



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 children are born with a congenital heart defect; and
- WHEREAS: The medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths and Minnesota requires that all newborns be screened for some of the most serious heart defects shortly after birth; and
- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and
- WHEREAS: Increased medical research may provide more information about the causes, symptoms, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects; and
- WHEREAS: It is crucial that parents, physicians, and those in health professions have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and children affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how these defects impact Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of, February 7-14, 2020, as:

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

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 January.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Tim Walz, the Governor of Minnesota.

GOVERNOR

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Steve Pinn, the Secretary of State of Minnesota.

SECRETARY OF STATE