STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Transgender Day of Remembrance began in 1999 as a vigil organized to honor the memory of Rita Hester and Chanelle Pickett – two Black transgender women murdered in acts of anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS: Transgender Day of Remembrance has become an annual observance in November that honors the memory of transgender people around the world whose lives were cut short by anti-transgender violence; and

WHEREAS: This annual observance provides a platform for transgender communities and allies to raise awareness about the ongoing threat of violence faced by transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and Two-Spirit people; and

WHEREAS: Transgender people are disproportionately affected by hate crimes, violence, and experience compounding challenges in their daily lives due to discrimination, disproportionately high levels of unemployment, and limited access to health care; and

WHEREAS: In April 2023, three bills were signed into law in Minnesota to ban the practice of conversion therapy, protect people seeking gender-affirming health care, and create the Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota celebrates our family, friends, and neighbors who identify as transgender, non-binary, gender nonconforming, and Two-Spirit, and is committed to ensuring that Minnesota is a place where people can live their fullest lives; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to honor the memories of transgender people whose lives were taken by anti-transgender violence while uplifting and celebrating the enduring contributions of transgender people in our communities today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20, 2025, as:

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

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 19th day of November.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE