STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The public health community protects and improves the health of all people, working to make all communities great places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS: Public health plays a crucial role in promoting good health and greater longevity for Minnesotans by working to immunize people against disease; identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious diseases; improving the health of mothers and children; and promoting healthy behaviors such as increased physical activity, good nutrition, and smoking cessation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public health professionals are on the leading edge of developing new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address emerging environmental contaminants, communicate valuable information about health care costs and quality, prepare for large-scale emergencies, and promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS: The public health community fights against health inequities shaped by social, economic, environmental, and political conditions and institutional racism because improving the health of those experiencing inequity including people of color; American Indians; rural Minnesotans; immigrants and refugees; LGBTQ+ people; and people with disabilities leads to improved health for all; and

WHEREAS: Public health regulation is a critical tool for building and sustaining safe and healthy communities for Minnesota and beyond; and

WHEREAS: State, local, and tribal public health workers have been at the forefront of the pandemic response, working tirelessly to keep communities safe from COVID-19 through vaccination, testing, contact tracing, and other efforts, and sharing information to help people make decisions for themselves and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 4-11, 2022, as:

PUBLIC HEALTH 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 28th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE