

## **10 Reasons Why MN Governor Tim Walz Is Rising to Top of Kamala's VP Choices**

Here are 10 reasons why Minnesota Governor Tim Walz is suddenly emerging as one of VP Harris's top choices for her running mate – perhaps her top choice:

- Tim Walz is one of the very few truly authentic politicians, who knows who he is, and never vacillates on what he believes.
- He comes from rural Nebraska and understands the needs of working-class people and small town America in ways that big city politicians never can.
- He taught school and coached football for 20 years in Mankato MN.
- He served in the U.S. Army for 24 years, including tours in Europe.
- Five times he was elected to Congress in Minnesota's traditionally Republican, rural 1<sup>st</sup> district.
- As Governor for two terms, he has led the state through Covid challenges, the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, and guided the legislature to pass many people-oriented bills in women's rights, care for children, and health care while producing a fiscal surplus.
- Nationally, he currently chairs the Democratic Governors Association, so he knows the needs of governors, especially in Blue Wall states like Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
- He is a moderate who has worked to support Minnesota businesses as well as the needs of working people. As a result, Minnesota is ranked as "the friendliest state for business" outside of 5 Southern states, and Minneapolis is ranked #1 as "the happiest state in the nation."
- He has a great relationship with VP Harris and would be a great teammate for her.
- As Vice President, he would follow in the great tradition of Hubert Humphrey and Walter Mondale.