



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 25-11

Addressing Food Insecurity Among Veterans

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following executive order:

Over 280,000 veterans call Minnesota home, and we are committed to honoring their service and sacrifice and ensuring their well-being. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 13% of veterans who are enrolled in healthcare through the VA have reported food insecurity. Recent data from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families show that thousands of Minnesota veterans depend on federal food programs like SNAP to feed themselves and their families. Food insecurity persists among veterans across Minnesota due to economic, health, and access barriers. Given these existing conditions, along with the impact of the federal government shutdown, we need to take a new approach to address food insecurity for veterans.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs ("MDVA") delivers programs and services statewide and has already made significant progress in ending veteran homelessness by coordinating with partner organizations to identify gaps in the homelessness response system. MDVA is well positioned to coordinate efforts that improve reliable access to nutritious food for veterans, service members, and their families.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. MDVA may, to the maximum extent allowed by law, and within available resources:
 - a. Coordinate a statewide Veteran Food Pantry Network ("Network") focused on food insecurity throughout Minnesota that impacts Veterans, service members, and their families. The MDVA may utilize existing agency resources and programs to implement any aspect of this Executive Order.
 - b. Enter into agreements with nonprofit organizations, other government agencies, and private-sector entities ("Partners") to support the Network, including food sourcing, warehousing, transportation, volunteer coordination, and data reporting.
 - c. Accept gifts of nonperishable food items ("Donations") to support the Network under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 196.052. Consistent with Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.736, MDVA will not be liable for loss, damages,

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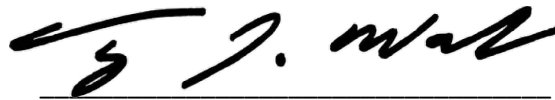
or destruction in connection with the distribution or consumption of the nonperishable Donations.

- d. Coordinate the development of operational standards related to storage, procurement, distribution, recordkeeping, coordination, and other such topics to ensure the Network operates efficiently, complements existing state programs, and avoids duplication of services. MDVA will refer to the Department of Administration's Property Management Policy and User Guide for a Consumable Inventory while the Donations are under the management and control of MDVA.
2. Distributions of nonperishable food items will be made to Partners in accordance with the terms and conditions in their agreements with MDVA, and such distribution is exempt from the State's surplus property disposal process, thereby ensuring efficient access for Minnesota's veterans, service members, and their families a path forward to managing food insecurity.

This Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on November 11, 2025.



Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

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