



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota commitments to the well-being of children by recognizing August as Child Support Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota proudly recognizes the parents that have contributed \$423.8 million in child support payments to ensure the safety and security of more than 226,000 children in 2020; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's child support program collects \$3.26 for every dollar it spends to ensure children receive the support they deserve; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has continually been ranked as one of the top three states in the nation in collecting monthly child support and overdue support; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is building an equitable child support program with its policies, practices, and procedures by expanding and engaging in respectful conversations with partners and the families served to improve service delivery and address the inequities often experienced by marginalized communities as a result of systemic racism and its impact on public programs and policies; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's automated child support computer system, PRISM, supports 6,548 calls a month, giving parents accessible and secure information about their child support cases 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to work alongside parents without bank accounts to create more accessible ways to pay their child support by constructing private sector partnerships that accept payments at thousands of retail locations across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2021, as:

## CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE