



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The area known today as Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been called home by Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 11 tribal nations and a resilient and robust urban Native American community; and
- WHEREAS: There is a deep, rich Native American history in Minnesota going back 10,000 years that, in addition to the Dakota people and Ojibwe people, includes 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 the history, culture, and economy of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and
- WHEREAS: The Dakota and Ojibwe resided on this land prior to the arrival of European settlers and 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 actively promote practices and policies to address long-standing inequities and disparities that exist and work to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination towards Indigenous Peoples; and
- WHEREAS: During Native Heritage Month, Minnesota honors vibrant and diverse Native American cultures by continuing our commitment to government-to-government relationships and 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 the month of November 2023 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 30th day of October.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Dimon in black ink.
SECRETARY OF STATE