STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Small Business Development Centers' (SBDC) mission is to help entrepreneurs start and grow businesses that succeed; and

WHEREAS: Starting and owning a small business fulfills the dreams and aspirations of men, women, veterans, minorities, students, old, young, and those with disabilities from every culture and every walk of life; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the very lifeblood of the Minnesota economy, providing not only the basic essentials of life, but also intellectual stimulation, social interaction, and connection to our communities; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota SBDC provided 37,000 professional consulting hours at no cost to over 3,700 Minnesota entrepreneurs and businesses in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota SBDC clients created 228 new small businesses, accessed $136 million in new capital investment, created or saved more than 5,800 jobs, and grew revenues by more than $81 million in 2018; and

WHEREAS: More than 1,000 SBDC centers around the country are collaborating together today to celebrate small business successes in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 20, 2019, as:

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS 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 13th day of March.

GOVERNOR

Steve Simon

SECRETARY OF STATE