



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Water plays a vital role in daily life and is essential for health, hygiene, and quality of life for all people, making it our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS: The year 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has had strong regulations in place since the 19th century to ensure the safety of public drinking water; and

WHEREAS: Protecting our sources of drinking water, whether surface water or groundwater, from contamination and overuse is the first step to ensure a safe, sufficient, and sustainable water supply; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring drinking water safety through testing, treatment, and infrastructure investment is critical to our wellbeing and shared health equity; and

WHEREAS: The hard work performed by professionals in the water sector, such as designers of capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water, or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high-quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

WHEREAS: All people in Minnesota are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution and practice water conservation to help protect our most vital natural resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 5–11, 2024, as:

SAFE DRINKING WATER 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 24th day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE