



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Information Technology is critically important to Minnesota's economy and a key component of an innovative and dynamic ecosystem critical to the state's current and future economic success; and
- WHEREAS: The key role of Information Technology workers has been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic, through their work supporting virtual learning, online commerce, and many other essential functions to help society continue to function in a safe and socially distant way; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota is home to about 110,000 people working in Information Technology occupations, 3.8% of total employment in Minnesota, while the national average for such occupations is about 3.4%; and
- WHEREAS: Employment in computer occupations is projected to grow 10.5% between 2018 and 2028 in Minnesota, while the average job growth of all occupations in the state is 4.7%; and
- WHEREAS: High demand for Information Technology workers means high wages for many in the field – the median hourly wage for Information Technology occupations was \$42.71 an hour in 2020, more than \$20 an hour higher than the median for all occupations in the state; and
- WHEREAS: We need to continue to raise awareness, overcome barriers, and welcome Minnesotans from all backgrounds to explore and succeed in Information Technology careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as:

TECHNOLOGY MONTH

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 30th day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on March 30, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon