



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The area known today as Minnesota lies on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 11 Tribal Nations and a resilient, vibrant urban Native American community made up of citizens and descendants of Tribal Nations from across the country; and

WHEREAS: Native American history on the lands now known as Minnesota goes back more than 10,000 years and includes, in addition to the Dakota people and Ojibwe people, the Ho-Chunk, Oto, Hidatsa, Arikara, A'aninin, Cree, Blackfeet, Assiniboine, and the Sac and Fox tribes; and

WHEREAS: Native Americans have made, and continue to make, essential contributions to Minnesota's history, culture, and economy, including in traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and

WHEREAS: The Dakota and Ojibwe lived on this land long before the arrival of European settlers and endured a history of broken promises, violence, deprivation, and disease; and

WHEREAS: This is a history that must be reconciled as Minnesota actively promotes practices and policies to address long-standing inequities and eliminate systemic racism and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota codified the government-to-government relationship in 2022, requiring each state agency to consult with the 11 Tribal Nations in honor and respect of tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS: The 2025 Tribal Flag Plaza marks a historic moment at the Minnesota State Capitol, where for the first time, the flags of 11 sovereign Tribal Nations sharing land with Minnesota were permanently raised on Capitol grounds, where they will remain for generations to come; and

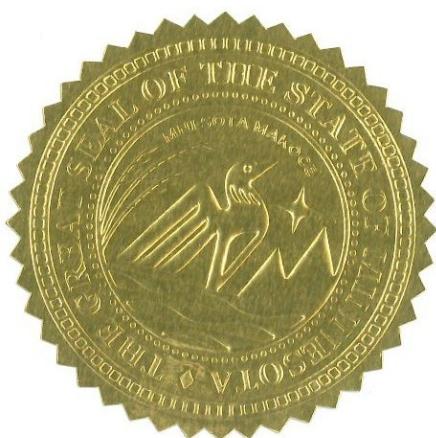
WHEREAS: During Native Heritage Month, Minnesota honors the state's vibrant and diverse Native American cultures by reaffirming its commitment to government-to-government relationships and by promoting appreciation, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all Minnesotans and the Native Peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 2025 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 28th day of October.



GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE