



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

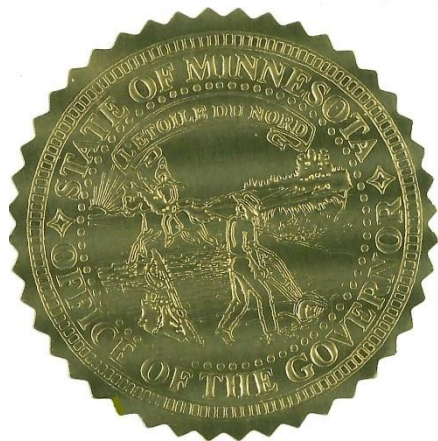
- WHEREAS: Children, Minnesota's most precious resource, must be guaranteed their health, well-being, and protection; and
- WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect are significant social justice issues, with over 70,000 reports statewide each year; and
- WHEREAS: All families can benefit from strong support systems and resources in the face of these challenges, and as caregivers, friends, neighbors, and fellow human beings, keeping our kids safe is among our highest priorities; and
- WHEREAS: All levels of government and communities have a responsibility to provide supports to children and families to prevent child abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS: Governor Walz has supported and advocated for programs and policies across the board to improve and support access to equitable outcomes for children; and
- WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and
- WHEREAS: Children's Advocacy Centers convene experts working across disciplines to coordinate approaches to meet the safety and healing needs of children in abuse cases; and
- WHEREAS: Child abuse experts seek to protect all children and promote well-being, hope, and strength for children in the wake of abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect demands that individuals and communities partner together to support parents in raising their children in a safe, nurturing society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE