



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Youth and families in Minnesota should have access to essential information and resources to be academically prepared and make informed decisions about life after high school; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has made historic investments in higher education aimed at improving opportunities for career and economic advancement; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Education provides funding to Minnesota through their Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) to help low-income and high-poverty students in Minnesota successfully transition from high school to postsecondary school; and
- WHEREAS: Get Ready – a service offered through GEAR UP – provided early college awareness, postsecondary preparation, and outreach to over 5,700 low-income students at middle and high schools in Minnesota during the 2023-2024 school year; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP advances equity for students to achieve postsecondary goals through academic tutoring, targeted curriculum, financial literacy education, financial assistance, opportunities to visit college campuses, academic counseling and mentoring services, summer academic enrichment programming, and parental involvement events; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to advancing equity in postsecondary participation for students by promoting high academic standards and providing financial aid and postsecondary access programs, including Get Ready.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 23 –27, 2024, as:

## GEAR UP 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE