

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: 2025 marks the twelfth annual observance of Fraud Awareness and Prevention Week, which raises

awareness of the impacts of fraud and misuse of state resources; and

WHEREAS: The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, an organization dedicated to reducing the incidence

of fraud worldwide, estimates that a typical organization loses five percent of its revenue each year

to fraud; and

WHEREAS: Instances of fraud in state government decrease confidence in public institutions and undermine

the work and reputation of state employees who carry out their duties with integrity and honesty;

and

WHEREAS: Fraud results in increased costs, loss of public revenues and resources, and higher expenses

associated with the investigation, prosecution, and incarceration of individuals who commit fraud;

and

WHEREAS: Protecting program integrity is essential to ensuring that public resources are used to provide vital

services to Minnesotans who need them most; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota continues to strengthen efforts to prevent, detect, and combat fraud; and

WHEREAS: Employee tips are the most common way fraud is detected, and educating employees about fraud

prevention, detection, and reporting techniques is critical to reducing its occurrence within the

state and local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 17-21, 2025, as:

## FRAUD AWARENESS AND PREVENTION 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October.

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SECRETARY OF STATE