

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 23-06

Rescinding Executive Order 21-25; Amending Executive Orders 22-16 and 23-03

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:

On July 15, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-25, protecting Minnesotans from a range of unsafe and discredited therapeutic practices commonly known as “conversion therapy.” Executive Order 21-25 required collective work from state agencies to protect Minnesotans, particularly minors and vulnerable adults, from these practices, which have been rejected by every leading scientific, medical, and educational association. Executive Order 21-25 recognized that everyone in Minnesota deserves protection from these practices.

When I signed Executive Order 21-25, I called on the Legislature to implement a comprehensive ban on conversion therapy in Minnesota. Today I was proud to sign a bill into law that prohibits conversion therapy. Because Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 28, prohibits conversion therapy in Minnesota, Executive Order 21-25 is no longer necessary.

On June 25, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-16, clarifying that, in the wake of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, reproductive freedom remained a right in Minnesota. Executive Order 22-16 states that Minnesota is committed to protecting access to reproductive health care services. In addition to requiring state agency actions, Executive Order 22-16 also explained that, to the maximum extent possible, I would exercise my discretion and decline requests to extradite individuals accused of crimes related to seeking, securing, or providing reproductive health care services.

When I signed Executive Order 22-16, I asked the Legislature to make Minnesota’s constitutional right to reproductive freedom law. Earlier this year, I signed the PRO Act, which ensures that Minnesotans have the freedom to make their own health care decisions and protects Minnesotans’ rights to vital reproductive health care services. Today I was proud to sign a bill into law that further protects Minnesotans’ reproductive health care rights. Because Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 31, codifies the duties of the Governor in extradition matters relating to reproductive health care services, the part of Executive Order 22-16 related to extraditions is no longer necessary.

On March 8, 2023, I issued Executive Order 23-03, aiming to ensure that LGBTQIA+ Minnesotans could seek and receive gender affirming health care services. Executive Order 23-03 makes clear that every person in Minnesota should feel valued, seen, heard, and respected. In addition to requiring state agency actions, Executive Order 23-03 also explained that, to the maximum extent possible, I would exercise my discretion and decline requests to extradite individuals accused of crimes related to seeking, securing, or providing gender affirming health care services.

When I signed Executive Order 23-03, I urged the Legislature to codify protections and help make all members of Minnesota's LGBTQIA+ community feel safe and welcome. Today I was proud to sign a bill into law that expands Minnesota's protections of gender affirming health care. Because Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 29, codifies the duties of the Governor in extradition matters relating to gender affirming health care services, the part of Executive Order 23-03 related to extraditions is no longer necessary.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Executive Order 21-25 is rescinded.
2. Paragraph 4 of Executive Order 22-16 is rescinded. All other provisions of Executive Order 22-16 remain in full force and effect.
3. Paragraph 6 of Executive Order 23-03 is rescinded. All other provisions of Executive Order 23-03 remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State.

Signed on April 27, 2023.



Tim Walz
Governor

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