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Governor Tim Walz Declares 'Nic Zapko Day' in Minnesota

March 9, 2021

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today declared March 9, 2021 as Nic Zapko Day in the State of Minnesota to recognize her service to Minnesota during the COVID-19 pandemic. In her role as an ASL translator for near-daily press conferences, Nic has gained local and national fame for her fast, animated, and accurate delivery of critical information.

"Over the past year, Nic Zapko has provided critical ASL translation to update Minnesotans on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Walz. **"Nic's translations have ensured that the thousands of Minnesotans who identify as deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing receive real-time information about health and safety. Nic celebrates her birthday on March 9, and the State of Minnesota wishes her a very happy birthday and thanks her for her service."**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented need for Minnesotans to receive clear, timely, and accurate public health information. 20% of Minnesotans identify as deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing, and this proclamation recognizes the significance of Nic Zapko's role in providing critical ASL translation.

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