



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Clean energy is critical to the future of Minnesota, our nation, and our world; and
- WHEREAS: Clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses in Minnesota than ever before; and
- WHEREAS: Zero-carbon sources generated 54 percent of Minnesota's power in 2023, providing the majority of Minnesota's electricity for the fourth consecutive year, and Minnesota has a statewide goal of achieving 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2040; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's power sector reduced its CO2 emissions by 10 percent in 2023, to the lowest point in the 19 years the statistic has been recorded; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's clean energy sector employs nearly 60,000 workers and is growing 50 percent faster than the rest of the economy; and
- WHEREAS: People in Minnesota are increasingly selecting electric vehicles, with electric vehicle registrations rising 50 percent in 2023; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is an energy efficiency leader in the Midwest, ranking as the 10th most energy efficient state in the nation and eighth in total generation from wind energy; and
- WHEREAS: Clean energy encompasses thriving business sectors including energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, clean fuels, energy storage, and advanced grid technologies that are critical to the health and economic growth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 23 – 27, 2024 as:

# CLEAN ENERGY 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE