



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 Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS: The Anishinaabe and Dakota, the Indigenous Peoples who resided on this land prior to the arrival of European settlers, experienced a history of interactions with Europeans and European American settlers that was defined by broken promises, violence, deprivation, and disease; and

WHEREAS: This is a history that we must reconcile as we seek to build a brighter future for everyone in Minnesota, 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: Native Americans have made essential contributions to the history, culture, and economy of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and

WHEREAS: There is a deep, rich Native American history in the State of Minnesota going back 10,000 years. Along with the Dakota people and Ojibwe people, the Ho-Chunk, Cheyenne, Oto, Iowa, Hidatsa, Arikara, A'aninin, Cree, Blackfeet, Assiniboine, and the Sac and Fox tribes also acknowledge Minnesota as important to their tribal histories. All of these histories are important; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strives to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination towards Indigenous Peoples. We seek to promote practices and policies that honor the State's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions. We recognize Indigenous People as contemporary peoples; and are committed to meaningful and genuine government-to-government relationships with the Tribal Nations that share the State's geography; and

WHEREAS: During Native American Heritage Month, the State of Minnesota honors the vibrant and diverse Native American cultures that form part of Minnesota today. We renew our commitment to our government-to-government relationships, and promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all Minnesotans and the Native Peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020, as:

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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 3rd day of November.

Tim Walz

GOVERNOR

Steve Simon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon