

## 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 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

poisonings 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 16-22, 2025, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE