



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

*Proclamation*

- WHEREAS: There is increasing use of medicines to provide health-giving and life-sustaining benefits, and household and industrial chemicals to perform labor and time-saving tasks in the home; and
- WHEREAS: When not used as directed or intended, these products may be hazardous to adults and especially children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and
- WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by accidental exposure to poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota continues to work with local and federal counterparts to inform citizens about the potential hazards of these substances; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources in order to learn and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and how to prevent such poisonings from occurring; and
- WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health care costs for the residents and healthcare systems statewide; and
- WHEREAS: National Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control System and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 2022, 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 15<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