

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The third Thursday of May is designated as Global Accessibility Awareness Day,

a day to get everyone talking, learning, and thinking about inclusive digital

practices; and

WHEREAS:

More than half a million Minnesotans, or approximately 11%, report having one or more disabilities, underlining the importance of building a world where people with disabilities have the opportunities, independence, and respect they

deserve; and

WHEREAS:

Executive Order 19-01 states that all Minnesota residents have a right to

equitable access to government services and employment opportunities, whether

in person or online; and

WHEREAS:

By supporting accessible technology, we ensure that everyone, including those living with a disability, has access to the same information and government services with readable content, usable interfaces, superior search results, and

effective mobile access; and

WHEREAS:

Creating accessible digital content and services is a shared responsibility as is  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =$ 

enlightening others about digital access and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 18, 2023, as:

## DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE