



## STATE of MINNESOTA

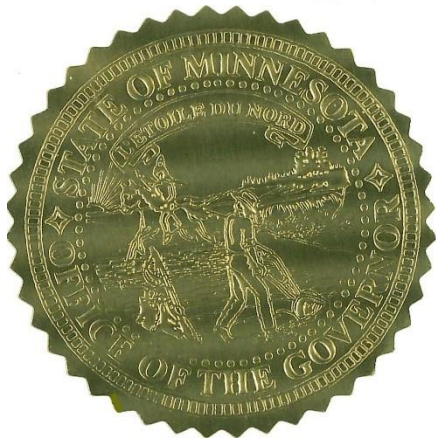
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: American Indian Month is celebrated every year in the month of May to recognize American Indian cultures, contributions, history, traditions, art, and land; and
- WHEREAS: The history and culture of the state of Minnesota is intertwined with the history of American Indians, and by its many surrounding American Indian Tribes whose customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout our region; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is located on the ancestral and contemporary lands of American Indian people, specifically the Anishinaabe and Dakota people, and holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota honors and celebrates the many American Indian Minnesotans that remind us daily of our rich American Indian heritage including Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, Ojibwe, the highest elected American Indian woman in the United States; Henry Boucha, Ojibwe, Centerman for the Detroit Red Wings and one of six medaled Native American Olympic athletes; Louise Erdrich, Chippewa, author of fifteen novels, winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award; Ohiyesa, also known as Charles Alexander Eastman, Dakota, physician and famed published author; that remind us daily of our rich American Indian heritage; and
- WHEREAS: In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month, we encourage everyone to join in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions the American Indian community has made to our society and salute all the local organizations who work with and in support of the American Indian community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2020 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on May 3, 2021  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon