



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976 to help states and communities assist low-income families in having more energy-efficient, safe, and healthy homes; and
- WHEREAS: The average American family spends more than \$1,740 annually on utility bills, with some low-income families in Minnesota seeing an energy burden of 20-25% of their income – a cost that is steadily rising and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program, using federal, state, local, and private dollars, benefits households and communities across the nation by providing cost-effective, energy efficient retrofits to homes occupied by eligible low-income Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce in cooperation with the network of local service providers, Community Action Agencies, non-profit organizations, and tribal and local governments across the state, this program has reduced the energy costs by an average of 15% in more than 49,000 homes since 2005, positively impacting more than 135,000 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program is nationally recognized as a job creation program and can help alleviate the unemployment and economic crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS: Because of its proven effectiveness and recognized potential to serve the common good, the program has gained the growing support of public and private interests; and
- WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of our government and others in the public and private sectors to work together to support and strengthen this program that has done so much in our state for the betterment of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 30, 2020, as:

## WEATHERIZATION 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 1, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon