



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Mississippi River is deeply woven into the traditions and lifeways of Indigenous peoples including the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations of Minnesota, sustaining communities and holding profound cultural significance; and

WHEREAS: The Mississippi River provides drinking water for over 20 million Americans and fuels local economies through commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreation; and

WHEREAS: The Mississippi River is the heart of a migratory flyway for 60% of North America's bird species and home to hundreds of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammal species, making it one of the world's most important ecological corridors; and

WHEREAS: Pollution, habitat destruction, and a changing climate threaten the health of the river and the communities that depend on it, requiring collaboration across states, agencies, individuals, communities, and organizations to restore and protect this natural treasure; and

WHEREAS: All are encouraged to celebrate, protect, and restore this incredible river by participating in events, and taking action for a cleaner, healthier future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 2, 2026, as:

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER DAY

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 May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE