



Press Release

Minnesota Community Health Worker Day Proclamation

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GOVERNOR TIM WALZ TO PROCLAIM JULY 28 AS 'MINNESOTA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER DAY'

Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance Hosts Historic Capitol Celebration Honoring Essential Public Health Professionals Advancing Statewide Health Equity

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Governor Tim Walz will officially proclaim Tuesday, July 28, 2026, as **Minnesota Community Health Worker Day**, marking a historic milestone for the state's healthcare and public health sectors. The proclamation formally honors Community Health Workers (CHWs) for their vital contributions to improving health outcomes, advancing health equity, and strengthening connections between complex health systems and the diverse communities they serve.

To celebrate this milestone, the Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance (MNCHWA) invites CHWs, healthcare executives, policymakers, and community allies to a special public gathering at the **Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda on July 28, 2026, from 1:45 PM to 4:00 PM**. Governor Tim Walz has been invited to attend the event to sign the proclamation live during the ceremony.

Trusted Leaders and Proven Impact

Community Health Workers are trusted public health professionals who share the language, culture, and lived experiences of the communities they support. By addressing the social determinants of health, including language barriers, economic poverty, and geographic inequities, CHWs serve as vital navigators. Their dedicated outreach, care coordination, and preventive education ensure individuals access the right care at the right time, reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and delivering a proven 3-to-1 return on investment.

The initiative to secure this official state recognition was led by MNCHWA and inspired by fellow CHW and Minneapolis Ward 4 Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw, aiming to raise broad public awareness of the invaluable service CHWs provide.

Event Details & Media Attendance

The celebration will serve as an open space for frontline CHWs to share 3-to-5-minute impact stories demonstrating their grassroots work across Minnesota.

Where: Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155.

When: Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Public registration opens at 1:15 PM, and the formal program runs from 1:45 PM to 4:00 PM.



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Seating & RSVP: Limited seating will be provided. Attendees and guests, please complete an [individual RSVP online by the July 22, 2026 deadline](#).

Capitol Rules: Per Capitol regulations, food and beverages are strictly prohibited in the Rotunda; refreshments will not be served.

Parking: Public metered spaces are available nearby. After-hours event parking is located at the [State Capitol Ramp](#). Detailed maps can be found on the [State Administration Website](#).

Members of the press and media outlets are highly encouraged to attend. Camera crews and journalists will have direct access to capture the proclamation signing and interview frontline community health advocates, state leaders, and MNCHWA representatives.

For questions regarding event registration, media credentials, or interview availability, please contact Vonyee Howard at vonyee@mnchwalliance.org.

About the Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance (MNCHWA)

Founded in 2008, MNCHWA is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening and promoting the CHW workforce. Serving as the collaborative convener and unified voice for CHWs across Minnesota, the Alliance drives workforce integration, professional development, and sustainable policy to build healthier, more resilient communities. Learn more at mnchwalliance.org.

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