



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The area known today as the State of Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been called home by the Anishinaabe and Dakota People since time immemorial; 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, deprivation, and disease. This is a history that we must reconcile as we seek to build a brighter future for all Minnesotans while striving to maintain strong government-to-government relationships and strengthen tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to eleven Tribal Nations and a resilient and robust urban Native American community; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples have made essential 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; seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the State's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; recognizes Indigenous Peoples as contemporary peoples; and is committed 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, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all of its people and the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 11, 2021, 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 8th day of October.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 4, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon