



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: College food insecurity is a critical issue in the United States and the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: In a statewide basic needs survey conducted of eight colleges and universities in Minnesota, in which 3,460 undergraduate students responded, 40% of respondents had experienced food insecurity in the prior 30 days; and
- WHEREAS: 55% of Pell recipients nationwide experience food insecurity, and 1 in 3 undergraduate students nationwide are food insecure according to a survey conducted by Ohio University; and
- WHEREAS: Due to COVID-19, food insecurity is only increasing as many college students face unemployment, difficult financial stressors, and an increased lack of support; and
- WHEREAS: Food insecurity decreases the ability of students to achieve academic and extracurricular success; and
- WHEREAS: College food insecurity disproportionately impacts students of color and students from low socioeconomic backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS: Education stakeholders, students, and state leaders recognize that food security is essential to success in college.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20, 2020, as:

## COLLEGE FOOD INSECURITY 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of October.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 30, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon