WHEREAS: August 22, 2019 marks the 10th annual STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] Day at the Minnesota State Fair, an event that engages thousands of children and families in high-quality, hands-on STEM activities, brought to the fair by over 35 organizations in the Minnesota STEM Network, an initiative of SciMathMN; and

WHEREAS: STEM initiatives foster continuous improvements in STEM teaching, learning, celebration and engagement, and those initiatives raise awareness of innovative, hands-on STEM activities to help students make the critical connection between the classroom and future career paths; and

WHEREAS: STEM education providers bring together all the necessary community and education components to motivate students to explore promising opportunities that STEM careers provide, equipping students to succeed in science, technology, engineering, and math, which is the future of the Minnesota workforce; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is home to incomparable opportunities STEM, and Minnesota’s economy and digital citizen services depend on a well-prepared pipeline of students with the education and skills necessary to improve Minnesota’s ability to compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS: STEM initiatives build greater STEM knowledge and skills for students from elementary school through post-secondary programs and enhance educational excellence, workforce development, and an informed public for years to come; and

WHEREAS: Promoting STEM competency is a state priority that underpins maintaining a quality STEM workforce for Minnesota and the nation, and it is the hope that the 10th Annual STEM Day at the State Fair will inspire students and allow them to envision their future with career successes in an increasingly competitive global marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 22, 2019, as:

STEM DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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 13th day of August.

GOVERNOR

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR