



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Transit systems throughout Minnesota have provided hundreds of thousands of daily rides to essential workers and others who depend on their services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are grateful for the service of our transit workers, who have bravely and tirelessly operated and maintained our transit system to keep it functioning under extraordinary circumstances; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota buses and trains not only connect our communities but move us towards a more inclusive Minnesota that affirms shared opportunity for people of every race, ability, age, income, gender, and zip code; and
- WHEREAS: Transit advances equity by enhancing mobility and providing access to jobs, health care, education, social services, and all the needs of daily life in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: February 4 marks the birthday of Rosa Parks, a civil rights pioneer whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama eventually led to the desegregation of transit systems across America; and
- WHEREAS: Transit access is critical to addressing long-standing inequities and ensuring needs in communities of color are fully and fairly met,
- WHEREAS: While the State of Minnesota has made great strides in transit equity, we are committed to the continued improvement of transit accessibility and equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 4, 2022, as:

## TRANSIT EQUITY 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE