



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The area known today as Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been called home by the Anishinaabe and Dakota People since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS: "Minnesota" is derived from the Dakota phrase "Mni Sota Maḵoċe," which translates to "Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds"; and
- WHEREAS: The Anishinaabe and Dakota peoples who resided on this land prior to the arrival of European settlers experienced a history of interactions with Europeans and Euro-American settlers defined by violence, broken promises, displacement, deprivation, and disease. This is a history that we must reconcile as we seek to build a brighter future for all Minnesotans, while maintaining strong government-to-government relationships and strengthening tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to eleven tribal nations, as well as a resilient and robust urban Native American community; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous peoples have made immeasurable contributions to the history, culture, and economy of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strives to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination towards Indigenous peoples, promote practices and policies that honor the state's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions, recognize Indigenous peoples as contemporary peoples, and commit to meaningful and genuine government-to-government relationships with the tribal nations that share the state's geography; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 at the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples Day serves as an important time to reflect on the experiences of Indigenous peoples to ensure greater access and opportunity; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins a growing number of government entities across the country that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day in order to promote appreciation, recognition, solidarity, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all people and the Indigenous peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 10, 2022, as:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES 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 7th day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE