STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators play a vital role in emergency communications preparedness plans for the United States, the State of Minnesota, and many local government agencies; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations, including Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), are trained to provide effective emergency communication and support in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio operators donate time, equipment, and expertise to provide communication resources and support for many community and public events in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Amateur operators are trained in spotting and reporting severe weather to assist the National Weather Service and the State of Minnesota through the SKYWARN program; and

WHEREAS: Amateur radio clubs throughout Minnesota provide courses of instruction and assist elementary and high school students on amateur radio operations, enhancing student interest in science, geography, and physics, and providing opportunities for students to become licensed amateur radio operators; and

WHEREAS: Since 1933, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) – the largest membership association of amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States – has hosted an annual field day event bringing together more than 31,000 amateur radio operators in a test of emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS: The ARRL's 2025 field day will take place June 28-29, showcasing the skills, abilities, and readiness of amateur radio operators to provide emergency support to public agencies without additional infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 28 – 29, 2025, as:

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' RECOGNITION DAYS

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 25th day of June.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE