



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Latine community is an integral part of the well-being, success, and history of Minnesota, comprised of unique identities and cultures that help shape our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Latina, Latino, and Latine leaders hold significant roles across diverse sectors in Minnesota, serving as role models and contributing to the social cohesion of our communities. Their participation spans volunteering, nonprofit work, entrepreneurship, health care, agriculture, the arts, public service, and much more; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2024, Governor Walz appointed Latino judge Luis Rangel Morales to the First Judicial District Court. Morales brings exceptional legal acumen and lived experience, ensuring the equitable administration of justice; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota is home to more than 370,711 people who self-identify as Hispanic or Latine, accounting for 6.5% of the state's total population; and
- WHEREAS:** The Minnesota census counted the first Mexicans living in Minnesota in 1880, and migrants from Mexico and other Latin American countries have worked in the sugar beet fields of greater Minnesota since as early as the 1910s, contributing to the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** September 15 marks the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18; and
- WHEREAS:** Latine Heritage Month is a time to learn about the resiliency and vibrancy of Latine communities and the challenges they have overcome to advance progress in science, commerce, agriculture, medicine, education, philanthropy, social justice, and the arts; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota remains committed to ensuring that Latine communities have every opportunity to achieve their dreams and feel welcomed and embraced in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Beginning September 15, we not only celebrate Latine heritage, but also commemorate the significant milestones, histories, achievements, and contributions, that hold profound importance for both the Latine community and the state of Minnesota. This collective recognition fosters health, prosperity, and unity for all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 15, to Tuesday, October 15, 2024, as:

LATINE HERITAGE 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 15th day of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE