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## **Governor Tim Walz Proclaims Minnesota Grocers Association 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week**

St. Paul, MN, July 29, 2022 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is celebrating its 125 year anniversary of advancing. The association, formed in 1897, is incredibly proud of its years of serving, leading, and advancing the food industry of Minnesota. We are so pleased to announce Governor Walz, in an acknowledgment of our historic work, has proclaimed the week of July 31 – August 2, 2022, as Minnesota Grocers Association 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week in Minnesota – see Proclamation attached.

“Minnesota has a unique culture of hundreds of main street hometown grocers and convenience stores, many of which are independent, multi-generational, and locally-owned,” reads the proclamation issued by Governor Walz. “The grocery industry acts as the cornerstone of the communities it serves by donating thousands of hours in volunteer service and millions of dollars in food to local causes and charities, all while providing safe and nutritious food to all Minnesotans.”

“The MGA is proud of its role as a legacy organization, having served the industry for over a century. We work hard to further the priorities of the food industry in Minnesota and to support those companies doing business in our great state.” said Jamie Pfuhl, MGA President. “The historic value of having industry-specific representation is critically important. Our incredibly committed and engaged membership is the foundation for our decades of success.”

The MGA will be honoring this historic milestone at its 2022 Annual Conference in early August. The conference will be attended by over 350 grocers and vendors from all across the state at this three-day event.

*The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are a legacy organization, having served the industry for 125 years. We have over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

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STATE *of* MINNESOTA

*Proclamation*

- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a unique culture of hundreds of main street hometown grocers and convenience stores, many of which are independent, multi-generational, and locally-owned; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Grocers Association members include food producers, manufacturers, brokers, and wholesaler members who keep the food supply chain moving and store shelves stocked; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Grocers Association members employ over 150,000 union and non-union workers, supporting a robust workforce that provides opportunities for everyone from first-time job seekers to exceptional lifetime careers; and
- WHEREAS: The grocery industry acts as the cornerstone of the communities it serves by donating thousands of hours in volunteer service and millions of dollars in food to local causes and charities, all while providing safe and nutritious food to all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Grocers Association, one of the state's oldest trade associations, is celebrating 125 years of actively advancing the common interest of those engaged in all aspects of the food industry in Minnesota, from farm to fork; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 31-August 2, 2022, as:

MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION  
125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR