



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: George Floyd was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on October 14, 1973, later moved to Texas, and as an adult made Minnesota his home; and
- WHEREAS: On May 25, 2020, one year ago, George Floyd, was murdered by Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota—an event that was captured in video by community members; and
- WHEREAS: George Floyd's murder ignited a global movement and awakened many Minnesotans and people around the world to the systemic racism that our Black communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color have known for centuries; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize that longstanding systemic racism has threatened the dignity of our state's Black communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color; and
- WHEREAS: On April 20, 2021, a jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of George Floyd's murder; and
- WHEREAS: This historic verdict was a step in the right direction, but our work to dismantle systematic racism and discrimination has not ended; and
- WHEREAS: True justice for George Floyd will come only through real, systemic change to prevent acts like this from happening again—when every member of every community, no matter their race, is safe, valued, and protected; and
- WHEREAS: We must continue do everything in our power to come together to deconstruct and undo generations of systemic racism in our state so that every Minnesotan has the opportunity to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby ask and encourage everyone in our State to join me in a moment of silence at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for 9 minutes and 29 seconds, to honor George Floyd and every person whose life has been cut short due to systems of racism and discrimination in 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 24th day of May.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on May 24, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon