STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: School gardens bring learning to life in schools, early learning centers, daycares, and educational settings across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: School gardens offer a unique and practical way for students of all ages and abilities to achieve academic goals, engage in hands-on learning, and experience discovery in the outdoors; and

WHEREAS: School gardens spark curiosity and provide children with opportunities to discover where their food comes from; learn about and engage in agriculture; connect with the environment; and foster a lifelong interest in fresh, healthy foods; and

WHEREAS: School gardens contribute to children's health by increasing access to fresh produce, encouraging healthy eating habits, and promoting outdoor activity; and

WHEREAS: School gardens contribute fresh and culturally relevant food to schools and communities; and

WHEREAS: Educators and staff in schools, daycares, and early learning centers, community members, families, and students play a critical role in establishing and maintaining school gardens in Minnesota to support students' learning and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota supports and promotes the development, operation, and expansion of school gardens as valuable educational and community resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 19-23, 2025, as:

SCHOOL GARDEN 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 14th day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE