

STATE of MINNESOTA

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WHEREAS:	In darkness and daylight, on dirt roads and multi-lane highways, from the rainy late spring to the frigid winter, Minnesota school bus drivers safely transport more than 760,000 students to and from school each day; and
WHEREAS:	School bus drivers bookend a student's school day, serving as a mentor and having a positive influence on a student's educational experience; and
WHEREAS:	The school bus industry is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota and is reducing its environmental impact by using alternative fuels and retrofitting diesel engines; and
WHEREAS:	It is estimated that the use of school buses saves the United States approximately 2.6 billion gallons of fuel each year; and
WHEREAS:	Nearly every school district in the state is facing a bus driver shortage and is seeking professionals who are driven to serve in these fulfilling, flexible jobs; and
WHEREAS:	The State of Minnesota appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 26, 2020, as:

## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE