



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Adequate and stable housing is critical for people's wellbeing, local jobs, strong economies, and resilient communities; and
- WHEREAS: An affordable home is the foundation of children's success in school, and the physical and mental health of individuals and families; and
- WHEREAS: More than one in four Minnesota households is paying more than they can afford for housing, putting them at risk of being unable to afford necessities; and
- WHEREAS: Lack of an affordable home displaces families from their community and children from their schools; and
- WHEREAS: From 2000 to 2017, median rents rose 13% while median incomes fell 5%, demonstrating a growing gap between housing costs and income; and
- WHEREAS: Everyone needs a home they can afford, but there is very little housing affordable to those at the lowest income levels; and
- WHEREAS: Cities, developers, property owners, and nonprofit organizations face an increasingly challenging environment for creating and maintaining affordable housing; and
- WHEREAS: There is a renewed commitment among many sectors across the state to provide and protect quality, affordable housing options for Minnesotans through advocacy, creative solutions, and collaboration; and
- WHEREAS: Now, more than ever, the ability to stay at home is key to staying safe in this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2020, as:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

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 1st day of May.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE