STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: A stillbirth is the loss of a baby after 20 weeks of pregnancy; approximately 370 pregnancies in Minnesota end in stillbirth each year; and

WHEREAS: Stillbirth is a multi-factorial, complex societal and public health problem, and an important indicator of maternal and community health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Racial disparities persist in birth outcomes, with Black, Indigenous, and families of color at the greatest risk of losing a baby to stillbirth; and

WHEREAS: Stillbirth is linked to an increased risk of maternal morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS: The loss of a baby due to stillbirth is a tragedy that can have long-lasting impacts on families; and

WHEREAS: Proven stillbirth prevention efforts have the power to save thousands of babies every year; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness, research, and evidence-based prevention are necessary to prevent stillbirth, and compassionate support must be given to those who have experienced this loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 19, 2025, as:

STILLBIRTH PREVENTION AND AWARENESS DAY

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 4th day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE