



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Young people, teachers, school staff, families, and communities must be able to live free of the violence of racism, transphobia, homophobia, sexism, ableism, and all forms of systemic oppression; and
- WHEREAS: K-12 schools must be safe learning environments that include and affirm LGBTQ+ young people, especially those who are transgender, nonbinary, intersex, Black, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities, and from all communities that experience marginalization; and
- WHEREAS: Many LGBTQ+ students across Minnesota report hearing anti-LGBTQ+ remarks from other students and experiencing at least one form of anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination at school; and
- WHEREAS: Due to experiencing bias and discrimination, LGBTQ+ young people are more likely than their non-LGBTQ+ peers to experience mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, depression, and serious consideration of suicide., a trend that increases among Indigenous, Black, and multiracial LGBTQ+ young people; and
- WHEREAS: Every young person must have equal educational opportunity and freedom from the fear that their basic civil and educational rights will be taken away from them; and
- WHEREAS: Young people who develop in positive school climates, free of bullying, harassment, and discrimination, report improved physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and higher educational and life outcomes; and
- WHEREAS: Positive school transformation means recognizing that all communities deserve to be acknowledged and affirmed in our schools; and
- WHEREAS: We must all demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who are LGBTQ+, without exception.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 23, 2023, as:

LGBTQ+ YOUTH 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 20th day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon".
SECRETARY OF STATE