

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Volunteers make an immeasurable impact on the health and well-being of communities

by offering their time, skills, and resources for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS:

People in Minnesota contribute countless hours to their communities through formal and informal volunteerism, with 35.5 percent of people engaging in formal volunteering through organizations, and 61.9 percent informally helping others by going above and

beyond for their friends, family, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota is ranked third in the United States for formal volunteerism, and volunteers in the state have moved the dial on racial inequality, helped those who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, made strides to address climate change, and provided essential resources such as food and shelter to community members in need; and

WHEREAS:

Volunteer engagement professionals play a crucial role in supporting and coordinating

volunteers in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement partners with organizations to provide resources, training, and networking opportunities to enhance the impact and effectiveness of volunteers and volunteer engagement professionals throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS:

Let's celebrate the impact of all volunteers in Minnesota and encourage individuals, groups, and families to become involved in their communities through volunteer service.

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

VOLUNTEER 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 28th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE