



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year, approximately 1 in 200 babies in Minnesota are born with congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV); and
- WHEREAS: Congenital CMV is the most common infectious cause of birth defects in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Every person's experience of CMV is unique, shaped by their specific condition, individual immune systems, and the support structures in place; and
- WHEREAS: While medical advancements and research have improved over the years, the impacts of CMV are lifelong and require extended care; and
- WHEREAS: Knowledge of the virus empowers parents and guardians to make the best choices for their children's wellbeing and future; and
- WHEREAS: Early identification, intervention, and support from health care providers can help children receive the care and resources they need to be healthy and independent; and
- WHEREAS: Everyone can make a difference by educating themselves on the impacts of CMV and prevention strategies that promote welcoming and healthy communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as:

## CMV AWARENESS MONTH

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE