



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, 364 traffic fatalities occurred in 2019; and
- WHEREAS: As of July 24, 2020, Minnesota has lost 182 lives due to traffic fatalities in 2020; and
- WHEREAS: Combating distracted driving requires everyone to make drastic changes in their personal behaviors; and
- WHEREAS: Using hand-free devices, turning on driving mode, and focusing on your surroundings reduces distracted driving and saves lives; and
- WHEREAS: As of February 2020, Minnesota and only 20 states, including Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, have laws that prohibit the use of handheld cellphones while driving; and
- WHEREAS: It is a collective responsibility of everyone in Minnesota to encourage responsible, safe driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 1, 2020, as:

DISTRACTION FREE DRIVING 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 29th day of July.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on July 29, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon