

STATE of MINNESOTA

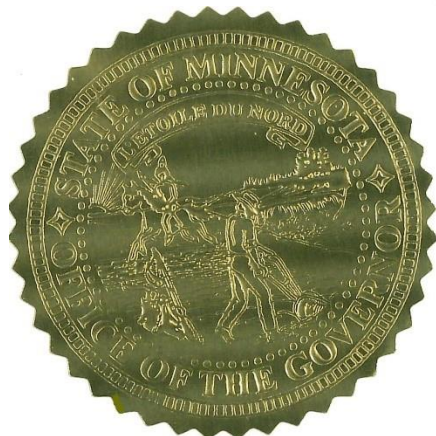
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: We recognize the courage and perseverance of birth parents and legal guardians that have engaged in a journey of healing and transformation so that their children can thrive; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the compassion and commitment of foster parents to welcome children and their families into their lives to support reunification; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the empathy and tenacity of child welfare staff who work tirelessly to break down barriers and bring all parents together so that children feel loved and connected; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize and respect the zealous advocacy that tribal, county, parent, and child attorneys do on behalf of their clients and in the best interest of children; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the important role of Guardians ad Litem for listening and advocating for children; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the significant role judges plays in evaluating information and adhering to the highest standards to keep children and their parents/legal guardians connected and to help families heal; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the schoolteachers, cultural communities, and faith and neighborhood organizations who care and support children and families through uneasy transitions; and
- WHEREAS: We honor the resilience and wisdom of children and youth who experience foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 25, 2020, as:

FAMILY REUNIFICATION 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 25th day of June.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on June 25, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon