

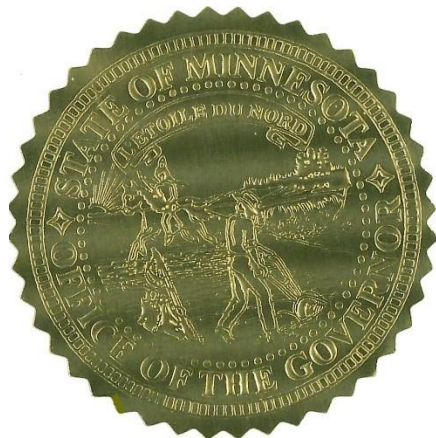


STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: George Floyd was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, neighbor, and friend; and
- WHEREAS: The world watched in horror as George Floyd's humanity was taken away from him; and
- WHEREAS: The local, national, and international mourning for George Floyd is about more than one tragic incident; and
- WHEREAS: George Floyd's death is the symptom of a disease – the result of generations of systemic racism that threaten the dignity of our state's Black communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a dark history of inflicting violence on Black communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color, notably with the mass hanging of 38 Dakota men in Mankato on December 26, 1862, the largest mass execution in United States history, and the lynching of three black men, Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie, in Duluth on June 15, 1920; and
- WHEREAS: We will not wake up one day and have the disease of systemic racism cured; we must do everything in our power to come together to deconstruct generations of systemic racism in our state so that every Minnesotan – Black, Indigenous, Brown, or White – can be safe and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order a moment of silence in the State of Minnesota, at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, to honor the life of George Floyd and the lives of every person cut short due to systems of racism and discrimination in 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 8th day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE