



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Araminta "Harriet Tubman" Ross was born in March 1822 in Dorchester County, Maryland on the plantation where her parents were enslaved; and
- WHEREAS: After escaping from slavery herself in 1849, Harriet Tubman led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad. She became known as the "Moses of her People" through her social and political activism to help ensure that our nation always honored its promise of liberty and opportunity for all; and
- WHEREAS: In the U.S. Civil War, Harriet Tubman supported the Union forces as a scout, spy, and nurse to African American soldiers on battlefields; and
- WHEREAS: After the war, she purchased a farm in Auburn, New York, and established the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged, which anchored the remaining years of her life. Her home and estate are part of the Harriet Tubman Historical Park in Auburn, New York; and
- WHEREAS: Harriet Tubman was an active proponent of women's suffrage and worked alongside women such as Susan B. Anthony; and
- WHEREAS: Harriet Tubman continued working for justice and for the cause of human dignity until her death on March 10, 1912. She was buried with military honors in Fort Hill Cemetery in New York; and
- WHEREAS: Both U.S. Presidents George H.W. Bush and Barack Obama signed proclamations to honor Harriet Tubman's life, work, and accomplishments for our country; and
- WHEREAS: On February 17 2021, the U.S. Senate passed the Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act requiring the Department of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating Harriet. The Treasury is redesigning the \$20 bill to put Tubman on the new note. The plan was first announced in former President Barack Obama's administration. President Joe Biden renewed that commitment shortly after taking office in 2021; and
- WHEREAS: Not all Americans experience the democratic process in the same way. Minnesota is fortunate to have a strong network of community organizations committed to promoting justice and freedom for all citizens in honor of Harriet Tubman's legacy; and
- WHEREAS: In observance of the 200th anniversary of her birth in March, we remember Harriet Tubman's commitment to freedom and rededicate ourselves to the timeless principles she upheld.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 10, 2022, as:

HARRIET TUBMAN BICENTENNIAL 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 7th day of March.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Dinn in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE