

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In darkness and daylight, on dirt roads to multi-lane highways, from the warm spring to

the frigid winter, Minnesota school bus drivers safely transport more than 760,000

precious students to and from school each day; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers often bookend a student's school day and can be a positive influence

on a student's educational experience; and

WHEREAS: The school bus driving industry is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota and has

worked hard to reduce its environmental impact through the use of alternative fuels and

retrofitting of diesel engines; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that the use of school buses saves the United States more than 2.3 billion

gallons of fuel per year; and

WHEREAS: Students are nearly eight times safer riding to and from school in a school bus than in

cars, thanks to rigorous safety standards for vehicles and drivers, as well as student

training efforts; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable

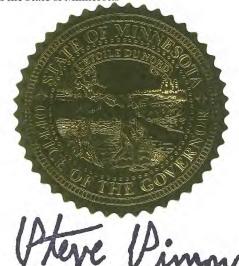
contributions they make to public education and student safety. Today we recognize

these worthy professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 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 $22^{\rm nd}$ day of February.



GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE