



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in Minnesota and across the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost important to the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: It takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, such as those found in grain bins; and
- WHEREAS: Due to increased training and public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapments declined until 2014. That year saw 38 documented entrapments nationally, resulting in 17 deaths; and
- WHEREAS: In 2018, there were 61 documented cases, an increase of 13% over the 54 cases reported in 2017. Of these cases, there were 30 documented grain entrapment cases. 50% of the 30 victims entrapped in grain ended up being a fatality; and
- WHEREAS: Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and
- WHEREAS: Grain operators, farmers, and employees are encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices; and
- WHEREAS: Through education and awareness, the State of Minnesota hopes to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 21-27, 2021, as:

GRAIN BIN SAFETY 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 12th day of February.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on February 12, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon