



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Albinism refers to a group of inherited genetic conditions that affect the body’s ability to produce melanin or pigment; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States, approximately one in 20,000 people have some form of albinism. In certain regions globally, the prevalence may be as high as one in 3,000; and
- WHEREAS: People with albinism can have vision impairments resulting from abnormal development of the retina that are not fully correctable with eyeglasses, and many live with low vision; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with albinism typically have fair complexions and are at increased risk for sun-related damage to both the skin and eyes, including life-threatening skin cancers; and
- WHEREAS: International Albinism Awareness Day – established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 and observed annually on June 13th – was created to raise global awareness of the human rights of people with albinism; and
- WHEREAS: The 2025 Albinism Awareness Day theme, “Demanding Our Rights: Protect Our Skin, Preserve Our Lives,” highlights the urgent need for awareness, prevention education, and equitable access to health care as essential to protecting the health and well-being of people with albinism; and
- WHEREAS: Promoting greater awareness and acceptance of people with albinism strengthens our communities and affirms the dignity and rights of all individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages all people to support efforts that increase awareness, promote inclusion, and protect the rights of those living with albinism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 13, 2025, as:

ALBINISM 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June.

Tim Walz  
GOVERNOR

Steve Simon  
SECRETARY OF STATE