



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: India celebrates its 77th year of sovereignty on August 15, 2024, commemorating the date the nation won independence from the British in 1947; and

WHEREAS: India is the largest democracy in the world, home to nearly one-fifth of the world's population, with extraordinary diversity and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota officially welcomed Asian Indian immigrants following the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and now is home to an Asian Indian community of around 52,000 people; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Indian ancestry work today as educators, business owners, health care providers, technology entrepreneurs, and artists contributing to economic growth across the state; and

WHEREAS: On August 17, 2024, the India Association of Minnesota will host IndiaFest on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds to commemorate and celebrate the diverse culture, heritage, and traditions of India through cultural attire, music, dance, and food; and

WHEREAS: IndiaFest provides an opportunity for Minnesotans of Indian ancestry to showcase their ethnic roots and contributions to the vitality of Minnesota, and for all Minnesotans to learn about and appreciate this community's culture and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 15, 2024, as:

INDIA 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 13th day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz", is positioned above the title "GOVERNOR".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon", is positioned above the title "SECRETARY OF STATE".

SECRETARY OF STATE