



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Immigrant communities in the State of Minnesota have made essential contributions to the history, culture and economy of Minnesota, that are vital to the success of all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to ensuring that the immigrant communities who call this state home have every opportunity to achieve their dreams and feel welcomed and embraced; and
- WHEREAS: Immigrant integration is a key component in creating an economically sound and culturally vibrant state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and community organizations have benefited from the cultural and economic assets of all our neighbors who immigrated here, whether their pathway to Minnesota happened recently, or generations ago; and
- WHEREAS: Immigrants have been, and continue to be, vital to the labor force and economy in Minnesota, with 80,000 foreign-born Minnesotans joining the workforce between 2010-2018; and
- WHEREAS: Integrating new immigrants to Minnesota develops new relationships and strengthens the social and economic capital of our cities and small townships; and
- WHEREAS: Immigrants have shown determination, resiliency, and courage in their journeys to Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Honoring and celebrating the history, achievements, contributions, and diversity of our immigrant communities will foster and build relationships between all communities throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 26, 2020, as:

## IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 16, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon