



## 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 the development of young children; and
- WHEREAS: Children have a better, healthier start when their caregivers have access to supporting 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 encompasses a variety of different programs and models, including early childhood home visiting programs and parenting education programs; and
- WHEREAS: Home visiting programs help parents 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 visitation so that all families have the opportunity to access information in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions and customs; and
- WHEREAS: There is an estimated return on public investments of up to \$6.40 for every dollar spent on evidence-based home visiting through the reduction in need for public services; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages individuals and organizations across the state to utilize home visiting resources whenever they are needed to support the health and wellbeing of our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 21 -25, 2025, as:

## HOME VISITOR APPRECIATION 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE