



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Disability Pride Month is observed in July to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, approximately 668,000 people – or 12 percent of the population — have a disability; in the United States, nearly one in four adults have a disability; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that we create accessible spaces throughout our communities to accommodate the needs of all people; and

WHEREAS: People with disabilities are valued and vibrant members of Minnesota's communities who contribute to the art, economy, and culture of our state; and

WHEREAS: People with disabilities have a right to live full, integrated lives in their neighborhood or community of choice; and

WHEREAS: People with disabilities hold diverse and intersectional identities, and share a community and culture that is built around their lived experiences and personal empowerment; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota acknowledges the long history of isolation and discrimination against people with disabilities and recognizes decades of historic and nationally renowned activism and advocacy efforts led by the disability community for the disability community; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota acknowledges that the ADA is only the starting point, and there remains significant room for progress toward fully equitable, accessible, and inclusive communities for all people with disabilities in our state; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to join members of the disability community as we unite to celebrate what makes each person a valuable part of our communities and work to make Minnesota a more inclusive and accessible state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 2025 as:

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

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 1st day of July.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE