



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year, poison centers in the United States receive more than 2 million exposure calls; and
- WHEREAS: When not used as directed or intended, household products, including medicines, household chemicals, and other substances, may be hazardous not only to adults but also to children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and
- WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of people in Minnesota are threatened each year by accidental exposure to poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: State government agencies have been working for many years with their local and federal counterparts to inform people of all ages about the potential hazards of these substances; and
- WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health care costs for residents and health care systems throughout Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, caregivers, and every member of the public should be aware of the dangers of poisonous substances and how to prevent poisoning from occurring so we can all live safely in our homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2026, as:

POISON 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 9th day of March.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE