Governor office updates May 16 part 1

Governor Tim Walz has proclaimed May as <u>American Indian Month</u> to recognize American Indian cultures, contributions, history, traditions, art, and land. During the month of May, we celebrate the rich culture and diversity among the 7 Ojibwe and 4 Dakota sovereign tribal nations who share land with the State of Minnesota. This weekend, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are kicking off the <u>2022 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener</u> on Tribal land at Leech Lake Indian Reservation. We recognize the many contributions made by Tribal Nations, the urban Native community, and numerous Native organizations to strengthen and empower the Native community.

Governor Walz Signs Bills into Law

Governor Tim Walz has signed a bill providing \$300 million to address the state's opioid crisis into law. The legislation ensures that Minnesota's share of a multi-state settlement will be used efficiently and effectively by communities across the state in areas like education, treatment, prevention, and recovery strategies.

Additionally, the Governor has signed into law a comprehensive veterans bill that will move the state toward ending and preventing veteran homelessness, provide service bonuses to veterans and Gold Star families, and fund veterans homes and veterans cemeteries. The bill also includes funding for enlistment incentives for Service Members in the Minnesota National Guard. As we are nearing the end of the 2022 legislative session, continue to find updated news on the Office of Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan website.

State of Minnesota Job Opportunities

The Office of Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan is looking to fill the position of Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. More information about the position and application process is <u>available online</u>.

Lastly, the Minnesota Governor's Residence is looking to add intermittent workers for event support. The position purpose is to assist Residence staff in the day-to-day operations of the Governor's Residence including, but not limited to, events, daily dinners, and busy seasons. Please direct any questions to <u>Tara Huml</u>.

HomeHelpMN Resources

The HomeHelpMN program will begin accepting applications for assistance on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**. The application period will be open through Friday, June 17, but homeowners should not wait to apply. HomeHelpMN provides assistance for homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage or other eligible housing-related expenses due to effects of the pandemic.

Frequently asked questions about the program can be found on the <u>HomeHelpMN website</u>. Contact the Call Center at 1-800-388-3226 for additional questions about assistance. Live Chat and Call Center are available Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and interpretation is available.