



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Bats contribute to the ecology and economy of Minnesota by protecting forests and agriculture from crop-damaging insect pests and by providing the fundamental benefit of pollination; and

WHEREAS: Recent bat population losses in Minnesota from White-nose Syndrome and other factors require attention to ensure the sustainability of our food production systems and protect environmental and human health; and

WHEREAS: It is critically important to develop new public-private partnerships and increase engagement efforts to promote the health of bat populations, increase the quality and quantity of bat roosting and foraging habitat, and help restore bat populations to healthy levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 24-31, 2023, as:

BAT 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 19th day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State, Steve Simon