STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in clean energy, the result of more than 40 initiatives signed into law by Governor Walz to reduce pollution and prepare communities for climate change; and

WHEREAS: Under the leadership of the Walz-Flanagan Administration and with the support of partners across sectors, the state created more than 60,000 clean energy jobs, prevented 3.5 million tons of CO2 emissions through weatherization and conservation upgrades, cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 16 percent, and utilized zero-carbon sources for more than half the state's power – more than any other Midwestern state; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, and has invested $100 million in climate-resilient community infrastructure, incentives for electric vehicles, and grants for expanding the use of solar; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is a leader in electric vehicle adoption in the Midwest, with the state more than tripling the percentage of electric vehicle sales; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Energy Alley initiative and emerging clean technologies are putting Minnesota at the forefront of burgeoning industries with rapidly growing global demand; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to advance low-carbon biofuel technologies, clean hydrogen, and is leading in sustainable aviation fuel, charting a course to global leadership in decarbonizing air travel; and

WHEREAS: One-third of Minnesota's electricity in 2025 was generated by renewable energy, and in the past five years, renewables accounted for 98% of all new capacity added; and

WHEREAS: Energy efficiency and clean energy are providing affordability, reliability, and resiliency to Minnesota's energy system while protecting the health of all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Clean Energy Week reminds us that with clean energy comes cleaner air, safer communities, and a strong, forward-looking economy powered by good-paying jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 15-19, 2026, 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 13th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE