

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 23-08

Continuing the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Rescinding Executive Order 22-19

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped create major changes in American race relations through his work in the Civil Rights Movement and dedication to nonviolent protest. The legacy of his work reverberates to this day. As the global movement following the 2020 murder of George Floyd has brought to the forefront, systemic racism has long threatened the health, safety, and wellbeing of Minnesota's Black communities, as well as Indigenous communities and other communities of color.

People across Minnesota and the country of every race, creed, and color are forever indebted to Dr. King for his tenacity and sacrifice. We carry forward Dr. King's legacy in our continued efforts to dismantle systemic racism and discrimination.

The Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ensures that Dr. King's memory and his mission are kept alive in the minds and hearts of Minnesotans.

The Office of Equity, Opportunity, and Accessibility was created to connect external stakeholders with state government partners for the purpose of achieving equity and opportunity for everyone in the State of Minnesota. The Chief Equity Officer is charged with creating community events in diverse communities. The celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. touches all Minnesotans.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ("Council") is continued.
2. The Council's purpose is to ensure that the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are recognized throughout the State of Minnesota.

3. The Chief Equity Officer will serve as Chair of the Council.
4. The Governor will appoint up to fourteen additional members on a biennial basis.
5. The Office of Equity, Opportunity, and Accessibility will provide staffing and administrative support to the Council.
6. The Council will work closely with the Chief Inclusion Officer and the Public Engagement Department in the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
7. Executive Order 22-19 is rescinded.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

Signed on May 26, 2023.



Tim Walz
Governor

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Secretary of State

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