



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Gabriele "Gabe" Ivy Grunewald was born on June 25, 1986 in Perham, Minnesota and became a champion on the track and in life, inspiring hope through her resilience and resolve in competing while facing a rare cancer; and

WHEREAS:

Despite this cancer diagnosis and numerous interruptions to her training, Gabe was an All-American runner who holds the University of Minnesota school record in the 1500 meter, was the 2014 U.S. Indoor 3k Champion, and is the 12th fastest women in U.S. history in the 1500 meter; and

WHEREAS:

Gabe's tenacity and commitment to helping others in all situations led her to create the Brave Like Gabe Foundation that raises money for rare cancer research and empowers all cancer survivors to persevere amidst adverse situations and find beauty in things that make them feel most alive; and

WHEREAS:

Gabe's impact lives on in the hundreds of thousands of people she encouraged to find unexpected triumphs and joy in between the struggles and that "life with a rare, incurable cancer, on certain special days, can be a life lived in technicolor.;" and

WHEREAS:

Today, the people of Minnesota honor her grit, love, spirit, resiliency, and bravery and thank Gabe for the hope she shared and inspired in all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 25, 2019 as:

GABE 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 21st day of June.

A black ink signature of Tim Walz, the Governor of Minnesota, placed over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Steve Simon, the Secretary of State of Minnesota, placed over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE