



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota seeks to protect, maintain, and improve the health of all people who live, work, and visit our state; and,

WHEREAS: The Minnesota One Health Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative has committed to promoting judicious antibiotic use and reducing the impact of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens of human, animal, and environmental health importance; and,

WHEREAS: Extensive, and often inappropriate, use of antibiotics and antifungals has resulted in the development of antimicrobial resistance, which has threatened the ability of health professionals to fight infectious diseases in both humans and animals; and

WHEREAS: Antimicrobial resistance is a major threat to health in the United States, causing more than 2.8 million illnesses and more than 35,000 deaths each year; and,

WHEREAS: Appropriate disposal of antibiotics and antifungals is a key solution to address the threat of antimicrobial resistance and keep our lakes and streams free from contamination; and,

WHEREAS: Comprehensive education about antibiotics can facilitate a shift in the mindset and practices of health care providers, veterinarians, environmental experts, and the public, contributing to greater consistency in appropriate prescribing methods and uses of antibiotics; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota’s commitment to antibiotic stewardship includes partners in health care, veterinary medicine, agriculture, industry, and environmental health to ensure that progress on appropriate antibiotic use is made in all settings where antibiotics are used; and

WHEREAS: We encourage all people to use antibiotics wisely and prevent infections by washing hands, staying up to date on vaccines, and practicing food safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2025, as:

ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS
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 12th day of November.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE