



## STATE of MINNESOTA

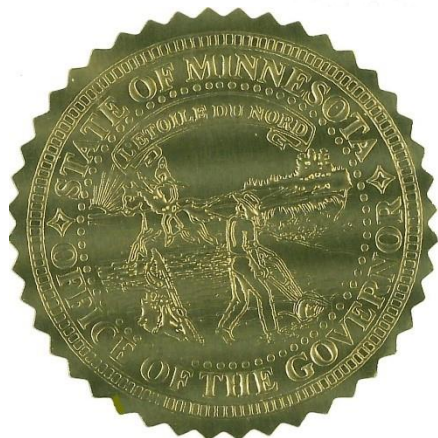
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence impacts every person in every community in Minnesota, and the many voices of victims and survivors of sexual violence must be supported and heard; and
- WHEREAS: Community advocates have spent decades working to create a safe and supportive environment for victims and survivors, and victims and survivors need continued care and resources; and
- WHEREAS: Every victim's and survivor's response are unique, and every victim and survivor have the right to receive support and understanding from friends, families, and their communities; as well as from medical, legal, social services, and criminal justice systems; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Indigenous, transgender, women, and youth populations are among the communities most heavily affected by sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: Many victims continue to face challenges in finding appropriate or quality services; and
- WHEREAS: Sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, ableism, religious oppression, and ageism are among the root causes of sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: Every child deserves to grow up in an environment that supports their ability to reach their full potential and where sexual violence is not tolerated; and
- WHEREAS: A growing number of Minnesotan leaders are committed to sexual violence prevention, and all Minnesotans must commit our time, efforts, and resources to prevent and respond to sexual violence in our communities.

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

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on March 31, 2021  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon