



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Agriculture is a critical part of Minnesota's economy, and Minnesota farmers play an integral role in feeding people across the state and around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries, and farmers are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries. Farming is one of the few industries in which family members (who often share the work and live on the premises) are also at risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries. Agricultural workers account for over 30 percent of work-related deaths in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's farmers work hard on 67,500 agricultural operations throughout the state, which are crucial to the integrity of our food supply and our economic strength, with over 25.4 million acres in total farmland. This includes over 16,000 cattle farms producing 2.2 million head of cattle and calves; more than 3,500 hog farms producing 9.3 million hogs; over 2,200 dairy farms producing 10 billion pounds of milk; and over 600 turkey farms producing 40 million turkeys; and
- WHEREAS: Safeguarding the health and well-being of farm owners, operators, employees, and visitors is essential to farm families across Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Fall harvest season is a demanding time for those working in agriculture as they cope with unpredictable weather, time restraints, long days, and other unique stressors; and
- WHEREAS: Preventing farm fatalities and decreasing injuries leads to stronger, healthier agricultural communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center and allied partners work to keep farm families, workers, and all participants in agriculture safe and healthy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Farm Safety and Health Week, in conjunction with National Farm Safety and Health Week, raises awareness of the vital, continuous need for improving safety for all of Minnesota's farm families and workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-25, 2021, as:

FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH 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 15th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Steve Simon