

# City of Stillwater, Minnesota

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, young people are the promise of tomorrow, carrying within them the dreams, talents, and potential to shape a brighter, more compassionate community as we build a city that works for all of us; and*

*WHEREAS, the encouragement, guidance, and belief of caring adults can change the course of a young person's life, turning uncertainty into confidence and hope into actions; and*

*WHEREAS, Optimist International and its dedicated Clubs and Members are committed to bringing out the best in youth by fostering optimism, leadership, integrity, and service through meaningful programs, mentorship, and community involvement; and*

*WHEREAS, Optimist Day is celebrated throughout the world annually on the first Thursday of February, serving as a powerful reminder that each of us can choose optimism in action and make a positive difference; and*

*WHEREAS, this special day invites individuals, communities, and organizations to honor and recognize Optimist Clubs and Members locally and worldwide for their year-round dedication to promoting optimism and strengthening youth, communities, and ourselves; and*

*WHEREAS, the spirit of optimism teaches us that even in challenging times, hope paired with action can uplift hearts, inspire confidence, and create lasting change for generations to come.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim **February 5, 2026** as*

### *~ Optimist Day ~*

*in Stillwater, and encourage all citizens to join together to celebrate and thank those who work to support the health and vitality of our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 20th day of January, 2026.*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ted Kozlowski".

*Mayor*