



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to the full and equal participation of all people, and believes in a future where every person has the opportunity to lead a dignified, self-determined, and accessible life; and

WHEREAS: Margot Imdieke Cross, a fearless, tenacious, and unwavering champion for disability rights, dedicated her life to dismantling barriers and building a more just, accessible world; and

WHEREAS: Margot's steadfast resolve and expert guidance have left a permanent mark on Minnesota's public infrastructure — anyone who has used accessible parking, voted at an accessible polling place, enjoyed access at U.S. Bank Stadium or Target Field, used public transportation, spent time at a state park, or visited the renovated State Capitol has directly benefited from her work; and

WHEREAS: Margot consulted with hundreds of professionals and elected officials, including legislators, mayors, city councils, institutions of higher education, hospitals, libraries, art organizations, chambers of commerce, business owners, building officials, architects, and emergency managers to ensure people with disabilities were not left out of plans; and

WHEREAS: Margot Imdieke Cross was known to never turn her back on her beloved disability community, answering every single individual with a disability that reached out to her during her storied career; and

WHEREAS: As a celebrated leader and accessibility specialist for the Minnesota Council on Disability, Margot was a respected, go-to expert who was present at the historic signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 and dedicated her career to turning its promise into a lived reality across our state; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Council on Disability has established a new meeting space that is a model of inclusivity, universally designed with features such as assistive listening technology, a flexible seating system, and height adjustable tables to ensure that, in the spirit of its new namesake, it is a place where "everyone is — and all ways — welcome."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 26, 2025, as:

MARGOT IMDIEKE CROSS 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 24th day of June.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE