



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS George Floyd was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on October 14, 1973, later moved to Texas, and as an adult made Minnesota his home; and
- WHEREAS: On May 25, 2020, two years ago, George Floyd was murdered by former police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota—an event that was captured on video by community members; and
- WHEREAS: George Floyd's murder ignited a global movement and awakened many Minnesotans and people around the world to the systemic racism that Black communities have known for centuries; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize that longstanding systemic racism has threatened the health, safety, and wellbeing of our state's Black communities, as well as Indigenous communities and communities of color; and
- WHEREAS: On April 20, 2021, a state jury in Minneapolis, Minnesota found Derek Chauvin guilty of George Floyd's murder, and on February 22, 2022, a federal jury in St. Paul, Minnesota found three other police officers were guilty of violating George Floyd's civil rights; and
- WHEREAS: These historic verdicts were a step in the right direction, but our work to dismantle systematic racism and discrimination has not ended; and
- WHEREAS: True justice for George Floyd will come only through real, systemic change to prevent acts like this from happening again—when every member of every community is safe, valued, and protected; and
- WHEREAS: We must continue do everything in our power to come together to deconstruct and undo generations of systemic racism in our state so that every Minnesotan has the opportunity to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do declare Wednesday, May 25, 2022, to be George Floyd Remembrance Day in honor of him and every person whose life has been cut short due to systems of racism and discrimination in Minnesota.

GEORGE FLOYD REMEMBRANCE DAY



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 25th day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE