

## COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AGAINST FRAUD

As commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, I want to be unequivocally clear: fraud, waste and abuse have no place in this department or in the services we provide to Minnesotans. These acts are not just violations of law or policy — they erode the trust that is fundamental to our mission of serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota. When public resources meant to protect and support our communities are misused, every Minnesotan pays the price. This is why I am personally committed to leading a culture where integrity is expected, accountability is enforced and every report of misconduct is taken seriously. We will confront these threats head-on, strengthen our safeguards and ensure DPS remains an agency worthy of the responsibility the public has entrusted to us.

As commissioner, I affirm my personal and official support of policies and practices that:

### **Maintain a zero-tolerance culture**

- Anyone who works with DPS must comply with relevant federal, state and local laws, and uphold the highest ethical standards. This includes employees, contractors, partners and other stakeholders. Fraud, waste and abuse will not be tolerated. Those found violating the law or our ethics will face disciplinary or legal action as appropriate.

### **Implement robust preventative controls**

- DPS will use a combination of tools to root out fraud, waste and abuse. Tools will include risk assessments, internal audits, due diligence and technology systems for each specific fraud type. The tools and our processes will assist us in preventing and identifying potential instances of fraud, waste and abuse.

### **Promote awareness and training**

- DPS will work to make sure anyone who works with us can recognize, help prevent and report suspected fraud, waste and abuse. This will include regular and repeatable training for employees and contractors and a public-facing communications plan on how to report suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

### **Ensure reporting and investigation**

- DPS will take all reports of suspected fraud, waste and abuse seriously. We will investigate allegations promptly. In the event wrongdoing took place, we'll work with relevant authorities to address the matter.



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## Foster collaboration and information sharing

- DPS is strongest when we work across divisions and with our external partners. Sharing information and best practices, coordinating processes and systems, and strengthening our collective responses ensures we can prevent, identify and investigate fraud, waste and abuse promptly and efficiently.

## Perform regular evaluation and continuous improvement

- DPS will review, analyze and evaluate its efforts in preventing and identifying fraud, waste and abuse. Results will be used to improve and enhance our policies, processes and systems.

By adhering to these principles, DPS reaffirms our dedication to protecting public resources and fostering trust in the programs, services and grants we oversee. We are committed to a culture of vigilance and accountability in the pursuit of preventing, identifying and investigating fraud, waste and abuse.

Commissioner Signature  Date 5/28/26

