



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Across Minnesota, dedicated public servants strengthen the economy, protect the safety and security of the public, safeguard individual rights, and sustain the foundations of democratic self-governance; and
- WHEREAS: Ranked third nationally for volunteerism and first in voter turnout, Minnesota is one of the most generous and engaged states in the nation with Minnesotans consistently demonstrating commitment to their communities and neighbors through countless hours of civic engagement, volunteerism, service learning, and state and national service; and
- WHEREAS: In 2025, Minnesota established the Office of Public Service, providing a unified statewide strategy for expanding access to public service opportunities so that Minnesotans have clear pathways into service and toward in-demand careers with family sustaining wages; and
- WHEREAS: Grief is still with us one year after the attacks on John, Yvette, and Hope Hoffman and the horrific deaths of Melissa and Mark Hortman; and
- WHEREAS: Melissa and Mark Hortman met through a service opportunity and continued to serve for the rest of their lives through Helping Paws, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, public office, and instilling these values in their family and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Melissa and Mark Hortman served their communities with the knowledge that a better world is possible, and it is up to each of us to work to make it a reality; and
- WHEREAS: The weight of grief is lighter when shared, as is the responsibility we hold for the common good; and
- WHEREAS: To honor the Hortmans' legacy and Minnesota's spirit of neighborism, businesses, schools, community organizations, and state offices shall support opportunities for all people to participate in public service during the month of June with a special focus on June 14; and
- WHEREAS: Public Service Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of public servants and to honor the government workers, teachers, firefighters, nurses, social workers, park rangers, volunteers, and many others who strengthen our communities, build connection, and create lasting positive change.

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

## PUBLIC SERVICE 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE