



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Protecting the health of Minnesotans and preserving Minnesota's water, land, and natural resources is a priority for the state; and
- WHEREAS: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals used in industry and manufacturing that can persist in the environment for long periods of time, are linked to harmful human health effects, and are found in communities across Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in addressing PFAS through legislative action, cross-agency collaboration, science-based public health guidance, health and environmental monitoring, pollution prevention, and remediation efforts; and,
- WHEREAS: Under the leadership of the Walz-Flanagan Administration, Minnesota developed the Minnesota PFAS Blueprint to identify short- and long-term opportunities to prevent, manage, and clean up PFAS pollution, and implemented Minnesota's PFAS Monitoring Plan to improve understanding of PFAS in the environment and support informed, science-based decision-making; and
- WHEREAS: Governor Walz signed Amara's Law in 2023, establishing the nation's most comprehensive law for reducing PFAS in consumer products and preventing future PFAS pollution; and
- WHEREAS: PFAS Awareness Week is an opportunity to increase public understanding of PFAS, recognize Minnesota's leadership in cost-effective PFAS pollution prevention, management, and cleanup, highlight progress made under the Minnesota PFAS Blueprint, and encourage continued collaboration to protect public health, the environment, and the economy; and

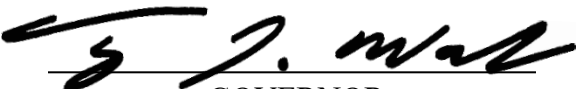
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2026, as:

PFAS AWARENESS 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 18th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE