



STATE of MINNESOTA

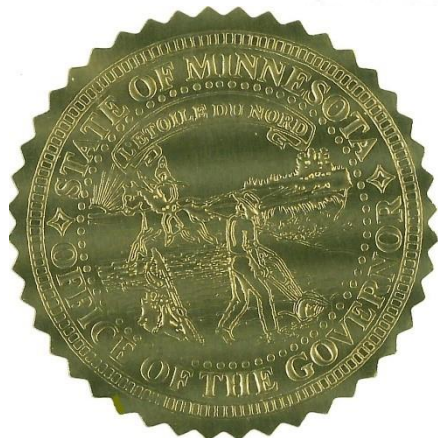
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: One in 17 children in Minnesota will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to their feelings of grief, many children feel alone, misunderstood, and fearful, leading to an inability to manage or face their grief; and
- WHEREAS: Many adults and other children erroneously believe that grieving children are resilient enough that they get over their grief, so much so that children are often called "forgotten mourners"; and
- WHEREAS: Many people do not realize that it often takes children much longer to deal with their grief than is commonly expected and that the amount of inner turmoil, invisible to most, is more intense than previously believed; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of classroom teachers report that they often witness a negative impact on academic performance when a student loses a parent or guardian; and
- WHEREAS: Parents, educators, childcare practitioners, and community leaders all play a role in acknowledging and supporting childhood grief; and
- WHEREAS: Grieving children can benefit from having individual support while also benefiting from a family-focused model of care to ensure the whole family can heal together; and
- WHEREAS: The third Thursday in November is designated as "Children's Grief Awareness Day," a day to raise awareness and educate others about childhood grief and the importance of providing family-focused support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2022, as:

CHILDRENS GRIEF AWARENESS 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 8th day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimmon".

SECRETARY OF STATE