



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Health literacy is a person's ability to obtain, process, and understand basic health information, and is impacted by how much aid an individual receives in accessing and using information and services to inform health-related decisions; and
- WHEREAS: Health literacy affects all segments of the population, however disparities based on age, culture, economic status, or language can impact an individual's ability to access, understand, and use health information; and
- WHEREAS: Health literacy advances health equity by providing accessible, understandable, and actionable health information across lines of race and ethnicity, religion, language, culture, income, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and ability; and
- WHEREAS: A lack of health literacy increases the risk of misunderstanding information important to achieving and maintaining health. The provision of health literacy education, use of plain language, and implementation of techniques for confirming patient comprehension reduces these risks; and
- WHEREAS: Improving health literacy can reduce health care costs, increase effective use of preventive health services, and enhance the health and quality of life of all people in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as:

HEALTH LITERACY 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 27th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE