



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was a champion of civil, human, and labor rights through education and jobs; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was one of the founders of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, bringing the Farmer-Laborites to the table and serving on Democratic National Committee; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was a union organizer and state union leader who served as vice president of the Hotel and Restaurant Union Local #655; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was the first African American woman to hold public office in Minneapolis when elected to the Library Board in 1945; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was an advisor to two United States Vice Presidents, Hubert Humphrey, and Walter Mondale, even traveling with them to other countries; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson was a governor-appointed education Trustee of the Minnesota State University system, Interim Higher Education Board, and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) system; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson established the first Minnesota State college and university scholarship fund for students of color; and

WHEREAS: Minneapolis Public Schools named an elementary school after Nellie Stone Johnson, the first person so honored while still alive; and

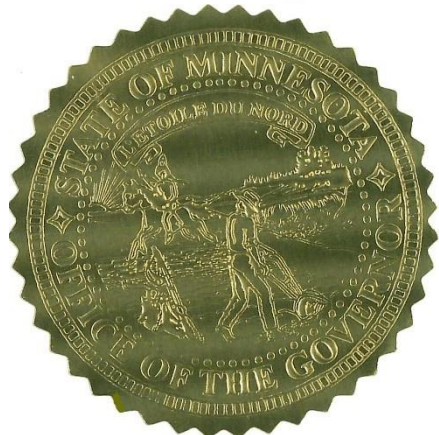
WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson's statue is the first one placed in the Minnesota State Capitol building since 1959; and

WHEREAS: Nellie Stone Johnson is the first African American woman to be memorialized in the Minnesota State Capitol and the first memorialized through government action in any U.S. state capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 21, 2022, as:

NELLIE STONE JOHNSON 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 17th day of November.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

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