



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Recognizing the entirety of Minnesota's history allows us to reflect on our past, celebrate our achievements, and acknowledge the significance of these milestones in shaping our shared narrative to inform and inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS: There is a deep, rich Native American history in Minnesota going back 10,000 years that, in addition to the Dakota people and Ojibwe people, includes the Ho-Chunk, Oto, Hidatsa, Arikara, A'aninin, Cree, Blackfeet, Assiniboine, and the Sac and Fox Tribes, contributes to our state's character and culture; and

WHEREAS: On May 11, 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state admitted into the union; and

WHEREAS: The admission of Minnesota into the union was passed by Congress and approved by President James Buchanan on May 11, 1858. Days later, state officers took their oaths of office and Minnesota's state government began to function; and

WHEREAS: For 166 years, people from all walks of life have made Minnesota their home, drawn by our striking landscapes and waterways, our unlimited opportunities, our rich and growing diversity that enhances our communities and culture, and the chance to be part of a prosperous and dynamic state; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 11 Tribal Nations and a resilient and robust urban Native American community; and

WHEREAS: Today, Minnesota adopts new designs for our State Flag and Great Seal, having been designed by Andrew Prekker of Luverne and Ross Bruggink of Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: The designs for the new State Flag and Great Seal were adapted and approved by the State Emblems Redesign Commission, led by Chair Luis Fitch and Vice Chair Anita Gaul, a body whose work will be remembered through the new State Flag and Great Seal; and

WHEREAS: Saturday, May 11, 2024, marks the 166th anniversary of Minnesota's statehood, a day for us to reflect on our history, celebrate our progress, and invest in our future as a diverse, equitable, and inclusive place to call home.

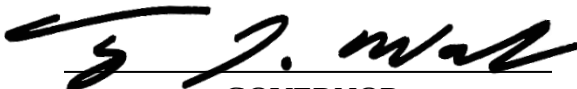
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 11, 2024, as:

STATEHOOD 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 10th day of May.




GOVERNOR

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