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 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 10th day of May.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE