



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Kate DiCamillo is an internationally recognized author of dozens of children's books, such as *The Tale of Despereaux* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*, who has called Minnesota her home for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS: She has made and continues to make significant investments in Minnesota communities by promoting literacy and supporting access to books; and

WHEREAS: DiCamillo has over 30 million books in print worldwide, many of which have inspired motion pictures, stage productions, and an opera premiering at the Minnesota Opera; and

WHEREAS: DiCamillo has worked with the local non-profit Little Free Libraries to raise awareness for literacy and supported many of the Minneapolis Public School District's programs including this March's One Book selection that provided all fourth graders with a free copy of *Because of Winn-Dixie*; and

WHEREAS: DiCamillo has received numerous awards and accolades for her work including the McKnight Artist Fellowship for Writers, two Newbery Medals, the Newbery Honor, two National Book Award Finalists, the Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Award, the Hedgie Award, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award, the Parent's Choice Gold Award, the Regina Medal, as well as achieving New York Times Best Seller status multiple times, and serving as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and the National Summer Reading Champion; and

WHEREAS: DiCamillo devotes her time, resources, and passion to her local community while also representing Minnesota to the world through her inspirational stories of hope, belief, courage, and determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 29, 2020 as:

KATE DICAMILLO 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 28th day of February.

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 Peggy Fluke, the Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR