



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The people employed by local refuse collection and hauling companies contracted by the State of Minnesota make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens, and it is appropriate to recognize these workers as First Responders; and

WHEREAS: With an area spanning 86,943 square miles and including thousands of miles of roads, Minnesota depends on the collection of waste and recyclables to promote a clean and safe community; and

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, many diseases have been eradicated due to higher public sanitation standards resulting from effective garbage disposal; and

WHEREAS: The proper collection and disposal of waste and recyclables are vital to preventing disease, litter, and dump heaps; and

WHEREAS: John Arwood, second-generation owner of Arwood Site Services, began the annual observance of National Garbage Man Day on June 17, 2012, which was renamed Waste and Recycling Workers Week in 2020; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the too often thankless job of waste and recycling workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12-19, 2022, as:

## WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE