WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to more than 20,000 paraprofessionals who provide services in multiple settings within schools, including support for instruction, student activities, and for individual students, as well as numerous other tasks that contribute to educational success; and

WHEREAS: The support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to student achievement, resulting in even better, more effective Minnesota schools; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education are committed to excellence in education and recognize the important role that paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Education will celebrate the contributions of paraprofessionals during Paraprofessional Recognition Week, which runs from January 27 through January 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 27 through January 31, 2020, as:

PARAPROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

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 6th day of January.

[Signature]

GOVERNOR

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE