



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been called home by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS: There is a rich Native American history going back 10,000 years that includes the Dakota, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, Oto, Hidatsa, Arikara, A'aninin, Cree, Blackfeet, Assiniboine, and the Sac and Fox Tribes; and
- WHEREAS: Today, Minnesota is home to the governments of eleven sovereign Tribal Nations – four Dakota and seven Ojibwe, as well as a resilient and robust urban Native American community made up of citizens and descendants of Tribal Nations across the country; and
- WHEREAS: The name “Minnesota” is derived from the Dakota phrase “Mni Sóta Maŋoce,” which translates to “Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds”; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous people have made immeasurable contributions to the history, culture, and economy of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and
- WHEREAS: Through advocacy and education, the State of Minnesota officially recognizes the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day 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 13, 2025, 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 10th day of October.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE