



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's local and state public health workers protect and improve the health of people across the state, working to make our communities great places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS: Public health workers play a key role in supporting good health and greater longevity for Minnesotans by promoting healthy behaviors, improving the health of mothers and children, monitoring and responding to infectious disease threats, and identifying and mitigating environmental health hazards; and

WHEREAS: In recent months, public health workers have endured historic challenges from ongoing COVID-19 transmission, early and severe influenza and RSV seasons, as well as overlapping outbreaks of mpox (monkeypox) and measles; and

WHEREAS: State, local, and tribal public health workers work tirelessly to keep communities safe from disease outbreaks, environmental contamination, and other potential causes of disease and suffering, and to share information to help people access resources and make effective decisions to protect and improve the health; and

WHEREAS: The public health community works to advance health equity by improving the health of those experiencing disparities including people of color, American Indians, Minnesota's rural communities, immigrants and refugees, and the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public health professionals are constantly developing new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address emerging environmental contaminants, communicate valuable information about health care costs and quality, prepare for large-scale emergencies, and promote healthy communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2023, as:

## PUBLIC HEALTH 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of March.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE