STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: American Indian Month is celebrated in Minnesota each May to recognize American Indian history, cultures, contributions, art, and ways of life; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is located on the ancestral and contemporary lands of American Indian people, specifically the Dakota and Anishinaabe people, and this land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for them; and

WHEREAS: The history and culture of Minnesota is intertwined with the history of the Indigenous Peoples of these lands, including the 11 sovereign Tribal Nations, all of whose customs and traditions are part of a rich legacy throughout our state; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota honors and celebrates the many American Indian organizations that provide vital resources, celebrate culture, preserve traditions, invest in language revitalization, and host robust activities and events during the month of May – and year-round – in support of American Indian people and their cultures across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota celebrates the immeasurable contributions and achievements made by American Indian people that have enriched our state and encourages all people to learn more about Indigenous communities through research, stories from American Indian people, and participation in American Indian Month activities and events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2025 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 30th day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE