



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nordic skiing is a life-long sport that promotes active lifestyles, physical fitness, and winter enjoyment for people of all ages and abilities; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous members of the United States Nordic Skiing Olympic Team have called Minnesota home, including current team member and Olympic Gold Medalist Jessie Diggins from Afton; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota leads the nation in high school Nordic ski racing, with more than 100 high schools offering Nordic ski teams and participation in the sport by thousands of student athletes; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has over 4,000 kilometers of cross-country ski trails from rugged backcountry singletrack to meticulously groomed, lighted trails. These trails are funded through private funds, the state grant-in-aid program, the state general fund, state forest funds, and community sources; and
- WHEREAS: Three Rivers Park District was a pioneer in offering Nordic ski trails and rental equipment in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area and continues to lead by offering Nordic ski trails with snowmaking capabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Three Rivers Park District is proud to host the Minnesota Nordic Ski Opener at Elm Creek Park Reserve celebrating Nordic skiing in Minnesota and welcoming everyone to try this enjoyable winter activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 9, 2023 as:

## NORDIC SKI OPENER 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

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

Filed December 5, 2023  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State  
Steve Simon