



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premise that all individuals should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS: The freedom and liberty that Americans enjoy, and that are longed for by people around the world, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by the United States' veterans; and

WHEREAS: Many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol; and

WHEREAS: Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation's fallen heroes and benefit living veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as:

POPPY MONTH

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 31st day of January.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pinn".

SECRETARY OF STATE