



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Native American Elders are the revered keepers of their communities' traditions and cultural knowledge, connecting younger generations to traditional medicines and ceremonies; and

WHEREAS: Native American Elders share the valuable lessons learned during their rich lives, rooted in traditional teachings and guidance; and

WHEREAS: Native American Elders connect the past, present, and future with creation stories, healing rooted in cultural beliefs, and by sharing lived experiences that strengthen familial bonds, ensuring that traditional teachings and language are not lost; and

WHEREAS: Native American Elders help their communities heal from generational injury and injustice through advocacy, truth-telling, education, and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota honors Native American Elders for their resilience and courage in preserving language, traditions, and culture for future generations; and

WHEREAS: We recognize and celebrate Native American Elders for their contributions in Tribal Nations, Urban Native communities, and in all communities across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota remains committed to ensuring that all Native American Elders can age with dignity and respect and are celebrated for their continued leadership and contributions to Minnesota's rich cultural history.

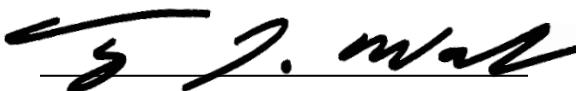
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 17, 2025, as:

NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS 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 20th day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE