



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Animal shelters across Minnesota work tirelessly to save and care for dogs and cats in need, striving to ensure that every healthy or treatable animal finds a loving home; and
- WHEREAS: A commitment to adoption and responsible pet ownership helps Minnesota’s shelters achieve a lifesaving standard, with at least 90 percent of shelter animals leaving facilities alive; and
- WHEREAS: Increasing adoptions from shelters and rescues rather than purchasing from breeders or pet stores will further help Minnesota’s efforts to provide every animal with a loving home; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of loving and healthy animals are currently waiting in Minnesota shelters and rescues, and many organizations implement proven strategies to place companion animals in homes with Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Adopting a pet from a shelter strengthens communities, eases the strain on shelters, and promotes compassionate and responsible pet ownership across Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025, as:

SHELTER ANIMALS MONTH

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 26th day of September.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE