



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Access to information is critical for the healthy functioning of our communities; and
- WHEREAS: Community media organizations provide a means for diverse communities to tell their stories, hear each other's stories, and create new stories together; and
- WHEREAS: Community media organizations provide information to the community that is not covered by commercial media; and
- WHEREAS: Community media organizations provide people with the skills necessary for the creation, sharing, and consumption of knowledge and ideas through media; and
- WHEREAS: Community media is an important resource for participating in local democratic policies and processes; and
- WHEREAS: In many communities, people are not aware of the diverse and valuable programming on public, education, and government access channels or community radio channels; and
- WHEREAS: Communities benefit from increased general awareness of, viewing audiences for, and creators of media content created by and for the community; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Health has partnered with diverse community media vendors to ensure that all who reside in Minnesota and the 11 Tribal Nations that share its geography – including residents from communities of color, American Indian residents, LGBTQ residents, and residents with limited English proficiency – have access to available resources and have the opportunity to be fully informed with culturally relevant, linguistically appropriate and medically accurate messages related to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 20, 2020, as:

COMMUNITY MEDIA 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 1st 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 1, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon