



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Basketball has a long, rich, and sometimes painful history in Minnesota. The Minneapolis Lakers dominated in the National Basketball Association (NBA), winning five championships from 1949 to 1954 before they were stolen by the coastal elites and flown to Los Angeles in 1960. The Minnesota Timberwolves were founded 29 years later, bringing professional basketball back to Minnesota in 1989; and

WHEREAS: Reigning champions Denver Nuggets fell to the Wolves on their home court after a lively seven game series that included the largest Game 7 comeback in NBA history; and

WHEREAS: It is the first time in 20 years, since the glory days of Kevin Garnett, that the Timberwolves have punched their Big Ticket to the Western Conference Finals; and

WHEREAS: Naz Reid; and

WHEREAS: Games one and two of the Western Conference Finals will be hosted at Target Center in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: Young and old sports fans have a sense of optimism not often felt in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, all eyes will be North as the Timberwolves bring conference championship basketball back to Minnesota again; and

WHEREAS: Anthony Edwards extended a warm invitation to NBA legend Charles Barkley to come witness the greatness that is Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Sportsmanship, camaraderie, friendship, and a variety of dining and entertainment options await Mr. Barkley and others who come to visit our state for the series; and

WHEREAS: Sports have the power to bring people together, and Minnesota fans are excited to cheer on our beloved Timberwolves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 22, 2024, as:

## WOLVES BACK 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR