



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: American Indians make up approximately 1.1% of Minnesota's population; and
WHEREAS: The December 2020 report from Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force...
WHEREAS: Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, LGBTQIA+, Two-Spirit, transgender, and gender non-conforming people...
WHEREAS: This is an ongoing crisis that affects Indian Country across the United States...
WHEREAS: Indigenous women continue to experience the highest rates of sexual assault and rates of domestic violence...
WHEREAS: There is no comprehensive estimate for the number of Indigenous people who are missing or have been murdered...
WHEREAS: The history of colonization and ongoing systemic racism have increased the prevalence and impact of poverty...
WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to spreading awareness of the Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and LGBTQIA+...
WHEREAS: Minnesota remains committed to addressing the systemic causes behind disproportionate violence...
WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the voices and roles of the 11 sovereign tribal nations...
WHEREAS: This day encourages all Minnesotans to stand in solidarity and awareness of Indigenous victims...

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 5, 2023, as:

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES 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 4th day of May.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz

GOVERNOR

Steve Pimm
SECRETARY OF STATE