



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Water is our most valuable natural resource, playing an essential role in our health, hygiene, and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Protecting our drinking water sources, whether surface water or groundwater, from contamination and overuse is the first step to ensure a safe, sufficient, and sustainable water supply; and
- WHEREAS: Ensuring drinking water safety through testing, treatment, and infrastructure investment is critical to our wellbeing and to health equity; and
- WHEREAS: The hard work performed by professionals in the water sector is vital to protecting and maintaining community health; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has had strong regulations in place since the 19th century to ensure the safety of public drinking water; and
- WHEREAS: In 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health released a draft of its 10-year action plan, outlining existing and emerging threats to the safe drinking water supply and providing a roadmap to ensure equitable access to safe and sufficient drinking water; and
- WHEREAS: We are all stewards of water infrastructure and share a responsibility to protect water in Minnesota for future generations; and
- WHEREAS: All people are encouraged to help protect our source waters from pollution and practice water conservation to help protect our most vital natural resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as:

## SAFE DRINKING WATER 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 April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE