



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Great Lakes system, including Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and the St. Lawrence River, is a globally significant resource and ecosystem, holding 21 percent of the world's surface freshwater; and
- WHEREAS: The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River provide drinking water to more than 48 million, and supply 56 billion gallons of water per day for municipal, agricultural, and industrial use; and
- WHEREAS: Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces have had an enduring commitment to work together to protect and enhance the Great Lakes and their environment and economy under the Great Lakes Basin Compact of 1955, and the United States and Canada are committed to work together with the states and provinces under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1972; and
- WHEREAS: Lake Superior is located on ancestral and contemporary land that has been cared for and called home by the Anishinaabe people, and the Dakota people before them. The land surrounding Lake Superior holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of the region; and
- WHEREAS: The Great Lakes system is an economic powerhouse for the region, supporting industries; and
- WHEREAS: The waters and shoreline of the Great Lakes system provide exceptional habitat for thousands of species of native mammals, birds, amphibians, fish, and plants; and
- WHEREAS: The Great Lakes basin is home to numerous beaches, parks, forests, harbors, marinas, piers, lighthouses, boardwalks, and islands that provide recreational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to continue working in partnership with other Great Lakes states, provinces, Tribal Nations, and Canada to protect the water quality of Lake Superior and other Great Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 7, 2019, as:

GREAT LAKES 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 6th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE