



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nurses are vital to the success of our health care system, providing direct patient care, advocacy, education, and specialized services across a wide range of disciplines; and
- WHEREAS: Nursing is the largest health care profession nationally and the third largest occupational group in Minnesota, with nearly 170,000 active nurse licenses in the state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota consistently ranks among the top states for health care outcomes, including a high-performing public hospital system and one of the highest life expectancies in the nation, achievements driven in large part by the dedication, compassion, and expertise of nurses; and
- WHEREAS: Nurses are essential workers, tirelessly managing and responding to complex and evolving health care needs, including clinical treatment, triaging, communication, psychological support, and palliative care, often at personal risk of infection, exhaustion, and emotional strain; and
- WHEREAS: Nurses serve Minnesotans in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, veterans' homes, schools, community and public health settings, correctional facilities, and private practices; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's nursing workforce includes a broad spectrum of specialized professionals, including but not limited to nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and school nurses, each playing a critical role in expanding access to care, improving patient outcomes, and supporting the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the vital role of all nurses in promoting health, healing, and hope, and celebrates their contributions to keeping communities healthy and the health care system strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2026, as:

# NURSES 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE