



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Igbos are one of the major ethnic groups of Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: There are thousands of Igbo residents in Minnesota, some of whom have lived in Minnesota for more than forty years; and
- WHEREAS: In 1985, the Igbos in Minnesota formed the non-profit organization Umunne Cultural Association of Minnesota to unite and educate Igbos, their families, and all Minnesotans about Igbo culture, art, music and values through community activities; and
- WHEREAS: Umunne Cultural Association has been involved with causes such as breast cancer, education, the arts, volunteering in local schools and organizations, book drives, and cultural performances at local festivals; and
- WHEREAS: Umunne Cultural Association hosted the first IgboFest in 1994 in order to celebrate the rich heritage of the Igbos and educate Minnesotans about their culture; and
- WHEREAS: Umunne Cultural Association is celebrating the twenty-sixth annual IgboFest on August 10, 2019 at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 10, 2019, as:

IGBO 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 5th day of August.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely representing the Governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz.

GOVERNOR

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely representing the Secretary of State, Steve Pimm.

SECRETARY OF STATE