WHEREAS: The Ninety-First Legislature adjourned its regular session on May 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS: I called the Legislature into special sessions in June and July, 2020, the Legislature adjourned both of those special sessions, and the Legislature is not currently in session; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten Minnesotans and burden our State’s resources; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Constitution allows the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature on extraordinary occasions; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2(b), provides that, if the Governor determines a need to extend a peacetime emergency beyond 30 days and the Legislature is not sitting in session, the Governor must issue a call immediately convening both houses of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: An extraordinary occasion, as envisioned by the Minnesota Constitution, has arisen, and it is necessary to extend the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency originally declared on March 13, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 12 of the Minnesota Constitution and Sections 4.03 and 12.31 of the Minnesota Statutes, summon the members of the Legislature to convene in a Third Special Session on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in Saint Paul, 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 on Friday, August 7, 2020.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE