



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
- WHEREAS: While each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Many rare diseases are serious, debilitating, and have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and
- WHEREAS: While more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesotans are among those affected by rare diseases; and
- WHEREAS: That National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) and the University of Minnesota are organizing observances of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2020; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of patients, their families, medical professionals, researchers, government officials, and companies developing treatments are joining together to focus attention and awareness on rare diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 28, 2020, as:

## RARE DISEASE 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January.

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

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE