



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Maternal morbidity includes any short- or long-term health problems that result from being pregnant and giving birth. Maternal mortality refers to death due to complications of pregnancy or childbirth that occur during pregnancy or within 6 weeks after the pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: The maternal mortality rate in the United States remains unacceptably high, with Black and American Indian or Alaska Native people disproportionately experiencing health inequities; and

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio from 2017-2018 was 8.9 pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 births. While lower than the national average, the data mirrors the stark national disparities in pregnancy-associated deaths among Black and American Indian populations; and

WHEREAS: Nearly half of maternal deaths occur between seven and 365 days postpartum, and the vast majority of those maternal deaths – roughly 80 percent – are considered preventable; and

WHEREAS: The wellbeing of parents impacts the health of families for generations to come, and everyone deserves the resources and protections necessary to ensure their wellbeing during and after their pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes Maternal Health Awareness Day and is dedicated to preventing maternal morbidity and mortality, improving maternal health outcomes, and curbing unacceptably high maternal mortality rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 23, 2025, as:

MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

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 23rd day of January.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE