



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is weathering the “long winter” known as COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: First responders, state employees, and essential workers are on the frontlines working tirelessly and fearlessly to protect our communities and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: On March 21, 2020, we mourned the first death due to COVID-19 in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: As of August 18, 2020, 1,721 of our mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, friends and neighbors, have passed due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: Deaths due to COVID-19 are disproportionately affecting Indigenous communities, communities of color, people experiencing homelessness, older adults, and individuals with pre-existing conditions and disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: We come together as one community in these challenging moments to mourn and support each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, to remember, mourn, and honor the lives lost due to COVID-19.



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 18th day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon