



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Student parents are individuals who are parenting, pregnant, or caring for children while attending postsecondary institutions; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States, student parents make up approximately one in five undergraduate students; and
- WHEREAS: Seventy percent of student parents in the United States are women, and 43% of student parents are single mothers, with nearly half of these student parents being first-generation college students; and
- WHEREAS: Student parents are high academic performers, often maintaining similar or higher GPAs compared with their non-parenting peers; and
- WHEREAS: Balancing academics, employment, and caregiving requires extraordinary effort, and nearly two-thirds of student parents do so while living with incomes at, below, or near the federal poverty level; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, single parents who graduate with an associate or bachelor's degree are up to 75 percent less likely to live in poverty than those with only a high school diploma; and
- WHEREAS: Students navigate challenges such as limited access to affordable childcare and housing and balancing work, family, and school responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of September, people in Minnesota are invited to learn about, support, and celebrate student parents and their families for their resilience, dedication, and the valuable contributions they bring to our postsecondary institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025, as:

STUDENT PARENT 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 29th of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE