



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dr. Will Antell, a member of White Earth Nation, has demonstrated over five decades of educational leadership, serving as a trustee of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and dedicating 20 years to the Minnesota Department of Education, with nine of those years spent as the Assistant Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Antell has been committed to ensuring that all educational programs prioritize helping students achieve academic success, and in 2019, Will and Mary Lou Antell endowed the Bernice Lena Fairbanks Antell American Indian Scholarship at Bemidji State University, creating more accessible pathways for Indigenous students to pursue a college degree; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Antell has been a prominent advocate for Indian Education Reform and has continuously supported ongoing efforts of the Minnesota Department of Education's Indian Education Program; and

WHEREAS: The lifelong dedication and accomplishments of Dr. Antell will have a lasting impact across generations, contributing to the goal of providing every Minnesotan an education that decreases social inequalities, empowers marginalized people, and helps individuals achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS: On July 18, 2023, Dr. Antell will receive the Human Rights Award from the Stillwater Human Rights Commission for his distinction in advancing human rights in Minnesota and across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 18, 2023, as:

DR. WILL ANTELL 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 17th day of July.

GOVERNOR

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR