STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Día de los Muertos, known in English as Day of the Dead, is a holiday with indigenous Mesoamerican origins and is among the oldest holidays in the Americas that has been continually celebrated; and

WHEREAS: Día de los Muertos serves as a memorial celebration to recognize and honor loved ones who have passed away to ensure that they are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS: Día de los Muertos is shrouded in duality, from painting half of one's face, symbolizing the quick passage from life to death, to the eye-catching marigold flowers that guide the spirits to their altars through their vibrant colors and scent; and

WHEREAS: An Altar de Muertos is a traditional cultural expression, a spiritual and religious offering, and folk-art form that is practiced by many Mexican and Latine communities in Minnesota and around the world to honor, remember, and celebrate the lives of friends, kin, and community members who have passed away; and

WHEREAS: This year, in partnership with Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs and (Neo) Muralismos de Mexico, artists Mónica Vega and Flor Soto will create and install the first ever Altar de Muertos, or Community Altar, for Days of the Dead at the Minnesota State Capitol. The altar will be on display from November 1-13, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The altar will serve to highlight and represent the cultural traditions of Mexican and Latine communities in Minnesota, create a space for remembrance of loved ones, and offer a space for community healing; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota residents, businesses, and employees are encouraged to take the opportunity to learn about the tradition of Día de los Muertos and celebrate with loved ones both past and present.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 1, 2022, as:

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

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 27th day of October.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE