



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The early childhood years are the most active period for the developing brain and a stable, secure relationship with a nurturing, caring adult is a key factor in development; and
- WHEREAS: Children have a better, healthier start when their caregivers have access to support resources, but many families feel unprepared at the start of their parenting journey or are unsure about the services available to them; and
- WHEREAS: Home visiting can include a variety of different models including early childhood home visiting programs and parenting education programs; and
- WHEREAS: Home visiting programs help parents and caregivers meet the unique needs of their children, promote healthy development, strengthen family relationships, reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, and promote equity by providing resources to families who are furthest from opportunity; and
- WHEREAS: Well-trained professionals implement early childhood home visiting so all families have the opportunity to access information in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions and customs; and
- WHEREAS: The estimated return on every public dollar invested in evidence-based home visiting is up to \$6.40 through a reduced need for additional public services; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages individuals and organizations to use home visiting resources to support the health and wellbeing of children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2026, as:

HOME VISITING 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 15th day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE