



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The land now known as the State of Minnesota is home to American Indian People that have occupied this land since time immemorial and without whom, the building of this state would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota includes a vibrant and diverse American Indian community comprised of 11 sovereign tribal governments with unique government-to-government relationships with the State of Minnesota, as well as robust urban American Indian communities that include tribal affiliations from across the country; and

WHEREAS: The State recognizes the essential nature of the contributions that American Indian people make which provide benefit to all Minnesotans, including traditional knowledge, experience, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, arts, as well as their cultural belief system that recognizes Indigenous peoples as protectors and stewards of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS: The State recognizes the need for greater understanding of history, culture, and contributions of American Indians in Minnesota and the need to preserve this heritage by promoting practices and policies that honor and reflect the experiences of American Indians to ensure access, promote justice and equity, and support solutions to address disparities, and share and learn through cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS: The American Indian community seeks to celebrate its tribal heritage and commemorate its ancestors and future generations through cultural events and exchanges throughout the month of May.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as:

## AMERICAN INDIAN 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE