



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The land on which the Minnesota State Capitol and Capitol Mall stand is the homeland of the Dakota people; and

WHEREAS: The eleven federally recognized Tribes in the State of Minnesota are vital communities that contribute to the cultural, economic, and civic fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Capitol Mall is a place where all people are welcomed and where the stories of our diverse communities are honored; and

WHEREAS: The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board authorized the creation of the Tribal Flag Plaza in May 2024 on the Capitol Mall, as envisioned in the Capitol Mall Design Framework, to honor and recognize the eleven federally recognized sovereign Tribal Nations whose homelands and borders are shared with the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota established a Tribal Flag Plaza on the Capitol Mall where the flags, names and symbols and of each of the eleven Tribes are now permanently displayed, including: Cansa'yapi/ Lower Sioux Indian Community; Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation; Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Gichi Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Mdewakanton / Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Miskwaagamiiwi- Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation; Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Pezihutazizi Oyate / Upper Sioux Community; Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community; Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa; and

WHEREAS: Tribal Nations were included during the design of the Tribal Flag Plaza and chose the plantings at the base of each flagpole and the white pine trees; and

WHEREAS: The arc of the plaza is part of the Capitol Mall Design Framework, where all are welcome – all may gather to learn, reflect, and celebrate; and

WHEREAS: With deep respect and commitment, Minnesota raises these flags as a symbol of the government-to-government relationship with the Tribal Nations and as an affirmation that this plaza and the Capitol Mall as a whole be a shared place of serenity, joy, and freedom of expression for all people in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 5, 2025, as:

TRIBAL FLAG PLAZA DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5th day of September.

Tim Walz
GOVERNOR

Steve Simon
SECRETARY OF STATE