MNIT 10th Birthday Celebration Video Transcript

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**Jon Eichten:** On October 1, 2011 – 10 years ago – MNIT, or what was then called the Office of Enterprise Technology, officially assumed authority for the delivery of IT services to the state’s executive branch state agencies. Over the past 10 years, we’ve grown a lot. As an IT service provider, as an organization, and as partners to the agencies we support.

**Tarek Tomes:** Happy birthday Minnesota IT Services. I can't believe it's been 10 years already. From those beginnings, I remember the Office of Enterprise Technology and that transformation to Minnesota IT Services and in those early days the challenges related to forging an identity and gaining that all important trust to meet this larger vision that I think so many people saw. And here we are 10 years later. On the heels of a pandemic and so many unbelievable stories of the role that MNIT and technology played in the delivery of government services and in particular in helping us through the pandemic. I could not be more excited to see the transformation and changes that have taken place and just so incredibly proud. The vision that we have and where we think we're headed certainly is one where we will continue to do everything that we can to explore how technology can not just deliver services better for the executive branch, but also how technology can alter people's lives. How can technology be used to improve people's access to health care, to improve people's access to jobs, to improve access to our great outdoors, and so many more opportunities. Transportation. Just so excited to be able to be a part of this organization and I cannot thank you enough for being a part of Minnesota IT Services and the role that each and everyone of you play. Also none of the work that we do will be possible without the amazing partnerships that we have across the executive branch with our executive branch agencies and the boards and commissions. Certainly also with public sector throughout Minnesota at the local level, and also the amazing partnerships we've developed within the private sector. Again, happy birthday Minnesota IT Services. I invited a few of my colleagues to join in our birthday celebration.

**Carolyn Parnell:** Greetings from the happy land of retirement. And happy birthday MNIT! For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Carolyn Parnell and I was the first commissioner of MNIT. 10 years ago the legislature and the Governor decided to consolidate all of IT under one roof. And although it was a heavy lift, I believe that together, we made great progress. And it was really a wonderful opportunity to discuss how IT really does drive state government. So I hope you’re all well. I want to thank you for your contributions during the pandemic and for so seamlessly and readily adapting to working remotely and supporting your customers remotely. It's very much appreciated. And what a wonderful opportunity to highlight the benefits of an enterprise IT organization. So take care everybody. Happy, happy birthday MNIT!
Jan Malcolm: Hi MNIT colleagues! Happy 10th anniversary and thank you so much. I'm Jan Malcolm, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health and we literally couldn't do what we do without you. So thanks so much for your partnership and congratulation. [Chuck Johnson] Hi MNIT. Happy birthday! I remember when you were born.

Jodi Harpstead: Commissioner Jodi Harpstead here. Hey happy 10th birthday! We love our MNIT partners at the Department of Human Services.

Lee Ho: To all MNIT staff. Congratulations on a great 10 years. Looking forward to working with you in the future.

Jim Schowalter: Happy birthday MNIT from your friends at MMB.

Paul Schnell: Happy birthday MNIT. Happy 10 year birthday from the Department of Corrections. Congratulations on 10 years of incredible service to the state.

Steve Grove: Happy birthday MNIT! We are so grateful for all that you do for state government. In fact, we're so grateful that we've written you a haiku. [clears throat] If you'll allow me. Your tech gives us joy. MNIT makes the whole thing work. Happy birthday team. Happy birthday MNIT, thank you so much for everything you do! We appreciate you.

Sarah Strommen: Hi I'm Sarah Strommen, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and on behalf of all of my colleagues at DNR, I want to wish MNIT a very happy birthday.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher: Happy birthday MNIT. And thanks to all the folks who work at MNIT for the great things they do.

Tom Baden: Hey MNIT Services. Congratulations on 10 years. That's a long time. [strums guitar and sings] Been a long time, been a long time. Lonely, lonely, lonely, lonely, lonely time. Stand up an shout! You rock MNIT.

Tim Walz: Happy 10th birthday MNIT. Minnesota's lucky to have you.

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