



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 Minnesotans from every culture and every walk of life; and
- WHEREAS: Small businesses are the lifeblood of the Minnesota economy, providing not only the essentials of life, but also intellectual stimulation, social interaction and interpersonal connection to our communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota SBDC provided 33,000 professional consulting hours at no cost to more than 3,700 Minnesota entrepreneurs and businesses in 2019; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota SBDC clients created 173 new small businesses, accessed \$153 million in new capital investment, created or saved more than 5,700 jobs, and grew revenues by more than \$20 million in 2019; and
- WHEREAS: More than 1,000 SBDC locations around the country are celebrating their 40th anniversary on this SBDC Day to recognize the importance of small business successes in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 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 6th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE