Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the impact people have when they use their civic power to support the causes they care about; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the vital role of volunteerism in fostering community cohesion and strengthening local organizations, and encourages individuals, groups, and families to become involved in their communities through volunteer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as:

# VOLUNTEER MONTH

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE