



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Armenian-American community has enhanced and enriched the state since 1899 through business, medicine, education, and the arts; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Armenian-American community includes first-generation through fourth-generation Minnesota Armenians, their families, and non-Armenian friends of the community; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Armenian-Americans take deep pride in preserving their 3,500-year-old cultural traditions; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of today's Minnesota's Armenian-American community are descendants of survivors of the Armenian Genocide; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Armenian-American community is dedicated to preserving and to promoting Armenian culture, language, history, and heritage in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Armenian-American community has continuously provided Armenian Genocide commemorations, Gaghanat celebrations, musical and dance performances, literature and film events, panels exploring Armenian identity, Voski Ashoun, education about the Armenian community to Minnesotan policymakers and elected officials, as well as community-building for the past forty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 3, 2021, as:

MINNESOTA-ARMENIAN 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 23rd day of December.

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GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on December 23, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon