



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Day of the Girl aims to uplift women and girls at home and abroad and to build a world where all girls feel safe and empowered in their classrooms, their communities, and their homes; and
- WHEREAS: On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Day of the Girl brings attention to the unique challenges girls face, including gender-based violence, limited access to education and health care, and lack of representation, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights; and
- WHEREAS: Many Minnesota nonprofits, foundations, community organizations, educators, elected officials, and mental, physical, and public health professionals work to improve the lives and protect the rights of girls; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, in partnership with the Young Women's Initiative and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, is invested in creating a state where every young woman thrives by amplifying the leadership and solutions of young women of color, Indigenous young women, young women from Greater Minnesota, LGBTQ+ youth, and young women with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Day of the Girl promotes the vision of a world where women and girls of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, abilities, and other identities can live free from the fear of violence and know they can hold any job, run any company, run for elected office, and compete in any field; and
- WHEREAS: Day of the Girl also calls attention to needed investments in a future that honors girls' agency, leadership, and potential, including access to essential health resources, accessibility and inclusion in outdoor and public spaces, adequate investments in educational and economic empowerment opportunities, and the ability to exercise one's beliefs and autonomy and fully participate in public life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 11, 2023, as:

DAY OF THE GIRL

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 October.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE