



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. It is most effective when implemented under a comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS: The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is designed to assist states and local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program; and

WHEREAS: Federal legislation recently enacted the Disaster Recovery Reform Act makes available new dollars for states and communities to undertake pre-disaster mitigation measures and creates new incentives for states to build resilience; and

WHEREAS: Disasters affect the local and state economies in lost payrolls, lost sales and revenue, and increased disaster recovery times; and

WHEREAS: Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage; and

WHEREAS: Effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the demand for relief services on volunteer organizations such as disaster rescue and recovery teams, as well as food banks and homeless shelters who serve our communities by changing their operations to provide additional services to those affected by disaster; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota honors the brave men and women who, as first responders, selflessly provide aid in a disaster to safeguard Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages communities to build resiliently and develop long-range mitigation strategies for protecting people and property from future hazard events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 1-7, 2019 as:

## RESILIENCY 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE