

Conversion Date	Submission Number	Comments
11/22/23 14:29	F29	F29 please! talk about a design to be proud of, that can be applied to many adaptations and usecases. the others are too busy - especially the wheat one and the river one
11/22/23 14:29	F29	I *LOVE* this flag!!! I really really hope you pick this one! It's classy, simple, has great colors and is an excellent representation of the state (North Star and a snowflake? Love it!) I also believe that it will stand the test of time far better than any of the other designs.
11/22/23 14:37	F29	This would work well with seal S6.
11/22/23 14:42	F29	F29 is a very nice flag. The star could be used on other finalists.
11/22/23 14:50	F29	This flag, F29, gives the impression that Minnesota is all snow, which is not true. Moreover, it looks like a business logo than an actual flag.
11/22/23 14:54	F29	This is my first choice and was a standout even when there were thousands of other options. What is more MN than a star and snowflake? I would be excited to fly this flag outside my house.
11/22/23 14:56	F29	Simple and striking yet not too corporate logo-y. Easily the best one.
11/22/23 14:58	F29	Of all the finalists, this is my favorite: simple, clear, with an excellent cover scheme. That said, I strongly feel like the best designs out of all submissions included loons, and I really wish the commission would consider adding a loon back into the design. For example, using this design as inspiration, they could include a loon, similar to submissions F17, F111, or F347
11/22/23 15:04	F29	I would be proud to fly this flag. It's simple and eloquent design.
11/22/23 15:05	F29	a snowflake over the north star. "snow" is not 12 months a year in Minnesota (though I realize it can feel like winter never ends), therefore, snow/winter should not be part of our state symbols.
11/22/23 15:05	F29	F29: a snowflake over the north star. "snow" is not 12 months a year in Minnesota (though I realize it can feel like winter never ends), therefore, snow/winter should not be part of our state symbols.
11/22/23 15:06	F29	Absolutely not. This is horrible.
11/22/23 15:09	F29	This is BY FAR the best of the ones you've selected.
11/22/23 15:39	F29	I really like this one. Simple. All a flag needs.
11/22/23 15:43	F29	During the selection meeting on 11/21, when this came up on the screen it looked like a 12 pointed Christmas star cookie cutter on a blue bedsheet. There was no distinction between the white and yellow, all you could see was the outline, which looked overwrought. On the plus side your eye knows where to focus. The star needs simplification, unless you like Christmas cookies. And remove the beauty mark in the center.
11/22/23 15:43	F29	This is my favorite of the six, but I think the eight point star needs to be adjusted to not look so much like a snowflake.
11/22/23 15:51	F29	This one is simply the best out of all the finalists. It's simple design will easily be recognizable from afar. I would easily wear like a baseball hat or tee shirt that has this logo on it, just like how in Maryland they make apparel with the flag design.
11/22/23 16:02	F29	I like it, but I would have the colors brighter, especially the blue background. They look a bit dull and dim.
11/22/23 16:35	F29	I really really really think this should be our flag. It's the most aesthetically pleasing design out of the 6 finalists in my opinion. Great marketing (hats, shirts, other paraphernalia, etc.) potential too and has been popular among enthusiasts online for years. To be very frank, as someone who is into vexillology or the study of flags, the other flag finalists are god awful. This is a momentous decision and I would hope you all decide on this one.
11/22/23 16:48	F29	This option feels a little too seasonal, and frankly, is rather boring. I like the simplicity and understand that our winters are a major part of our local climate, but we aren't defined by snow, and it feels a little out of place when I envision this flying during, say, a summer heat wave. I really wish the background here was more than just a blank blue field -- maybe a bi- or tricolor would be good. This feels like a step up over our current flag, but only just. We just unfortunately don't have enough of an iconic symbol to pull a New Mexico and fly just that symbol centered in a blank field.
11/22/23 16:59	F29	Why do all the flags with "snowflakes" show them as 8 pointed? Snowflakes are hexagonal! (At least that is what I was taught in fine Minnesota public schools.) This design with a six pointed shape would be great. Simple, memorable, bold. But please change it to six points if that is still allowed.
11/22/23 17:02	F29	F29. I love this but I thought we wanted to get away from the over used dark blue background
11/22/23 17:12	F29	I LIKE THIS
11/22/23 17:20	F29	Best of the finalists. Please refrain from plopping this star design onto other base designs - this one really works best on its own.

11/22/23 17:25	F29	<p>This flag is a good flag. It feels similar to the New Mexico Flag with it's simple logo in the center of the field. This one should be the one to consider, if the North Star Flag is not chosen. I still believe that it was a mistake for you guys to leave off the North Star Flag. Bring it back on as #7 and see what the public has to say about it. It deserves more attention than you had given it. However, if you will not consider the North Star Flag anymore, please consider this flag as one of the only flags selected to follow the NAVA guidelines closely.</p> <p>It really does feel like this committee played it extra safe, going with rather uninspiring designs, in order to be the largest blanket of inclusivity. But you guys failed to pick a strong design that will become the symbol of inclusivity. Minnesota is well known for it's diversity and how it's arms are open to become a safe place for all sorts of people, no matter the background of their lives. I believe this flag COULD work as a symbol for all of Minnesota, but I ask you to reconsider you decision to exclude the already well-designed, powerful flag of the North Star Flag. Many people here in Minnesota would be able to rally behind that flag, vs this flag, that has a large snowflake on it. Despite the prominence of winter here in our state, it's definitely not everyone's favorite season.</p>
11/22/23 17:28	F29	<p>I hope that you genuinely consider my comments, especially about the last minute inclusion of the North Star Flag.</p>
11/22/23 17:31	F29	<p>I LIKE OUR CURRENT STATE FLAG!!!! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? A snowflake? What?                  All the entries look alike, where is the creativity and symbolism to represent our diverse and unique state and all it has to offer?                  There are no words, like 'Minnesota'. There are no graphics to represent 'US'</p>
11/22/23 17:34	F29	<p>No.No.Please No. It didn't even make my top 250 list.</p>
11/22/23 17:37	F29	<p>Negatives: - I've seen this before...barn quilt? winter festival? it's a geometric shape on a banner, not really a Minnesota flag design. Whose star is it? Can't tell with this flag.                  Positives: OK, it's not a five-point generic star.</p>
11/22/23 17:41	F29	<p>IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag:                  1.use this star as presented in F142 (so it includes other elements -- flow, green, water, snow) OR F235 (so I can imagine our Minnesota-shape in a nice notched-flag), or:                  2.include a silhouette of Minnesota OR our French motto (l'etoile du nord) OR the word Minnesota OR a loon. (so we know it's Minnesota's star!), and;3.seal S6 shall NOT be used. Perception is that the committee is showing favoritism to this artist.</p>
11/22/23 17:45	F29	<p>A BETTER IDEA: use half this star in place of the star on F1487.</p>
11/22/23 17:45	F29	<p>This (F29) is one of three finalists that I favor. F2100 is my first choice.</p>
11/22/23 18:02	F29	<p>Looks like needlepoint pattern for beginners. Ridiculous. Doesn't represent a darn thing about Minnesota other than we like our crafts.</p>
11/22/23 19:20	F29	<p>I like the sort of Nordic vibes this one gives, while holding onto the French "star of the north" phrase. The colors are beautiful, the design is simple, and it would be easily recognizable as Minnesota!</p>
11/22/23 19:42	F29	<p>f29 one of the best if we could capture the water element of MN somehow.</p>
11/22/23 19:44	F29	<p>Feels like it will feel dated in 20 years.</p>
11/22/23 19:50	F29	<p>Donâ€™t bother. All five are terrible</p>
11/22/23 19:57	F29	<p>Ya you betcha dis is da one.</p>
11/22/23 20:04	F29	<p>This is the best flag design. The design is both simple and iconic.</p>
11/22/23 20:19	F29	<p>Nope. just a star?</p>
11/22/23 20:19	F29	<p>good flag</p>
11/22/23 20:36	F29	<p>This is my favorite star design, and I think it strikes the right balance between simplicity and complexity.</p>
11/22/23 20:36	F29	<p>All the final selections suck!!! They are all boring none of them represent MN!! KEEP THE OLD FLAG!!!!!! Let the people vote on it if we should change the flag or not. Why should a select few decide?? This ridiculous!!!!</p>
11/22/23 20:36	F29	<p>If the flag cannot be the S224 seal submission, of the flag finalists selected this seems the most charismatic of the choices. The star of the north imbued with a snowflake feels like a beautiful representation of the pride our state takes in our harsh winters and northern lifestyle. We joke about snow and cold, but a large undercurrent of Minnesota pride comes from identifying with resilience through hardships (especially winter). The blue background honors our previous blue flag and our land of 10,000 lakes slogan. If it has to be one of the flag finalists, choose F29. If it can be the s224 seal finalist, put that on the flag.</p>

11/22/23 20:41	F29	<p>Awful</p> <p>A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:</p> <p>(1) Loon/Star combo â€œ F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409,</p> <p>(2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo â€œ F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073,</p> <p>(3) Star Only â€œ F318, F1472,</p> <p>(4) Loon Only â€œ F959</p> <p>(5) MN and Star combo â€œ F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650</p>
11/22/23 20:47	F29	Star needs to be 32 inches high on 3 foot x5 foot flag - thus 32nd state. Done a study question on Reddit & Gold to be PMS C143 (a little darker) Needs to be redrawn - slight out of kilter. Dot 1 inch diam', Gaps 1 inch wide, Diamonds true rhombus and built as 4 inch stacked both ways. Field Old Glory Blue. Return tiny rads to gold star. If you need a better .svg file email me.
11/22/23 20:57	F29	This is bad, but somehow the best of the lot. You failed already.
11/22/23 21:01	F29	Love this, but would add the yellow and white side stripes from another finalist.
11/22/23 21:15	F29	I'd probably lighten the blue to either Sky blue or Baby blue, and have two green stripes either horizontally or vertically with white fimbriation dividing the green and blue.
11/22/23 21:28	F29	All I can think when I see this is knitting pattern
11/22/23 21:38	F29	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>I feel that of the six flag finalists you have chosen, F29 is the only real choice. It is objectively a good design and it is a flag I think that, in time, Minnesotans will be able to take pride in.</p> <p>The other flag finalists are, to be honest, really ugly. Some of them look like what a park district or suburban city would take for a flag.</p> <p>I cannot speak for the Vexillology community, but as a member of Redditâ€™s vexillology community of 600k+ members, I can say that the general mood amongst Vexillologists is that F29 is indeed the best choice.</p> <p>I hope that you recommend F29 to the Governor, along with the accompanying seal design S6.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Austin Marx Minnetonka, MN</p>
11/22/23 21:39	F29	NO! Donâ€™t we get enough grief about being a cold state? Weâ€™re also known as a liberal state surrounded by conservative states. Why would we put a snowflake on the flag?
11/22/23 22:05	F29	How does this represent MN? Looks like my grandma's quilt.
11/22/23 22:22	F29	<p>This is clearly a well-designed flag that looks nice. However, it has 2 serious flaws:</p> <p>(1) At a distance, combination of "star" and "snowflake" looks like the Star of Bethlehem. As a non-Christian, I find this highly concerning. Our state flag should not appear to have religious symbols.</p> <p>(2) The snowflake portion -- to the extent it is viewed as a snowflake -- is 8-sided. But snowflakes in nature are always 6-sided. This strikes me as an embarrassing misrepresentation for a state that takes pride in its snow culture.</p>
11/22/23 22:30	F29	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/22/23 22:30	F29	Do not care for this at all....way too geometric
11/22/23 23:19	F29	This one is very simple but looks every good

11/22/23 23:55	F29	its very beautiful!
11/23/23 0:46	F29	Simple and elegant. However, snowflakes are almost always six pointed/sided, never eight. There is no green, a missed opportunity to evoke our woods and/or agricultural roots.
11/23/23 0:50	F29	This is my favorite design (F29) and has been ever since I first was interested in flag reform and finding a more striking and profound flag for Minnesota. I would prefer a darker blue be used for the field, possibly somewhere between the current shade and the shade used in F944. I think it would provide a better contrast with the bright yellow and white of the central emblems. Otherwise, I am just gratified to see my favorite advance all the way to the final!
11/23/23 0:54	F29	I genuinely love the simplicity of this flag, incorporating the North Star as well as a snow flake, I feel like it represents Minnesota perfectly.
11/23/23 2:05	F29	The snowflake is cool, but the star is corny. Ditch the yellow star;ditch the little white circle in the middle.... Blue background, white parallelogram snowflake, iconic.
11/23/23 3:16	F29	As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for its simplicity, symmetry and focus. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, it depicts an eight-pointed snowflake which is inaccurate as snowflakes are universally famous for having a six-pointed structure. This detracts from the flag design principle "use meaningful symbolism" and could lead to nationwide embarrassment if adopted. Secondly, there are major contrast issues between the bright yellow and white that break the "rule of tincture" that Ted Kaye mentioned to you and that would limit visibility for colour-blind individuals, limiting its inclusiveness (a major consideration for your commission). Thirdly, it consists of a central emblem on a dark blue field, which is still indistinct among other state flags, even if the emblem is simpler than in the current flag. There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 4:28	F29	Of the remaining 6 finalists, this has my vote. The commission should be embarrassed with the top 6 as half of them shouldn't have made it that far.
11/23/23 4:46	F29	I think this is the one that should win. It is iconic and pleasing to the eye, and will be recognizable as our flag amongst the other state flags.
11/23/23 4:47	F29	We need an appropriate flag, one depicting a "dumpster fire"
11/23/23 5:35	F29	This is my second favorite pick after 1953. I don't think it looks great on a flag if the wind isn't blowing- we're basically back to a blue bedsheet. I would like it more if the color of blue was altered and the white circle in the middle was removed. The selburose feels rather exclusionary to folks who don't have Scandinavian or Dakota heritage.
11/23/23 5:37	F29	This is the one.
11/23/23 6:54	F29	As the famous Minnesota cultural icon, Charlie Brown, would put it, "good grief"! Here I thought we could trust the commission to choose a flag that could inspire all peoples of the state including all political spectrums and instead you just replace the bad seal with a "snowflake" on the bedsheet. Great job folks giving the deep state more fodder for jokes. Same with the accompanying seal.
11/23/23 7:32	F29	Take the star from f29 and combine it with flag f1953 replacing its star.
11/23/23 8:29	F29	F29 - This one looks like a quilt design at first glance. It also reminds me of fair isle patterns on socks or sweaters, and also of the beaded designs on moccasins. I think it may be too simplistic as our state flag, though.
11/23/23 8:39	F29	Colonel Colvill and the men of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Regiment are probably rolling in their graves because the flag they died defending has been emblazoned with a snowflake. In case you didn't know, a Snowflake was a term used to label anti-abolitionists a.k.a. people who didn't want to abolish slavery in the 1860's. Honor history and get it right commissioners!!
11/23/23 8:50	F29	This is the WINNER! Simple design. Easily recognizable. Distinct from any other state flag. Maintains the traditional Minnesota blue background. Clear representation of Minnesota as the North Star State. The white portions of the star resemble a snowflake and give nod to Minnesota's northern location and winter tourism. The white also resembles traditional Dakota design recognizing our rich Native American history. This flag also easily coordinates with state seal submission S6 for a cohesive representation of Minnesota in all areas.
11/23/23 9:06	F29	Excellent design. Very iconic and instantly recognizable
11/23/23 9:07	F29	I love this flag. The star could be used for branding in a million ways.
11/23/23 9:09	F29	This is so neat. ðŸ™Œ

		<p>This is an overall good design. I like the basic concept but do think the star could use work. I would recommend changing the star to have a higher contrast, white on yellow is difficult to see from a distance. Adding an outline to some of the elements, as seen for example on F1093 would make a huge difference. Updating the star design to also include 8-point symmetry (that make negative space "M"s) would also be an improvement. More care needs to be taken to make sure star does not look like a snowflake (slang for a hypersensitive person who can't take criticism), if that is chosen it will make us a national laughing stock and we will never hear the end of it.</p> <p>It is also very important that the chosen flag and seal match each other in terms of color shades. I think F29 could use a lighter blue that is closer to the current state flags background, please also consider the aesthetic impact a gold fringe would have on the final design.</p> <p>It would also be nice to see the color green included somewhere in the design, maybe even replacing the yellow, or as an outline to the star elements</p> <p>The overall concept of the flag is good, but the details of the star need more work. There are many other excellent submissions with well thought out star designs that could also be used., especially ones like F1093.</p>
11/23/23 9:18	F29	
11/23/23 9:30	F29	This flag looks the best, most subtle, and neatest.
11/23/23 10:03	F29	Total waste of time and money !! The decision to change the State flag is a COMPLETE JOKE !!
11/23/23 10:24	F29	This one is my favorite, kind of by a lot. Any of the six would be much better than our current catastrophe of a flag. The commission did a thankless and admirable job under great constraints.
11/23/23 10:30	F29	Dope
11/23/23 10:53	F29	This one is my favorite
11/23/23 11:05	F29	This is clearly the winner
11/23/23 11:06	F29	This is my favorite by far! Beautiful, striking colors, North Star, blue waters & sky, white snowflake which gives a nod to Scandinavian s& Native designs/art. And it goes perfectly with my favorite seal of the same colors and design.
11/23/23 11:40	F29	<p>This is GORGEOUS! Its simplistic but sophisticated design would last to represent Minnesota for centuries! It communicates an iconic symbol, easily recognizable, just like New Mexico, Japan, and Canada. Not only does it represent our motto of Lâ€™™Ã©toile du Nord, but it also has cultural significance with the indigenous Dakota communities as their eight pointed star. This is a perfect correction of the current flag to represent a respectful union of settler and indigenous motifs that motivated this initiative in the first place. It would make for a gorgeous addition to any MN official documents;ID, license plate, websites, etc.</p> <p>I favor this design over all other submitted designs, and I hope you all do as well!</p>
11/23/23 12:01	F29	This is my favorite.I love the simplicity of this one. It makes me think of the North Star and a snowflake. The blue background makes me think of our lakes & rivers. I absolutely love it. And it has a coordinating seal!
11/23/23 12:07	F29	this one is the best
11/23/23 12:11	F29	I would like this design, but part of the goal of a flag is to be identifiable. this flag is a symbol in the middle of a blue field. there are already many states which have symbols in the middle of blue fields. there for this flag fails at that goal of a flag and is not a good flag.
11/23/23 12:11	F29	What exactly says Minnesota in this flag.
11/23/23 12:23	F29	I am very excited by this design. It looks great as a flag, and will work for products like sweatshirts, coffee mugs, etc.
11/23/23 12:46	F29	This may be my favorite. It, like the New Mexico state flag, has a symbolism immediately identifiable with Minnesota. It's clean, simple, and is a logo that can be replicated off a flag, like on a coffee mug. I urge strong consideration of this one.
11/23/23 12:53	F29	It is a good flag and its very pretty.i hope you think about making this our state flag.
11/23/23 12:54	F29	Best one by far, the rest look like Polynesian flags
11/23/23 13:20	F29	This is the only remotely tolerable design of the final six.
11/23/23 13:49	F29	Strong design but to simple. Could be representing any of a dozen states.
11/23/23 14:26	F29	This is my favorite.I love the simplicity of this one. It makes me think of the North Star and a snowflake. The blue background makes me think of our lakes & rivers. I absolutely love it. And it has a coordinating seal!

11/23/23 14:54	F29	Way too plain and doesn't represent our state accurately
11/23/23 15:43	F29	Ideally, I would like the symbol of this design placed on F1953. If I have to choose out of the options given, though, F29 would be my pick.
11/23/23 16:01	F29	No
11/23/23 16:20	F29	in my very professional opinion as both a graphic design student and professional hater, this flag is the best of the lot.
11/23/23 16:40	F29	Out of all the finalists this feels the strongest. It would be stronger if simplified during revisions. Just the yellow north star on a blue background would be fine.
11/23/23 19:06	F29	This is the best of the finalists. The star in this design is by far the most iconic and could easily be put on merchandise. I do think though that the flag would be improved if the wave design of F2100 would be introduced as well incorporate the theme of water into the flag
11/23/23 19:10	F29	Nah this just lame
11/23/23 19:46	F29	I like this
		Certainly, a flag that I could live with and that would grow in popularity over time. That said, I feel we are missing out on the opportunity to choose a loon. A loon design has the potential to create something truly iconic and popular that provides distinguish.
11/23/23 19:49	F29	That said, if stars on open fields are uncommon, perhaps we have a chance at something that will truly stand the test of time, if it is unique.
11/23/23 19:58	F29	My vote is for this one. I love this flag.
11/23/23 20:54	F29	Really like this one. Could be timeless and unique globally.
11/23/23 22:28	F29	This is a phenomenal design. It would make a very good flag!
11/23/23 23:24	F29	I really like the design of this flag, but I really wish it included the color green! It is probably by 3rd favorite design.
11/24/23 0:13	F29	I would say this is interesting and unique. Looks like both the star of the north and a snowflake. It is different from other state flags. Attractive.
11/24/23 4:31	F29	I've seen this design floating around the internet for years, but it's boring. Minnesota is more than just winter. A lot of people (including many Minnesotans like myself) don't actually like the cold and snow. Just use the North Star Flag!
11/24/23 8:03	F29	My vote would be for this flag design. It's simple, it's bold and iconic. The colors are stronger and richer and the design has more integrity and clear meaning with the overlapping stars.
11/24/23 8:18	F29	This is fantastic. Dynamic, layered and captures multiple elements of our state
11/24/23 8:57	F29	This flag is way too much a redo of the current flag. Bland background with an overly complicated single element. The lines don't mix well at the center and the white star is lifted from Norwegian sweater designs. Does not feel representative of all Minnesotans.
11/24/23 9:51	F29	Please, for the love of God, pick this one. It's simple, symbolic, and iconic. The other finalist options all really really suck. No offense! Thank you.
11/24/23 10:05	F29	I like this design but I fear it does not stand out enough such that if there was no wind you would be able to recognize it next to other state flags.
11/24/23 10:18	F29	I like the two toned snowflake.
11/24/23 11:29	F29	Similar to the state flags of Alaska, New Mexico, and Arizona, part of a flag's effectiveness is in its simplicity. As the North Star State, this concept is reflected beautifully in this design. I believe this is a flag Minnesotans would be proud to fly.
11/24/23 11:38	F29	I love this design - the colors are distinct, and it combines snow - north - with a star, to get us to the North Star. It is simple and clear but not simplistic.
11/24/23 11:42	F29	I like this one best. Simple and can see from a mile away. Also not a rip off of another flag like the Puerto Rican one.
11/24/23 11:52	F29	This one is nice and simple, it has a nice color palate and would be a nice flag to rep our state.
11/24/23 12:10	F29	OUCH! Is that a Chinese throwing star? <a href="https://www.kombativ.com/images/products/large/8-point-silver-ninja-star.jpg">https://www.kombativ.com/images/products/large/8-point-silver-ninja-star.jpg</a>
11/24/23 12:49	F29	This looks exactly like the Spire Credit Union logo.
11/24/23 12:52	F29	This is nice but the star looks too much like a logo. Pick 1953 instead. It'll be more timeless
11/24/23 13:31	F29	If we are the land of sky-blue waters, this flag lacks both "sky-blue and something that represents water. We are more than just snow, and I think this particular use of a snowflake feels very Scandinavian, which is specific to one group. I do not think F29 should be considered for our state flag.
11/24/23 13:39	F29	In NAVA's ranking of state flags New Mexico was the top pick since it is a simple recognizable design in the center with a single color background. Of all the finalists this flag best represents this. Also compared to the other designs this flag carries over some symbolism from the current flag with a symbol in the center on a blue background. Last, looking at the commission's finalists the theme is North Star and this flag is more focused on this than any of the other finalists. For these reasons I think this is the best of the six to be our next state flag.

11/24/23 13:46	F29	Yes! This is my favorite. It can stand comparison with New Mexico's for simplicity and impact. The "snowflake" (8 arms) represents all of Minnesota in winter, the North Star is a recognized symbol of the state, and the overall effect is reminiscent of a quilt design.
11/24/23 14:14	F29	What does this have to do with Minnesota?
11/24/23 14:29	F29	This flag is awesome many people would be proud to fly it!
11/24/23 14:50	F29	Forgot another good point for this one on my first review: immune to being raised upside down, because it would be the same! Thailand changed its design to achieve that, after an embarrassing upside-down elephant moment . . .
11/24/23 15:47	F29	<p>This design is amazing especially with the star snowflake design with the blue background. Though not a fan of just the symbol behind a blue background. Doesn't separate itself from the other seal on blue flags in the union especially from a distance and no wind.</p> <p>There is a recommendation I wish to propose, what if we combine star snowflake design with the blue background, with the horizontal stripes from F1953, into one unified flag?</p> <p>It would carry so much symbolism within a symbol design, yet showcase Minnesota's beauty in compromise, in taking the best parts of different designs into one collective flag for all to rally around.</p> <p>I recall hearing the commission was open to the idea of combining elements from different flag designs.</p> <p>There is a mock up of this proposed design. I would love to share it with the commission.</p>
11/24/23 15:56	F29	Take care and have a wonderful weekend.
11/24/23 16:08	F29	This flag would be a fantastic banner to carry the state forward. It's simple and eye-catching, following great design principles set by other flags. I don't agree with the committee member who spoke against this design due to the inclusion of the snowflake. To me, snowfall is one of Minnesota's best known features that everyone experiences around the state. The combination of the snowflake and North Star are truly symbolic of MN's character. Changing the white snowflake to a different color would really make this flag significantly uglier. The flag should be designed with the truth in mind, not advertising for tourism.
11/24/23 16:11	F29	F29 - Excellent - star for L'etoile du Nord and snowflake for MN winters. This would be easiest to replicate (iron on patches, souvenir novelties kid flag drawing etc). Colors are bold and clear. Please choose this one!
11/24/23 16:18	F29	No
11/24/23 16:51	F29	This is the best design of all the finalists. The others look like too similar to other countries. This is unique and captures our state simply.
11/24/23 16:54	F29	The simplicity is great and the snowflake and star are good symbols, however, this doesn't fix the problem of the flag standing out. It is still mostly a field of blue. Every other design is better in distinguishing our flag from 20+ other states.
11/24/23 16:59	F29	The gold color behind the white works beautifully with the blue. Also, the snowflake transposed with the North Star is both beautiful and recognizable. The design may be a bit simple, but would certainly be recognizable.
11/24/23 17:22	F29	Ish
11/24/23 17:35	F29	Doesn't include L'etoile du Nord or Minnesota
11/24/23 18:01	F29	Nothing about this design says Minnesota
11/24/23 18:05	F29	I think the best design for are flag is this.the simple shapes and one of the best color combination make it a good flag.If you see the flag from a mile you will know it is Minnesotans I do wish the loon was on it it is one thing that is so Minnesotan i cant think of a place were loons a special other then here.Some might not like other states flags but if we chose this one I can't see how somebody would not like it.This is just some of my thoughts on it I could go on and on and on about the flag BUT in conclusion the best flag for are state is this flag
11/24/23 18:11	F29	Please don't use any of these 6 for the flag. They don't measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:12	F29	Boring! No historical meaning at all!!!
11/24/23 18:12	F29	I love this flag! I would feel pride for Minnesota whenever I saw this flrg.

11/24/23 18:24	F29	Looks too much like a quilt block. I would not want this to be the flag for the state.
11/24/23 18:30	F29	I've wanted this flag to be our state flag since I was in grade school! I love the choice of colors and the elegant symbolism of the design. I truly hope it gets chosen to be our new flag!
11/24/23 19:02	F29	This one is nice
11/24/23 19:22	F29	F29 should use a lighter shade of blue. One of the biggest issues with our old flag is that it was not identifiable from a distance compared to other state flags. If we use a dark blue that problem will still be an issue.
11/24/23 19:25	F29	Excellent design! Love the layering, simplicity and colors! Please advance this one forward!
11/24/23 20:01	F29	Awful. Unimaginative, dull, and meaningless.
11/24/23 20:01	F29	I think this is one of the best ones! I like the combination of the star and snowflake.
11/24/23 20:19	F29	Very blah why change it? Makes zero sense.
11/24/23 20:26	F29	Basic and ugly. It would be great for a winter carnival symbol though, like to imprint on beverage cups and tickets tubs.
11/24/23 20:32	F29	Basic and ugly. It would be great for a winter carnival symbol though, like to imprint on beverage cups and tickets tubs.
11/24/23 20:34	F29	Nothing about this says "Minnesota"
11/24/23 20:37	F29	I have to reply to these designs. This one says nothing Minnesota in the design. It looks like a barn quilt.
11/24/23 20:44	F29	This one is stately.
11/24/23 21:31	F29	F29: A 5-point star and 5- or 10-point snowflake makes more sense. A 5-point star has a top and bottom, a 4-point star does not, and most people recognize 5 points as a star, such as on the US flag, not 4.
11/24/23 21:38	F29	We have snow. We have sunshine. Doesn't really set us apart from all the other states, does it?
11/24/23 22:15	F29	I like this because it is simple. I see a snowflake and a star, which I believe could reminisce the North Star state.
11/24/23 22:48	F29	F29 is my favorite.
11/24/23 23:03	F29	F29 This is my second favorite. The yellow and white North Star is sharp against the dark blue background.
11/24/23 23:21	F29	The north star. Beautiful, simple, and elegant
11/24/23 23:32	F29	This one is eye catching & simple.
11/25/23 1:27	F29	This is by far my favorite of the final six flag designs. It is simple, symmetrical, and has a pleasing color scheme.
11/25/23 1:28	F29	F29 is by far my favorite of the final six flag designs. It is simple, symmetrical, and has a pleasing color scheme.
11/25/23 2:49	F29	All the six finalists are ridiculous. They look like sports team flags or corporation flags, not flags for a historic state.
11/25/23 3:49	F29	This is my preferred choice from the finalists, because it is the simplest. I think it well represents the state motto and it is the most pleasing to the eye.
11/25/23 5:29	F29	Despite the fact that I love to quilt, I DO NOT want this for our flag.
11/25/23 6:35	F29	This is perfect, unique and iconic. Highly recognizable in windy or not windy conditions
11/25/23 6:44	F29	I like this one
11/25/23 6:50	F29	Very good, very classy
11/25/23 7:18	F29	I like this option the best due to its simplicity and color scheme.
11/25/23 7:19	F29	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:20	F29	Boring
11/25/23 7:31	F29	Not a great design
11/25/23 7:42	F29	It sucks
11/25/23 7:49	F29	F29 , presumably a depiction of the North Star, does not convey any more information about Minnesota. Sad lone star.
11/25/23 7:50	F29	I do not like this flag or the others that clearly show a Scandinavian geometric design/style. Minnesota is a very diverse state and choosing a flag with clear design elements that represent only one cultural background is not appropriate for a flag meant to represent us all.



11/25/23 7:50	F29	The mish-mashed stars are a complicated shape that would be difficult for a child to draw. They generate many edges of yellow and white, which is a contrast problem. I'm not sure if these colors represent everyone in Minnesota but suggest alignment with the sports team. Don't eat the yellow snow.
11/25/23 8:03	F29	Ugly too plain
11/25/23 8:07	F29	F29 is a great flag! It's beautiful, simple, recognizable, and elegantly represents our state.
11/25/23 8:14	F29	This flag design is emblematic of Minnesota and the perfect choice.
11/25/23 8:17	F29	This is the best one by far. However, I think replacing the star in submission F1953 with this snowflake/star would also be interesting.
11/25/23 8:17	F29	Terrible
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11/25/23 8:22	F29	No, looks like a snowflake. I would never associate this with MN.
11/25/23 8:23	F29	F29 feels timeless and instantly recognizable. This one just "feels right" for Minnesota in its essence. Design elements could be tweaked minorly if desired, but this one feels like it's the one.
11/25/23 8:25	F29	A nice simple but proud design for all residents of Minnesota. Nice color choices and an easy design to remember.
11/25/23 8:26	F29	All flags are horrible
11/25/23 8:35	F29	I love the simplicity and the pattern is very familiar to me as a scandinavian minnesotan. But I worry that the scandinavian pattern Does not resonate with all our citizens And may in fact have a negative meaning to some.
11/25/23 8:46	F29	Not a fan. Doesn't say anything to me about Minnesota.
11/25/23 8:46	F29	Won't be able to see from far away
11/25/23 8:50	F29	This Does not say Minnesota to me at all
11/25/23 8:53	F29	Underwhelming. Boring. We can do better.
11/25/23 9:03	F29	Looking at all the flags selected I would need someone to explain how that means Minnesota and I would have like to seen that not needed , however the state seal's selected are a lot easier to understand and I did read what was to be captured in the design. I wish you would have had different results.Thank you
11/25/23 9:06	F29	Design F29 a solid SIXTH choice. It has the North Star and the Nordic snowflake. It is simple enough for a 5-year-old to recreate, though it would be a little tricky. However, it only acknowledges Northern European cultures. (A flag does not need to acknowledge/include all or many cultures. But if one is to prominently represent one group over the others, it is not fair, in my opinion.) Of the six finalists, this is my #6. Please do not pick this design. Thank you.
11/25/23 9:16	F29	Looks too Nordic
11/25/23 9:18	F29	This would be my number 1 choice.
11/25/23 9:26	F29	All of the choices are terrible and look like they were made by elementary kids. Why ruin tradition with such childish designs?
11/25/23 9:48	F29	This is bland and awful
11/25/23 9:58	F29	I love this one. Simple just memorable.
11/25/23 10:08	F29	F29 is in my Top 2 design finalists (F944 is the other). I appreciate the straightforward geometric quality of the North Star emblem, and how it draws the eye. The main drawback I see is there is a lot of open space in the field. Would the Commission consider including elements of the Seal finalist S6 into this design? I am thinking the words "The State of Minnesota" to run over the top arc, the "L'Etoile du Nord" banner underneath, the year of statehood under the banner, and the inner gold border at the top. This would bring it all together, in my mind. The outer ring of gold is not necessary and would tighten up the format too much. Thank you for taking this feedback into consideration!
11/25/23 10:12	F29	This is my favorite flag out of the finalists. I think it will be timeless, is replicable, rooted in our history and culture, and looks very nice.
11/25/23 10:14	F29	The loon seal is hands down the best, and should be use on the flag too. However, barring that option, this design has the most potential of the flag options presented, and feels the most professional. That said, it's too plain as is - but put the matching seal design on the blue flag background, and now you really have something. It would be a nice echo of the old flag, without the racism.

11/25/23 10:18	F29	I think this submission, out of the six, is the only one that remotely makes me think MN. I do believe you fell short on your selections as a whole. And for the person on the selection committee who said that they had never seen northern lights in S. Mn so they must only be a twin cities event, is mistaken. I have personally seen them in Southern MN, 9 miles from the Iowa border, 3 times. My daughter had video that was shown on KEYC TV. As for the selection committee member who said SW MN can't relate to evergreens, I say "who thinks of MN and doesn't think of evergreens." MN is all about our wonderful parks and rec. areas. Good luck to you, don't change the flags, the artists put a lot of time, thought, and energy into creating them.
11/25/23 10:18	F29	Love this flag! Number F29
11/25/23 10:22	F29	Very disappointed that loon designs were not even considered because of the Vice Chair's comment. If loons were not going to be considered, I would not have submitted any loon designs and concentrated on only North Star designs. Very disappointed. Also, many of the flags selected as top 25 for committee members didn't even meet the basic criteria that committee members learned what makes a good flag design. Too much personal opinion and not enough about what designs would make sense to represent Minnesota best.
11/25/23 10:39	F29	This is a good design. Simple and points to the large Scandinavian population and history of Minnesota.
11/25/23 10:48	F29	This is a good design, and definitely my favorite, but it needs some more ornamentation and the state motto included
11/25/23 10:49	F29	This is the best of the batch. It does have a problem in that snowflakes are six-sided in nature, and the icon here that reads as snow is eight-sided. That aside, this is visually very appealing in that it's symmetrical both vertically and horizontally and even looks the same if turned on its side. It recalls water and sky, summer and winter and the North Star.
11/25/23 10:52	F29	They all are horrible and should be thrown out and restart. Minnesota is not abstract, but rather real and active. None of the designs illustrates this.
11/25/23 10:57	F29	I like this because it's not busy
11/25/23 11:00	F29	The flag is too plain with just a North Star. Should have loons and lakes. Pine trees. What our state needs is what our state stands for. Ex. Water. Fishing. Etc
11/25/23 11:08	F29	NO QUILTS!
11/25/23 11:10	F29	This looks like a poinsettia plant which makes me think of Christmas. The flag should not evoke religious celebrations. Or heritage, for that matter. It looks Norwegian, which is great on sweaters but not on our flag.
11/25/23 11:13	F29	While an interesting idea with a snowflake and North Star, this flag comes off as pretty bland.
11/25/23 11:41	F29	This is in my top 2! I love the star and snowflake! And the blue flag background to symbolize water.
11/25/23 11:58	F29	Simple yet meaningful. Stars are a common on many state flags but the snowflake over the star makes it distinctive and easily translates to "north star"
11/25/23 12:01	F29	In my opinion, identification should be the primary function of a flag. It should be clear and simple for the general public to see the flag and think "Minnesota". Representation is important in general but should be a secondary objective at most regarding flag design. The purpose shouldn't be for someone to see the flag and think "Oh, it looks like Minnesota has... some lakes, and stars, and loons, and etc. etc." Among the six contenders, I think the simplicity of F29 works very well. It has just two basic symbols: the north star and a snowflake. I think that combination is quite sufficient to identify Minnesota.
11/25/23 12:17	F29	From the beginning, this design (29) stood out from the 2000+ submissions for its striking design. It offers simplicity, beauty, and meaning. It remains my favorite and I would be excited to see this one, as is, for our new flag.
11/25/23 12:26	F29	I have lived here for 70 years and not one of the flags showed any respect for all of the state. They all look like something from the Middle East.
11/25/23 12:27	F29	While this is a very nice design, one of the goals of the redesign process was to get away from having a logo stamped on a plain blue background. It would only be slightly discernible from the current flag while flying on a flag pole.
11/25/23 12:41	F29	I do not care for this design for the flag or the seal. Although I like winter, I do not think the snowflake should be the one thing besides the north star to represent the state. This feeds into the negative perception of the state as being cold and snowy all the time. There are many others of the state to emphasize instead, like a loon. But the colors are good: darker blue and sharp contrast with gold and white.
11/25/23 12:42	F29	F1435. I don't even know what I am looking at. Why is the sun shining on Optimus Prime? Plus it's just ugly.
11/25/23 13:10	F29	This looks like tangram art. Perhaps it's appropriate as an elementary school art project, not a state flag.
11/25/23 14:12	F29	A snowflake? No.
11/25/23 14:19	F29	This is my first choice. The simplicity speaks highly of how our great State strives to keep our lives easy by having so many wonderful social supports.
11/25/23 14:25	F29	This is a bland representation of our vast and beautiful state.
11/25/23 14:28	F29	Represents zero with the state of MN. Terrible.

11/25/23 14:40	F29	This is boring. Not Minnesota friendly
11/25/23 14:59	F29	This one is awesome! Simple yet very Minnesota
11/25/23 15:19	F29	This flag is nice as an icon but I question if we really want snow represented so prominently in the appearance of the star? I think Minnesota being known for snow is one of the things that's mocked about the state and not something we should emphasize on our flag.
11/25/23 15:24	F29	We are trying to choose a design for a flag not a barn quilt.
11/25/23 15:39	F29	Lame
11/25/23 16:31	F29	This looks like nothing. I feel no affinity toward the design and it doesn't resonate with me as a Minnesotan.
11/25/23 16:38	F29	I can't believe this design was chosen as a finalist. It looks too much like a design on a pair of Scandanavian mittens, which is what is thought of when I first saw it. The design does not make me think of the north star.
11/25/23 16:39	F29	F29 is ok. On second thought it'll nice and minimalist with a star and snowflake. Ok flag choice.
11/25/23 16:43	F29	I can't believe this design was chosen as a finalist. It looks just like a design from a pair of Scandanavian mittens, which is what is thought of when I first saw it. The design does not make me think of the north star.
11/25/23 16:58	F29	This flag is an instant classic to last the ages.
11/25/23 17:16	F29	This is the only decent flag design
11/25/23 17:44	F29	Looks like a needle point design
11/25/23 17:46	F29	Hey just to give you guys a heads up this flag breaks the rule against cultural symbols. The white symbol is called a selburose which is a cultural symbol of Norways independence from Sweden.
11/25/23 18:16	F29	Horrible
11/25/23 19:01	F29	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on submissions to redesign the Minnesota state flag. Submission F29 would make a very good state flag. If the commission chooses this entry, please consider a few revisions. I would strongly suggest adding a "swallowtail" style to the end of this flag (see submission F235 which seems to be from the same artist/designer) that would stand out among other state flags. This style would fit the geography of the state in an amazing yet subtle way to say "this is Minnesota". I would also suggest consideration of a brighter/lighter blue (or bright/light green?) background to stand out among all the similar state flags with dark blue backgrounds.
11/25/23 19:44	F29	I like the simplicity of this, and showing almost like a north star with us being such a northern post in the Midwest and the simple coloring it stands out
11/25/23 20:17	F29	This flag is clean, elegant, and really well designed. I would love to have this flag in my home / merchandise with this design
11/25/23 20:29	F29	The design is problematic- the white and yellow will end up blending together at distance and will look like the flag we are trying to replace a blue sheet with a white yellow center design. Minnesota is more than winter.
11/25/23 20:32	F29	Second Choice;should use the center white star from S147 though.
11/25/23 20:38	F29	This flag reminds me of Norway or Frozen. Dislike
11/25/23 20:41	F29	Who designed these? Looks like clip art
11/25/23 20:45	F29	This is the second best one in my opinion. However the plain blue background lacks visual interest and distinctiveness and the two-color overlaid star / snowflake design seems unduly complicated and does not work as well as the simple star in F2100.
11/25/23 20:52	F29	Way to generic. BORING. Its almost like you are trying not to offend anyone and you are offending everyone.
11/25/23 21:02	F29	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:23	F29	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 22:01	F29	I love this design! I would proudly wear it on logo gear and know it is representing our great state. The others unfortunately look too much like medical facility logos or sports team logos, with the exception of F1435. While that one is creative it lacks the simple beauty of this design. F29 is a great representation for our state.
11/25/23 22:16	F29	My favorite. Especially if combined with the seal design S6.
11/25/23 22:16	F29	None of these designs say Minnesota. Seriously, they look like garden banners from Dollar Tree. This whole thing has been a waste of time and money.
11/25/23 22:17	F29	Ugh
11/25/23 22:32	F29	None of the chosen flag designs even come close to show what the people and the land of Minnesota actually represents. We have many more talented people to create a more meaningful flag. The final designs are pretty poor to represent our beautiful state.

11/25/23 22:41	F29	I did not realize that the rules for MN flag design Included a BORING provision. THE 6 FINALIST DESIGN ARE HORRIBLE...SORRY.
11/25/23 22:41	F29	All 6 submissions are bland and looked like they were designed by elementary school children. That is also the view of almost LRT everyone on the next door app.,
11/25/23 22:56	F29	this is the best but all of them are way too plain.
11/25/23 23:24	F29	The F29 design is my favorite! The symbolism is clear and simple. Just wish there was some green in the design. Oh well
11/26/23 0:18	F29	I really like this one! It embodies the seasons, the Northstar.
11/26/23 0:57	F29	F29 best of the submissions - get both the star and snowflake.
11/26/23 1:03	F29	This looks like a quilt. Why just a star? Nope.
		This is my favorite of three options that I would consider flying.  This flag has by far the best base design to it that would require little-to-no tweaking to work finalize. I like the simple design of the north star in the "back" which gets fronted by a cool snowflake-like design of the 8-pointed rotunda star but doesn't get swallowed. The shade of blue also allows the design in the middle to stand out which would be crucial for identifying the flag from a distance. A good part of the design is the symmetry of it, so there leaves little-to-no chance of it being flown incorrectly and no part of the design gets hidden when flown.  A bonus to the design is the ease of incorporating it via merchandise because the design doesn't get lost at even smaller sizes and still retains its allure. Another bonus is how easy it can be adjusted to incorporate all of the various sports teams in the state and still keep its design intact.
11/26/23 2:21	F29	This flag is undoubtedly the best design that has the right amount of simplicity that doesn't lose any of the complexity that may lie within it. I would be very proud to fly this flag.
11/26/23 2:39	F29	This is the most beautiful flag. Please do select it to be our state flag. The color scheme is fantastic and I'm sure it will becomes iconic in no time. Thank you for your time.
11/26/23 3:54	F29	All six final designs couldn't be more generic, uninspiring, and boring. To see any of these flags flying would not inspire any pride in the great state of Minnesota.
11/26/23 6:22	F29	F29 is the best flag out of all of them. No revisions needed unless it is slight color changes.
11/26/23 6:24	F29	Disgusting! Where is the relevance to our state and the bounty of our natural resources? You've bastardized our old flag by approving a piece of abstract art.
11/26/23 6:42	F29	This is beautiful
11/26/23 6:42	F29	Incredibly boring. Looks like a symbol for the Winter Olympics.
11/26/23 6:47	F29	This is the way
11/26/23 7:08	F29	This is a stupid concept, leave the state flag alone
11/26/23 7:43	F29	The blue and gold theme is Swedish...not that there's anything wrong with that but the Norwegians will most definitely notice.
11/26/23 8:12	F29	Love the simplicity. Love the snowflake and the star. I don't like the use of yellow in this flag.
11/26/23 8:23	F29	I hate the new flags, many friends do to. Do a do over..
11/26/23 8:23	F29	This design is simple and elegant
11/26/23 8:34	F29	NO
11/26/23 8:44	F29	Please no it's akin to clip art!! White on yellow is a terrible combination with poor contrast. Snowflakes are 6 sided, not eight! This is terribly amateur we can do better!!
11/26/23 9:24	F29	This is a great flag design. It is simple, clean, looks like Minnesota. North Star and snow that's us. I could see wanting a touch more detail, it would be nice to have the whole flag and not only the center feel representative, but the complexity of the center makes it difficult. I think this could be a great choice for state flag, equaled only by the star above the split wave green-blue field design. I believe the former is a much more classic and recognizable flag design, but this one could act more like a logo on things like merchandise. Personally my second choice, but if chosen I would be somewhat happy with the outcome.
11/26/23 9:27	F29	My preferred design. Only critique is that when winds are calm, it will look like a blue bedsheet on a pole, a complaint people have about the current flag as well.
11/26/23 9:38	F29	Not that interesting.
11/26/23 9:50	F29	This is the perfect new flag!! Please choose this one.

11/26/23 9:50	F29	All 6 designs are horrible, not a single one should become our new flag! Start over.
11/26/23 10:21	F29	Great flag best one on here I recommend this one a big step up from the old flag. A very simple yet stunning design makes for an excellent flag.
11/26/23 10:38	F29	The "snowflake" has 8 points. Real ones have 6. Designs like this set the state up for no end of ridicule. We can't claim to be the state that knows snow and get this wrong. Alos, the committee wanted a design for the next 100 years, but snow may be quite rare in 25 years.
11/26/23 10:43	F29	Leave the original flag!!!!!!
11/26/23 10:43	F29	Do NOT change the flag or the seal. What makes you think you know what is good for ALL Minnesota. Better yet why don't you guys pick two and give the CITIZENS a chance to vote next November? I have zero hope that you will let US chose. Be sure to include 'no change' as an option.
11/26/23 10:45	F29	I like the indigenous influence of the design, but I wish there were green in it, to reflect our forests
11/26/23 10:49	F29	No thanks. Too dark. Too geometric.
11/26/23 10:53	F29	I laughed when I first saw this design, but it has definitely grown on me. It is distinctive without being over-elaborated.
11/26/23 10:58	F29	I do not care for this design for the flag or the seal. Although I like winter, I do not think the snowflake should be the one thing besides the north star to represent the state. This feeds into the negative perception of the state as being cold and snowy all the time. There are many of others of the state to emphasize instead, like a loon.
11/26/23 10:59	F29	But the colors are good: darker blue and sharp contrast with gold and white.
11/26/23 11:00	F29	This is by far my favorite flag of the bunch. It's simple and uncomplicated.
11/26/23 11:00	F29	Please pick this design! It is simple and beautiful, two aspects we should value in a flag. While some might think it is too simple, I truly the design will grow on folks. I'm not really a flag person, but I would love to see this flying.
11/26/23 11:02	F29	Ok design, just very simplistic. I might prefer a different shade of blue, however the current one is very regal.
11/26/23 11:20	F29	This simple, elegant, unique design is one that Minnesotans can view with pride. It is clearly superior to the other finalists in that it resonates with symbolism without being obvious or derivative. I strongly encourage selection of this winning design.
11/26/23 11:41	F29	Beautiful and simple
11/26/23 11:41	F29	This is my favorite flag design of those in the top six but the colors are too drab.
11/26/23 11:53	F29	This flag is a perfect blend of indigenous and Scandinavian design aesthetics. The simplicity reminds me of New Mexico's flag, making it the solid choice to represent our state at a national level.
11/26/23 12:08	F29	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 9 votes
11/26/23 12:10	F29	F29 is the nicest out of these 5. Disappointed that another flag wasn't chosen but this one will do.
11/26/23 12:18	F29	Use of bold shapes and symmetry, as well as using only three colors, makes this the obvious front runner.
11/26/23 12:36	F29	Wonderful design. Do wish there was more ties to the ag and nature of our state
11/26/23 12:42	F29	This is the best one!
11/26/23 12:49	F29	This one has my vote. :)
11/26/23 12:50	F29	There is nothiing on this design that shows this is Minnesotan. All the designs are horrible!
11/26/23 12:53	F29	This one is the best of the 6 finalists.
11/26/23 13:26	F29	Love the simplicity of this design
11/26/23 13:37	F29	I assume the white diamonds on the front are supposed to represent a snowflake. I like the idea of having a snowflake on our flag to show that we are a place of all seasons and that we like winter. However, I think this snowflake is too blocky. I feel like someone could design a better looking snowflake to be a part of this flag.
11/26/23 14:00	F29	Although this is a nice overall design, there are a few things with this that makes it only come in 3rd in my ranking of the final 6. First, the "snowflake" over the yellow star makes it hard to distinguish the two symbols from each other. Second, with the symbols in the middle, this makes this design not only similar to the New Mexico flag, just with different colors. It also is very similar to the current flag and the many other state flags with a seal/ symbol centered on a blue/ navy field. Lastly, the white snowflake itself is potentially not meeting the mandatory requirement of not using emblems or symbols of a single community. Although altered to make it look like a snowflake, it is evident that it is based of off the Sioux Star (8 point star with orientation so that 2 points are pointed in each of the cardinal directions).
11/26/23 14:11	F29	Outstanding design: simple, clean, symmetrical, and identifiable at a distance. The elements on the flag perfectly represent Minnesota, and would also look incredible on shirts/caps/pins, etc.

11/26/23 14:15	F29	The overlapping shapes are too similar in color and too fine in detailâ€”they resemble some indeterminate flower blossom, and will appear fuzzy from a distance. A large central shape thatâ€™s supposed to be a star (?) is like New Mexicoâ€™s, but without the visual or cultural â€œpunch.â€œ
11/26/23 14:22	F29	My favorite of the 6 selections, by far. Details such as whether the "dot" in the middle stays or goes, or whether the white "M star" shape is solid or broken up, are less important. The idea of the Nordic star/ Lakota star/ 8-pointed M star over a 4-pointed compass rose is lovely. It's also simple, and it's easy to identify. It's the one design that looks the same rotated 90 degrees, and it's the same on the front or the reverse, which helps for a flag. Put this one, more than any of the others, next to the flag of New Mexico or Tennessee, and it sits in that higher rank.
11/26/23 14:29	F29	None of these â€œfinalistsâ€œ are adequate. They all look like clip art, generic corporate logos. The North Star flag design should at least be considered.
11/26/23 14:37	F29	This design does not specifically represent Minnesota. Having anything that looks like a Star of Bethlehem is a great no-no.
11/26/23 15:47	F29	Snowflakes are considered to have six sides. The white "snowflake" has either four or eight depending how you want to count it.
11/26/23 15:47	F29	And given enough distance, it looks like a cluster of gold and white on a blue background. No real difference than the current flag if you think of it that way.
11/26/23 15:47	F29	This is my favorite of the finalists and seems the most timeless. Could benefit from some color tweaking to increase contrast.
11/26/23 16:21	F29	this is the best star put this on another flag
11/26/23 16:41	F29	This is by far my favorite flag design. I would even wear this on a hat!
11/26/23 16:47	F29	While I respect the efforts, I strongly disagree with excluding loons just because they are not in southern MN. Loons are what make our state unique. Any state could have a star. All of these choices are very disappointing.
11/26/23 16:56	F29	This looks like a quilt pattern. Not a fan.
11/26/23 17:04	F29	This is by far my favorite design. Though I feel like the field of solid blue will make it boring or hard to distinguish when hanging. I suggest a swallowtail of lighter blue or another color. This will break up the field of dark blue, and suggest the shape of our state.
11/26/23 17:14	F29	I like this design. It would be visible and recognizable from a distance. And it could be a timeless design.
11/26/23 17:38	F29	This flag makes it seem like we have snow all year.
11/26/23 17:55	F29	I really like the design of F29. Clean, classy, and crisp with beautiful colors that evoke the north. This is a look that we could be proud of.
11/26/23 18:07	F29	The simplicity of this and the immediate symbolism that connect to our state, make this my top choice. When I look at it...this is something that I can see on license plates to ball caps/hoodies to promote our state and be worn proudly.
11/26/23 18:23	F29	F29 is the best flag choice. Simple, yet effective. The combination of the North star and the snowflake is ingenious. Please choose this flag. Thank you
11/26/23 18:42	F29	This is a Norwegian selburose design over a star image. I read that it has been described as a snowflake. A natural snowflake usually has 6 arms.
11/26/23 18:57	F29	I love the simplicity and versatility of this design
11/26/23 19:01	F29	Best
11/26/23 19:10	F29	F29 Flag submission has our votes.
11/26/23 19:28	F29	I'd vote for this one!
11/26/23 19:38	F29	This design is a bit minimalist, but is the only design I would really consider an improvement on the current flag.
11/26/23 20:06	F29	This is the least unacceptable submission
11/26/23 20:30	F29	The is definitely the best looking flag out of all the other submissions. The colors, symbolism, design all mash up perfectly.
11/26/23 20:39	F29	- Crystal MN Resident
11/26/23 20:39	F29	I like this one. Easy to turn into a seal, logo, stationary, and its elegant.
11/26/23 21:43	F29	F29 is my favorite choice for a new state flag. I think it looks iconic and will represent the state well. The other finalists just don't speak to me as much.
11/26/23 21:58	F29	Ugly
11/26/23 22:08	F29	As a Minnesotan who has been pushing for a new flag for years, F29 and F1953 are my favorite flags. I think either would make a great flag for the state.
11/26/23 22:19	F29	Favorite!

11/26/23 22:47	F29	A very singular image that would be unique among US state flags. Reads as "snowflake on a star" on the laptop, but may effectively read as "star" aka "North Star" at a distance. Easily reproducible with three colors and simple four-pointed star and eight-diamond geometry. Colors carry over from existing state flag. Would prefer a brighter blue that would read more as "water", like the blue in the reCAPTCHA box below this text field, and move past the Civil War "union blue" legacy state flags.
11/27/23 0:59	F29	This flag is stunningly beautiful and would really set us apart
11/27/23 1:03	F29	This flag is absolutely stunning with a really epic design
11/27/23 1:07	F29	I love this flag it's gorgeously unique
		Kids can draw this.
11/27/23 2:40	F29	Additionally the design is clean and the symbolism representing our origins as a state is there.
11/27/23 5:03	F29	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:50	F29	The only thing I would change, is getting rid of the white dot in the center of the star. Otherwise this design is amazing!
11/27/23 8:36	F29	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:36	F29	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:59	F29	I think we can all agree we are more than just snow. Almost too simple and not representative of our state.
11/27/23 9:29	F29	Probably the best of the remaining designs. However its a real shame you didn't allow the 1989 north star flag as an option. I want to 89 North Star flag as our state flag
11/27/23 9:30	F29	F29 is pretty, but unfortunately it perpetuates the same problem most state flags have—a symbol on a blue background. This would be indistinguishable in a field of other state flags, like at Mount Rushmore or the National Cathedral. Minnesota deserves a well-designed, distinct state flag. We already have one in common use, the North Star Flag, so it makes sense to me to adopt the 8-pointed quilt star from the other flags, which is clearly an organic symbol of Minnesotans, and put it on the North Star Flag, which also has organic, natural use by Minnesotans. Green, white, and blue are common colors used to represent Minnesota (including here on the MNHS site, as well as the state fair, most state agencies, most cities, our sports teams, and more) so I believe the state flag needs to include green, white, and blue
11/27/23 9:31	F29	If you're not going with the obvious choice (the North Star Flag), then this is the winner.
11/27/23 9:41	F29	This is the flag, this is the one. Simple, elegant, easy to see from a distance and know "Minnesota"
11/27/23 9:45	F29	Clearly the best of the selected flags, although I prefer the North Star flag. Try to add a blue border around the snowflake part of the star so it contrasts with the yellow star.
11/27/23 9:58	F29	Looks like a flower not the north star
11/27/23 9:58	F29	Hell yeah.
11/27/23 10:01	F29	I think this is the best choice to become our state flag.
11/27/23 10:02	F29	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:02	F29	This is a timeless design that can be incorporates in many official capacities while remaining non-brand and professional. It is the cleanest, most-efficient and eye-grabbing design out of the bunch! I'm saying this as a person from New Jersey. This flag opened my eyes and makes me want to advocate for NJ to do the same!
11/27/23 10:02	F29	Pick number F29! It's clear, distinct, and will look excellent on a flag pole.
11/27/23 10:02	F29	This is a great design that follows principles of vexilology and cleverly symbolizes the entire state in multiple ways. I hope it is chosen!
11/27/23 10:02	F29	MN known for our cold winters and this flag reflects that. Would appreciate a flag that symbolizes our beautiful summers
11/27/23 10:06	F29	Too plain and simple. No creativity
11/27/23 10:07	F29	I support adoption of this flag.
11/27/23 10:07	F29	Far and away the best design. Clean, elegant, easy for a third-grader learning how to draw the Minnesota flag to draw. Plus, not racist.
11/27/23 10:08	F29	I miss having a green element. I understand wanting only a few colors, but could we add some green?
11/27/23 10:08	F29	Simple. Powerful. Beautiful. This is the only design that captured my attention immediately and ever since.
11/27/23 10:09	F29	I'm inspired by this design because it is simple but encapsulates so much of what makes Minnesota special. This symbol could easily become recognizable as ~Minnesota™
11/27/23 10:09	F29	This design makes little sense to me. Without green and blue, it does not feel like Minnesota.

		<p>I voice my support for this flag. Brandon Hundt has been an advocate for a new MN flag for years and put so much time, effort, and research into this flag.</p> <p>However, I think there is potential to improve it as from a distance the white and yellow could bleed together in the viewer's perspective. Perhaps the colors can be given more contrast, and the central dot can be removed for simplicity's sake.</p>
11/27/23 10:10	F29	Thank you!
11/27/23 10:11	F29	This flag is alright. Solid second choice
11/27/23 10:12	F29	This is the best one
11/27/23 10:13	F29	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and so simple that it lacks any identity to anything.
11/27/23 10:13	F29	All around a great option: well balanced and proportioned (assuming that the white and yellow stars would be made concentric in the final pass) and it manages to look good both up close and at a distance. The colors work well together but I also appreciate that the designer is open to adjustments of color, because it would be good to make sure that the shade of blue matches the blue of the current flag for the sake of continuity.
11/27/23 10:14	F29	Don't like this one. Very difficult to see a connection to Minnesota in this design. Bring back the one showing a lakefront.
11/27/23 10:15	F29	This flag is simple (as it should be);straight to the point;and won't be "dated" in 100 years: The star of the north - LOVE THIS DESIGN!
11/27/23 10:17	F29	This is my favorite of the finalist. I strongly feel the "north star" flag is a better option for us. This one would tend to blend in with many other states and doesn't solve the issue of uniqueness. The North Star flag would be instantly recognizable and unique to MN.
11/27/23 10:17	F29	Overall the best, simple and iconic. Use existing state flag blue as background and if enough people insist on another color add green on the bottom half.
11/27/23 10:18	F29	Also use the state seal with the same motif
11/27/23 10:18	F29	This one perpetuates the idea that all Minnesota is known for is snow.
11/27/23 10:19	F29	This is my favorite of the finalist. I strongly feel the "north star" flag is a better option for us. This one would tend to blend in with many other states and doesn't solve the issue of uniqueness. The North Star flag would be instantly recognizable and unique to MN.
11/27/23 10:20	F29	The proposal seems kind of bland to me. The "star-flake" is interesting design but it's kind of generic without some other visual tie to the state. Also as climate change progresses snow will be much less common the future. The blue background strikes me as too dark. 3rd on my list.
11/27/23 10:22	F29	This one only has a star and a snowflake. Needs blue water and green!
11/27/23 10:25	F29	Love this!! Great logo for the state. Could be our Nike swoosh.
11/27/23 10:25	F29	I love it! It's clean and recognizable.
11/27/23 10:25	F29	At our Thanksgiving dinner we voted: 6 people ranging in age from 10 to 73 #F29 was the favorite in our ranked voting it had 4 votes for first place.
11/27/23 10:26	F29	This flag is boring. I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.
11/27/23 10:29	F29	At our Thanksgiving dinner we voted: 6 people ranging in age from 10 to 73 #F29 was the favorite in our ranked voting it had 4 votes for first place. The 10 year old said this design was simple and easy to remember.
11/27/23 10:29	F29	It looks like off-brand Frozen merch.
11/27/23 10:29	F29	<p>Of the finalists, this is far and away my favorite. It's simple and elegant and the sort of emblem Minnesotans can proudly fly. It's also put together in a way that kids should be able to draw it from memory. I also enjoy the variations for our various sports teams that I've seen the designer post online. This flag would be the perfect change from our problematic and (frankly) ugly current design and I am very much in favor of it being our new state flag.</p> <p>Jonathan Kealing Minneapolis</p>



11/27/23 10:33	F29	Too simple. There is more to this state than snow flakes and a star that everyone can see.
11/27/23 10:36	F29	My favorite of the 6. Go for it!
11/27/23 10:37	F29	I am fully in support of making submission F29 our new state flag. I believe the design is distinct and would make a great symbol for our state. I have actually been behind this symbol for a long time, since before there was even a formal commission to explore replacements for the current flag, and I truly believe this is the best candidate for our state flag. I hope that the commission will submit this as its final flag going forward. Thank you for your diligent work!!
11/27/23 10:38	F29	Most of these flag submissions do not represent the diversity of MN, so my favorite representation of MN is flag submission F2100
11/27/23 10:42	F29	I've submitted this already - but I really want to make sure it goes through. This flag is the best of the finalist. The best option, and my hands down preferred option, is the "North Star" flag. The North Star flag would be instantly recognizable and unique to MN. It meets all the qualifications of the competition and instantly stands out. It is simple, distinctive, recognizable, and would instantly be one of the better looking flags in the country. I urge you to reconsider this flag! Thank you, ~Dan
11/27/23 10:42	F29	Very simple and recognizable. Next best design after the North Star Flag
11/27/23 10:43	F29	This flag evokes the simplicity and timelessness of other state flags such as New Mexico. I fully support this design.
11/27/23 10:44	F29	Of the remaining contenders, F29 is a clear winner. To me, it says "it's cold and it's dark here, but triumphantly so." This design is sleek, recognizable, and beautiful.
11/27/23 10:45	F29	This one is the best of the remaining finalists
11/27/23 10:47	F29	This is the best one!
11/27/23 10:47	F29	I love this flag! Its honor given to the Scandinavian immigrants who settled here while also paying homage to patterns found in the art of the Ojibwe whose land we live on is something incredibly special. I think this one is also, somewhat shallowly, the most pleasing to the eye. I would be proud of this flag were I to see it waving outside of our capitol building.
11/27/23 10:48	F29	The best one of the finalists by far! This is definitely my pick.
11/27/23 10:48	F29	I love this design, and the designer has explained his choices and they make sense and capture the spirit of Minnesota in an almost lyrical way. My great grandparents were Norwegian immigrants to Minnesota in the late 1800's and I have fond memories of family visits in the 70's and 80's. I understand there is some discussion of retaining or removing the center dot, I like the way it's traditional and it centers the design.
11/27/23 10:49	F29	This one is my favorite--clean, simple, timeless. Being known as the North Star State is historically very positive. Also, I can see this design easily be transferred/embroidered onto hats and shirts etc. worn with Minnesota pride. Love it!
11/27/23 10:49	F29	This is the clear front-runner of the finalists -- it's simple, clean, and represents Minnesota well. I'd be proud to have it as our next flag.
11/27/23 10:51	F29	I think that this is a good flag and the best option by a decent margin.
11/27/23 10:53	F29	I do not like this flag as it's just our previous "blue with thing in the middle" flag. It's not that distinct or unique enough to where I'd be able to definitively say that this is Minnesota and not somewhere else.
11/27/23 10:54	F29	This design is much too simple
11/27/23 10:55	F29	Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
11/27/23 10:57	F29	Plain- looks copied from another country - no MN theme This one deserves to be the next flag.
11/27/23 10:58	F29	One suggestion: I would explore moving the starflake toward the hoist side so it flies better on a flagpole, but putting the starflake in the middle would be fine too.
11/27/23 10:58	F29	This one
11/27/23 10:59	F29	This one should be the new flag!
11/27/23 11:00	F29	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:00	F29	I like this one the most, simple yet keeps the flag look. The ones with waves in it don't give off flag designs as much.
11/27/23 11:03	F29	This is easily my favorite design of the finalists. It's simple, but the symbolism is strong. There are many, many stars that have been proposed so far, but this is the best.
11/27/23 11:03	F29	This is my favorite of all the finalists. I'd love if the design was also included as part of the state seal. I think the colors work well together and the design can represent all of Minnesota.

11/27/23 11:04	F29	This is my favorite flag design in the running - I love the symbol, the way it points to the Dakota star and the north star at once, the distinctive and strong visual identity, the way it would look distinctive among other state flags on a flagpole. I do think it would be a little stronger with a different color background -- either a lighter or darker blue -- given how many state flags are on a blue field similar to this color. Also curious about incorporating this symbol into one of the other concepts, like the one with a slightly Minnesota-shaped fishtail.
11/27/23 11:06	F29	Add a loon.
11/27/23 11:07	F29	This one is actually difficult to draw. Overlapping elements are hard to draw, especially when the top color is white. It is also a bit basic.
11/27/23 11:07	F29	This F29 option is the best of the bunch. I really would have liked the North Star Flag but since that was somehow left off the list of finalists, this is the current best by far. This flag could be an immediate recognizable emblem/symbol for Minnesota - unlike the other designs. I can also see myself getting this as a tattoo.
11/27/23 11:10	F29	I think this will become an iconic symbol of the state of Minnesota if chosen. The others have slightly less distinct star patterns and require the entire design to be representative absolutely love this one! Simplicity with so much meaning!
11/27/23 11:12	F29	This is like the northern equivalent of New Mexico's state flag and I'm good with that. It's the strongest contender by far.
11/27/23 11:13	F29	This feels too simplistic of a design for all our state has to offer
11/27/23 11:14	F29	Please choose this design it is the best one
11/27/23 11:14	F29	This feels too simplistic of a design for all our state has to offer
11/27/23 11:14	F29	Too simple and we're not all Scandinavian. The single star design is reminiscent of Arizona which we are not. This design is not inclusive and it says nothing about our state.
11/27/23 11:14	F29	<p>F29- I think it is crucial that we see this as an actual flag, not just a computer generated image. I have concerns about how the yellow on white will appear atop a flag pole from a distance while waving in the wind. I know this flag has a lot of popular support and this is a clean design but maybe a little too simple and too much empty space.</p> <p>F944- Again I think this flag looks better on a computer screen than a flagpole. It is also a little too complex to be easily remembered and drawn, one of the principles of good flag design</p> <p>F1154- I love this design and feel it would be an excellent choice, it is a good mix of simple, but the two colored background makes the space feel well utilized.</p> <p>F1435- Please do not select this design, it is very unclear what the green plant is supposed to be/represent, the flag design is complex and will be hard to remember or recreate. The plant looks more like a cactus and does not visually signify Minnesota.</p> <p>F1953- This is my favorite design, and would make an excellent choice for the Minnesota state flag. I believe there are some suggested tweaks in regards to the color and order of the stripes. I think with some of those tweaks integrated this could be the perfect flag for Minnesota. The shape and colors both quickly visually link to the state, it is not too complex but not too empty or simplistic.</p> <p>F2100- Also an excellent design, again a good mix of simple, easily drawn by hand, but not empty or plain.</p> <p>In summary, I believe F1154, F1953 and F2100 would be the best choices with my personal preference being F1953. I would also urge the committee to reconsider the North Star Flag as it is an excellent design with lots of public support.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work in selecting a new state flag, as a redesign is badly needed. It is my hope that this new flag will be a more clear representation of our state and a unifying, common symbol that we can be proud of.</p>
11/27/23 11:14	F29	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. How does this remotely reflect Minnesota? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:15	F29	This one is my favorite.
11/27/23 11:16	F29	This is by far the best of the bunch! Simple, beautiful, easy to recognize and is relevant to the state. WIN.
11/27/23 11:17	F29	Needs some green but is the best one.
11/27/23 11:18	F29	This is the best design out of all the finalists.
11/27/23 11:19	F29	F1953 seems appropriately symbolic. NorthStar state strong!
11/27/23 11:20	F29	Looks like a child made this entry, I don't think it has anything special to do with our beautiful state. Every state has stars and many have snow!!!!
11/27/23 11:21	F29	While I appreciate the interest in simplicity and symbolism, this particular proposal looks like a modified New Mexico state flag. I also worry that an emblem featuring a Swedish barn quilt motif would lend tacit favoritism to a specific ethnic culture.
11/27/23 11:25	F29	BORING!! What does this flag say about our great state?

		<p>None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water</p> <p>Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")</p> <p>You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?</p> <p>Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.</p>
11/27/23 11:25	F29	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:26	F29	This is beautiful.
11/27/23 11:26	F29	I personally think all the designs are embarassing and look like a middle school student designed them. It's extremely disappointing that the officials in charge of the selecton process have chosen bland and non-descript designs. Minnesota's citizens deserve better of its leadership and the process that's currently taking place.
11/27/23 11:27	F29	I like F29. It's simple, which a flag should be. My only comment would be that it might be improved with some representation of the 11 native tribes. That may be difficult to do without making them seem peripheral. Perhaps there is another flag design that has an idea that could be incorporated? Thank you for your work.
11/27/23 11:28	F29	Looks like a quilt based off of the Los Angeles Rams or Notre Dame colors, and I don't get "Minnesota" out of this.
11/27/23 11:30	F29	This design makes me proud to be a Minnesotan and I eagerly look forward to flying it.
11/27/23 11:30	F29	I like the one. It is simple and yet easily identified.
11/27/23 11:36	F29	It looks a like blatant rip-off of the logos for movie franchise Frozen.
11/27/23 11:36	F29	Do not related how the symbol in the center of the flag related or stand for anything Minesota.
11/27/23 11:37	F29	All chosen flag submissions look like a stamp design.ugh!
11/27/23 11:37	F29	This is my favorite flag, although I do understand that there are some criticisms about white on gold. Assuming the shades chosen deal with that issue, this would be my vote.
11/27/23 11:40	F29	This design, as well as the other finalists, look like they were designed by first-year design students. Not sure how this truly represents the state.
11/27/23 11:40	F29	Best flag design of the finalists
11/27/23 11:41	F29	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?
11/27/23 11:41	F29	IMPORTANT: All snow flakes have six sides! The combination of North Star and Snowflake seems a popular choice, but it would be embarrassing for Minnesota to suggest we do not know much about snow. The emblem can be relatively easily modified. Reducing the current proposal to six "arms" would make the arms relatively bulky, but making each hollow would be more evocative of a snowflake. The star can have six arms as well. I have mocked up an example if there is interest.
11/27/23 11:42	F29	I like the simplicity of this design
11/27/23 11:44	F29	What does this even mean?
11/27/23 11:45	F29	All picks for flag are HORRIBLE. No representation of "The Land of 10,000 Lakes" at all!
11/27/23 11:45	F29	this is ugly . too much blue and will not stand the test of time that the committee referred to. Looks too computer generated and harsh
11/27/23 11:45	F29	This is my top second pick for the state flag!
11/27/23 11:46	F29	I don't like any of the designs but this is the best of the worst!
11/27/23 11:50	F29	This is the best one
11/27/23 11:51	F29	Good design. Outlook Positive
11/27/23 11:52	F29	Boring!!!
11/27/23 11:53	F29	A Christmas tree ornament?.
11/27/23 11:54	F29	Horrible ,childlike
11/27/23 11:54	F29	Best of the 6 options, and love the matching seal. What a recognizable visual for our great state!
11/27/23 11:55	F29	Bland. Go back to original and stop wasting our money.

11/27/23 11:58	F29	F29 is clearly the best, and the potential for marketing this logo is great. Only note is snowflakes are most typically hexagonal and not octagonal. Potentially it could be inserted as the star for F1953 if there is a lot of interest in that flag as well? All of the other flags besides those two are not good.
11/27/23 11:59	F29	Alone on the flag like this, it looks like the logo for an outdoor company, not a flag. I could maybe like it if it were actually incorporated into an actual flag design.
11/27/23 11:59	F29	This is my #2 pick for the flag. It looks cool, but its color scheme is too similar to the dozens of "seal that is centered on a dark blue background" state flags. Even if this is something different from those, I would prefer not to have something like this if possible.
11/27/23 12:01	F29	I like this flag the best. It's simple and easy to identify. This would make a great state flag.
11/27/23 12:04	F29	Horrible and trendy;looks like a barn quilt.
11/27/23 12:04	F29	okay not great
11/27/23 12:04	F29	pick this one! it's simple and evocative
11/27/23 12:05	F29	NONE of the flag designs are acceptable. They all look like the result of an amateur's use of AI.
11/27/23 12:07	F29	None of the designs are worthy of being a new state flag. Why change a good thing.
11/27/23 12:08	F29	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:08	F29	Horrible. Where is the loon? Where is the state flower? There were much better designs than any of the ones you have chosen. Do the people who chose them even live here? None of the 6 finalists have represented the state at all. Horrible finalists.
11/27/23 12:10	F29	How are we supposed to teach kids how to draw our new flag if the designer themselves couldn't even line up the yellow and white. It's proof that it's too complicated and should be simplified and centered correctly if chosen.
11/27/23 12:10	F29	I would also suggest removing the white dot in the middle as it doesn't add anything to the design.
11/27/23 12:11	F29	This is an excellent design but the background color of navy is all too common amongst state flags. Minnesota deserves a flag that either incorporates royal or sky blue (fitting for the "Land of the Sky Blue Waters") and not the same color as roughly half of the nation's other state flags.
11/27/23 12:12	F29	Keep the current flag. These look like barn quilts with no meaning.
11/27/23 12:13	F29	All of these are just awful. Please leave our flag alone. Also, do not need to spend the money on this. That would be an huge waste of money.
11/27/23 12:13	F29	I really like this flag, fairly simple but yet defining, north star and snowflake, goes with the "bold north" slogan. The complementary seal submission would really pair well, and looks very professional.
11/27/23 12:14	F29	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:16	F29	Stop the nonsense! There aren't ANY on this list that should be used for our state flag. They all look like quilt pieces and not flags!! Shame on all of you for even considering this stuff.
11/27/23 12:17	F29	All the flags are very mundane and boring. How did it take a year to come up with these. How much of my money was wasted on this stupid committee to find a new flag. Minnesota sucks is what the flag should say
11/27/23 12:17	F29	I support this design for both the flag and the seal, although adding "MINNESOTA" to the flag would be helpful.
11/27/23 12:18	F29	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:18	F29	Sadly I do not like any of the designs picked.You have gone from detail to blah. None of them represent our state.
11/27/23 12:18	F29	You call this a flag? Looks like it was designed by a middle schooler with a free 1 day trial of indesign
11/27/23 12:19	F29	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota
11/27/23 12:20	F29	Looks like a new car logo.
11/27/23 12:20	F29	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:20	F29	I like the star on this one, but perhaps it can be incorporated in 1953 or 2100
11/27/23 12:20	F29	I support this design
11/27/23 12:20	F29	F29: This one also has unique star/snowflake shapes. I like that it's simple. It's not my favorite one, but I do like the simplicity of it. It's not overstated, which feels very Minnesotan.
11/27/23 12:21	F29	This flag works, but I wish it had more character. I'm skeptical of the colors used in this design, as I don't think Minnesota is portrayed as navy & gold in any other context.

11/27/23 12:24	F29	This is one of my top picks because of its simplicity. The blue represents water, snowflake/star combo represents winter and north star. I think people would quickly be able to associate this with MN.
11/27/23 12:25	F29	This design is an ok concept, but itâ€™s tacky and amateurish.
11/27/23 12:25	F29	This is the least terrible looking one. They are all just bad
11/27/23 12:27	F29	This is my favorite submission. I like the simplicity and think it would make a great flag.
11/27/23 12:27	F29	I mean, itâ€™s obviously the right choice. Iâ€™ve been a fan of this flag design for years!
11/27/23 12:27	F29	Simple, yet own-able, this is my fav of the finalists.
11/27/23 12:28	F29	Looks like a grade schooler learning to use the graphic arts designs. No.
11/27/23 12:28	F29	Too dark, what does the dark blue represent? Simple but not relatable.
11/27/23 12:31	F29	Clean, simple, and symbolic. Distinct from a distance when flying in the wind (or not).
11/27/23 12:31	F29	We don't need a new flag!
11/27/23 12:33	F29	This is probably my favorite out of the five finalists. I like the simplicity of it. It is very easy to distinguish, especially from far away, which was on of the goals of the redesign.
11/27/23 12:34	F29	This flag is beautifully executed as a representation of our state and the many geographic and cultural entities within.
11/27/23 12:36	F29	This looks like a barn quilt hanging on a flag. Minnesota is so much more than the north star and snow! This should not be our new state flag!
11/27/23 12:37	F29	This gives me north star, but there is something very white about the use of the quilt pattern star. It makes me wonder if this represents ALL Minnesota
11/27/23 12:37	F29	I vote for this one
11/27/23 12:38	F29	The star is too complex. this would be very complex to sew. Yellow and white are not good colors next to each other. I would remove the center white dot. It would be nice to read the designers explanation of the design meaning. I give this flag a grade of "C". Thank you.
11/27/23 12:38	F29	This is it
11/27/23 12:39	F29	Too dark, not relatable. Cold.
11/27/23 12:40	F29	Unique and easy to read
11/27/23 12:41	F29	This says nothing about being a flag for Minnesota
11/27/23 12:42	F29	This is clearly the best design. It's not overly designed, but it's unique and impactful.
11/27/23 12:42	F29	I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isnâ€™t great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.
11/27/23 12:43	F29	Plain. Boring. Looks like a quilt or a simplistic corporate logo. Nothing about this says "minnesota" to me
11/27/23 12:43	F29	This is my favorite. Clean and symmetrical. I assume the yellow stands for north star state and the snowflake for our climate. The symbols are easy to understand.
11/27/23 12:43	F29	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:45	F29	This is my top choice for the state flag. My only feedback is to make sure there is enough contrast between the colors of the elements to ensure that color blind people and people with low vision can still identify it.
11/27/23 12:45	F29	BLAH--boring--the same as the rest of the selections! I would support using the state seal as the flag, also. The flag choices all look like they were computer designed by the same person. really don't look like Mn. at all, in my book. I'd support an Ufdah! on a flag before any of these. Sorry, not sorry. Jean
11/27/23 12:46	F29	F29: north star and snowflake in a simple quilt square style. I like the cleanness of this design.
11/27/23 12:47	F29	Looking at this I see either somewhere in Canada or Alaska. Nothing says Minnesota to me.
11/27/23 12:47	F29	Bland. No Style or Joy. Whoever picked all of these designs- you are BORING and BLAH.
11/27/23 12:47	F29	I suggest you start over. There is nothing about any of the choices that represent Minnesota! Who appointed this commission?
11/27/23 12:47	F29	No way! Looks like a snowflake, guess that fits for this whole committee.
11/27/23 12:47	F29	I donâ€™t think this on represents MN well enough
11/27/23 12:50	F29	NO, it says nothing about our state.

11/27/23 12:50	F29	Simple design, timeless.
11/27/23 12:52	F29	Hands down, this is the best one. Simple, iconic, beautiful. The others just don't seem to have the magic that this one does. I would proudly fly this flag over my front door
11/27/23 12:53	F29	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:54	F29	Best design
11/27/23 12:54	F29	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!
11/27/23 12:55	F29	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture;things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 12:58	F29	Horrible
11/27/23 12:58	F29	No don't like any of the new flags
11/27/23 12:58	F29	F29 is my favorite flag candidate. It is clean and distinctive;easily recognizable among other states. The north star fits as an emblem that applies to all of Minnesota. The additional 8-pointed star evokes both the Scandinavian selburose found in sweaters, mittens, and other materials. It also ties to the Lakota star quilt designs, making the synthesis a good emblem for Minnesota's heritage. I am happy with the flag as is, and do not think it needs significant revision. But if so, the central white dot could be removed, as well as color alterations. I do not want the flag to become overly complex.
11/27/23 12:59	F29	F29: Simple, and easily identifiable, like a flag should be. I appreciate that this flag pays homage to the original inhabitants of Minnesota in the use of the 8-pointed star, as seen in traditional star blankets. While similar in structure to the flag of New Mexico, this design remains distinct.
11/27/23 12:59	F29	Please choose this one. I love the clean design and the shade of blue used for the background.
11/27/23 13:01	F29	My Vote for State Flag - F29
11/27/23 13:04	F29	This is a lovely flag!
11/27/23 13:04	F29	This is the best flag. It's simple, classy and instantly recognizable. In one elegant symbol, it contains the North Star as well as a snow flake, and even echoes the structure of corn, representing the best known elements of the character of our state. The bue field represents the sky blue water (Mni Sota) that gives origin to our state's name, as well as it's native heritage. It also directly echoes the blue sky and it's connotations of equity and limitless possibility.  In short, this is a flag we as Minnesotans can fly with pride and that will be recognized all around the country and the world.
11/27/23 13:04	F29	It also easily translates to a State Seal.
11/27/23 13:06	F29	Itâ€™s too plain.
11/27/23 13:06	F29	NO it looks like it belongs in church.
11/27/23 13:06	F29	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:07	F29	F29 Looks like a Christmas ornament, please don't pick it
11/27/23 13:09	F29	Second favorite F29. First favorite F2100.
11/27/23 13:09	F29	Looks like a quilt pattern, which skews old and stodgy. Represents Minn
11/27/23 13:10	F29	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:11	F29	This one feels like clip art. I like that it's simple, but it literally feels like a combination of 2 existing pieces of basic art.
11/27/23 13:11	F29	I donâ€™t believe that this says Minnesota I donâ€™t understand it
11/27/23 13:12	F29	This design feels too simple. I think the snowflake motif is a bit stereotypical. I donâ€™t know if itâ€™s quite as original as some other ideas.
11/27/23 13:14	F29	I like this evokes both the North Star, snow, and a flower. It's simplicity is its strength
11/27/23 13:15	F29	Canâ€™t believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:18	F29	I vote for this one!!!
11/27/23 13:19	F29	This is the best design from among the six finalists. Simple yet symbolic, which is what every flag should be.
11/27/23 13:19	F29	Almost too non-descript. 4th choice for me. Feels WAY too emphasized on winter and cold. No good feel of the river and lakes.

11/27/23 13:19	F29	A North Star + a snowflake: a great concept! Here is the issue: snowflakes have 6 points, not 8!! For this reason, choosing this design would be an embarrassment: somehow the people who care enough about snow to put it on their state flag don't know what a snowflake looks like?? The issue could be solved by making both the snowflake and the star 6-pointed.
11/27/23 13:19	F29	A) Snowflakes all have six sides / points not 8 B) This star design IMO feels more like a Christmas card than a State flag and the background star in particular, although not explicit, has a somewhat Christian feel to it. Also, like all of the final 6 - is a bit lacking in any good representation of the State and is rather boring.
11/27/23 13:19	F29	Not a good choice
11/27/23 13:21	F29	Middle East? Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L!
11/27/23 13:25	F29	Horrible where's the loon
11/27/23 13:25	F29	elite
11/27/23 13:26	F29	Horrible where's the loon Who would ever look at these and say yep that's a MN state flag??? Really there were none better then these??
11/27/23 13:28	F29	Of all the current choices, this is the best design. It represents Minnesota well;Star of the North state and snow.
11/27/23 13:29	F29	Design has nothing to do with MN
11/27/23 13:30	F29	This flag looks like something at the Mall of America parking lot.
11/27/23 13:30	F29	This is nice and simple
11/27/23 13:31	F29	Most of these final images appear to have been designed by the same person. This one is the worst - a star covered by a snowflake. It is cold, uninteresting, and off-putting - like looking into a knife drawer.
11/27/23 13:32	F29	I really didn't care for any of the designs, but this one is the best of the 6. No reference to our farming history or lakes.
11/27/23 13:33	F29	Center design is phenomenal. The background color is far too similar to most "seal on a bedsheet" state flags, which could cause the flag to become indistinguishable in lighter winds. Great design. I suggest adding a green border to the flag.
11/27/23 13:34	F29	All new state buildings should incorporate Scandanavian inspired architecture. This flag would go great with Arendelle-looking buildings.
11/27/23 13:35	F29	A star should not be Yellow. A star should be White. This design is also boring. Actually, every design picked as a finalist is very disappointing. There were SO many creative and beautiful designs entered. When I saw what the finalists were I felt very let down.
11/27/23 13:35	F29	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, i have to say i HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:35	F29	I love this redesign. I think the starflake is pretty and recognizable. A nice state symbol. Also, lots of branding potential
11/27/23 13:36	F29	Like this design and the seal design similar to it.
11/27/23 13:36	F29	Very uninteresting
11/27/23 13:36	F29	Ugly
11/27/23 13:37	F29	This is the best choice!!!!
11/27/23 13:37	F29	Nice clean design. The sun and snowflack are Minnesota.
11/27/23 13:37	F29	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents. Looks like a quilt patch.
11/27/23 13:38	F29	<b>THIS IS THE BEST ONE! CHOOSE THIS ONE AND DON'T ALTER IT!!!!</b>
11/27/23 13:38	F29	Do not change our flag or dismantle the panel and save our money. There's nothing wrong with it and we don't need to spend money on this nonsense. You spent you already spent \$19 billion dollars and I'm sure you're going to get into the Surplus we have for this year too. Besides, all your pics look like foreign country flags.
11/27/23 13:39	F29	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group.
11/27/23 13:40	F29	My pick for the winner. Simple, but bold elements that everyone will recognize.
11/27/23 13:40	F29	I really don't like any of the selections. Someone was stuck on the star theme but these don't really reflect nature, lakes or anything indigenous
11/27/23 13:41	F29	North star and swedish - that's what I think of when I look at this flag. Where are the lakes (land of 10,000 lakes)? The agriculture? Representation of more heritage?

11/27/23 13:42	F29	They are all EXTREMELY UGLY!!!
11/27/23 13:44	F29	1940's quilt square. How does it say Minnesota?
11/27/23 13:44	F29	yes for flag, simple North star
11/27/23 13:45	F29	Nice and clean and simple. My top 3
11/27/23 13:46	F29	F29 is my second choice after F1953. I do not think F29 will look as good flying as F1953, but it is a beautiful and simple design, and I would be happy with it.
11/27/23 13:47	F29	I like this one the most I feel it captures everything the committee was aiming for
11/27/23 13:48	F29	I prefer the original flag and seal and will continue to fly our current flag for the foreseeable future. But if and only if the flag and seal have to change this one is a good one.
11/27/23 13:49	F29	Looks like an advertisement. Definitely NOT a good choice. Who would make any connection with Minnesota from this. If anything it looks like the Star of Bethlehem.
11/27/23 13:49	F29	Simple, beautiful design that follows good flag design principals. Simple enough to recreate from memory. Limits to 3 colors. Distinctive and recognizable symbolism with north star and snowflake. Take care in the contrast between white and yellow/orange to ensure the white doesn't get washed out. Overall great design!
11/27/23 13:49	F29	Boring, Uninspiring, offers only a star for interest, which only represents abstract and miniscule positive aspects of mn. As good as monochromatic with huge fields of single colors, uninteresting, boring. Also this star looks very Anglo Christian, very much like the Christmas star, sure to offend many.
11/27/23 13:49	F29	This is my favorite flag.
11/27/23 13:50	F29	While I believe that out of all of the choose finalists that the "Starflake" design is the best, I believe it would be in the committee's best interest to add features of the "North Star flag" such as Green and White Stripes at the bottom to better differentiate this flag from other state flags.
11/27/23 13:50	F29	Looks like a Christmas ornament. I don't like it.
11/27/23 13:50	F29	I like this one. It's the most unique but also says Minnesota the most to me
11/27/23 13:50	F29	Very boring. Nothing to do with Minnesota at all.
11/27/23 13:51	F29	Like the snowflake and North Star combo, but this one is boring.
11/27/23 13:53	F29	Too plain, not regal enough
11/27/23 13:53	F29	Looks like a snowflake but I'm sure it is a stylized north star. Just like the other 5 finalists, this bland depiction captures very little of what makes Minnesota.
11/27/23 13:54	F29	Love this color of snow and star
11/27/23 13:56	F29	I like this one the best. The others are too gaudy, have clashing colors, or feel insincere. #27 feels regal, without being gaudy, grand without being simple.
11/27/23 13:57	F29	Hate it. . Why is it being changed?
11/27/23 13:58	F29	F29 both feels empty/boring and the overlapping shapes in the center seem to busy/complex.
11/27/23 13:59	F29	Looks like bad clip art
11/27/23 14:00	F29	The white design on this design represents a Norwegian style of art and is not appropriate to represent the state as it excludes other ethnic groups.
11/27/23 14:00	F29	Glaring, stark design and colors. It is too modern, digitalized and abstract to " appeal for 100 years", as one judge said was a criteria. Looks like a Nike or sports logo. There is no green in a major rural, agricultural and naturally green state ! And no water representation in the " Land of 10,000 Lakes " Major deficiencies here.
11/27/23 14:01	F29	This is my favorite one. It looks like a quilt made by a Swede. Minnesota had a large immigrant population of Swedes and Norwegians. It's very Nordic. Remember, Swede Hollow.
11/27/23 14:02	F29	What is it symbolizing? It doesn't mean anything to me as a citizen of the state
11/27/23 14:04	F29	Looks like an AI generated geometric pattern. Indicates nothing about Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:07	F29	None of the finalists make me think "MN" And the design is very dated.
11/27/23 14:07	F29	There's a strange optical thing happening with the yellow star form when it transitions behind the white diamonds - the lines visually bend. This could be corrected with some optical adjustments to the yellow star form. Overall I think the balance between the scale of the two forms could be adjusted so that the feel more unified - there should be some delight in the way the two forms interact - right now they are just sitting on top of one another. Would be good to see an exploration of more foreground/background interaction. Perhaps the white form needs to be bigger? The yellow form more complex?
11/27/23 14:08	F29	Nice, but very simplistic and needs to have a loon.



11/27/23 14:08	F29	Best star of the group and would be great with another flag background, but would like the flag to be different than the one we have right now, this is just replacing our seal for a new one.
11/27/23 14:08	F29	I like this design the best, but wish the colors (the background blue and the yellow) were more vibrant
11/27/23 14:09	F29	The star is too common. Something a person would see in an advertisement.
11/27/23 14:09	F29	I like the design that it has a snowflake in front of the north star. But it still feels a little empty. Pretty though.
11/27/23 14:09	F29	My favorite along with F1953. F1953 would be better if the white strip was in the middle with the blue on top. I love the simplicity of F29 and how it incorporates the north star and snow. I really like the color scheme - blue, white, and yellow is simple and looks great. F29 first, F1953 with white stripe in the middle second. Hope one of these two wins. Flags should be simple and identifiable, not complicated like a state seal. Well done.
11/27/23 14:09	F29	Too plain
11/27/23 14:10	F29	F29 is a perfect flag for Minnesota. Don't worry about it being "too simple," flags should be simple because they're typically seen from very far away. This timeless, elegant design will never get old.
11/27/23 14:11	F29	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region. Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this.
11/27/23 14:11	F29	Simple, well-designed concept. I love it and out of all the designs this is the only one I could see flying outside my home.
11/27/23 14:11	F29	This is my favorite design, but I wish it had some green incorporated in it. Green is such an essential Minnesota color.
11/27/23 14:12	F29	Solid blue background too plain. Not a choice.
11/27/23 14:12	F29	Looks like a bloody snowflake! Nope
11/27/23 14:12	F29	I like it a lot
11/27/23 14:12	F29	This flag is the prettiest in geometry and color.
11/27/23 14:13	F29	Too plain
11/27/23 14:14	F29	I vote for this one. Bit I wish the background color were more vibrant.
11/27/23 14:15	F29	Way too boring;this feels like nothing.
11/27/23 14:16	F29	Hate it. Looks like something on the side of a barn
11/27/23 14:17	F29	Simple design, which I like. Seems like an overlap of a star and a snowflake. I like this one.
11/27/23 14:17	F29	This is an excellent design. It satisfies the principles articulated by the North American Vexillological Association, especially simplicity of design, identifiability from a distance, and meaningful symbolism. (In that regard, it is not unlike the flag of New Mexico, which NAVA has deemed the best US state flag). Some have commented negatively on the shade of blue in this design, but, as I have mentioned to the designer, it is appropriate because the North Star is seen in the *night* sky. If Minnesota adopts this design, the state will have chosen well.
11/27/23 14:18	F29	My comment is in regards to all six designs. I think they are all poorly done, there is no Minnesota vibe to any of them, yuck.
11/27/23 14:19	F29	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:19	F29	This looks like a foreign county flag
11/27/23 14:20	F29	Looks like a Christmas tree ornament. Don't choose this one!
11/27/23 14:20	F29	This flag in it's simplicity will be easily recognized as representing Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:21	F29	two comments. 1) how many millions of dollars on flags,signs,paintings, uniforms will be spent on this boondoggle when there are so many other truly needed items to spend it on and 2)what two colors are missing.....maroon and gold. The colors of our university system. What callousness by our state lawmakers. you should be ashamed of yourselves.
11/27/23 14:23	F29	This is my first choice but I don't like any of the flags
11/27/23 14:23	F29	Not interesting.
11/27/23 14:23	F29	The only one warranting consideration, in my opinion. Simple and good combination of colors. Mixing green and blue is unappealing.
11/27/23 14:25	F29	The best of them all.
11/27/23 14:26	F29	This is my favorite submission. I like that it is simple. I like that it is mostly blue for our lakes and rivers, and has the north star. I like that it has the "snowflake" or selburose/eight-sided star with its references to both Scandinavia and native tribes. It's simple and easy to remember. I think it's great. Let's make it our our flag.
11/27/23 14:26	F29	I really like the star on this one. But the rest of it is a little bland. If it could be combined with F1953 or F2100 that would be great.

11/27/23 14:26	F29	Don't like it at all
11/27/23 14:29	F29	Use this design for the flag. I like the symbolism and simplicity
11/27/23 14:30	F29	To plain or Christmasy for our population
11/27/23 14:30	F29	1. I find the design a little boring 2. I don't like the emphasis of a snowflake - MN has more than the winter season
11/27/23 14:31	F29	The already popular Northstar flag should have been in the finals but this is next best
11/27/23 14:33	F29	This is by far the best of an equally dismal pool of options for the flag. It appears that all flag designs are to be basic and as simple as possible? They all resembles old school Clip Art from the 80's. As a lifelong Minnesotan, I cannot get excited about any of the options presented. There is nothing moving about them, nothing which invokes a sense of pride or admiration. The "snowflake on star" is the only flag option which feels like it hints at who we are. Everything else feels like we're voting for a an image or mascot for a sports team. Overall, this was a really disappointing act of taxpayer money being used on something that really didn't need changing.
11/27/23 14:34	F29	Please don't let this flag submission become our state flag. It's just ghastly.
11/27/23 14:35	F29	Best choice
11/27/23 14:35	F29	This is my favorite. It is simple and clean, but captures the essence of Minnesota. Also, it is easily recognizable.
11/27/23 14:35	F29	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:37	F29	I think this flag should represent our north star state! It is simple and recognizable!
11/27/23 14:37	F29	Great for a toilet paper design
11/27/23 14:39	F29	This is my 2nd favorite. I think that this star combined with a background like F1953 would make a really nice flag.
11/27/23 14:40	F29	This is a terrible design, maybe OK as a corporate logo, but not for a state flag
11/27/23 14:40	F29	This is my favorite. It is simple and clean, but captures the essence of Minnesota. Also, it is easily recognizable.
11/27/23 14:41	F29	This is the best choice.
11/27/23 14:43	F29	This is our second choice and the yellow and white star on dark background was the best for my son to see. (Family of 12)
11/27/23 14:43	F29	This looks like someone put a sticker on blue craft paper. Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence? How dumb do you want to make Minnesotans look?
11/27/23 14:44	F29	I like this one best--but they are all good!
11/27/23 14:47	F29	I need it please it's so beautiful ☺~☐
11/27/23 14:48	F29	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:54	F29	This one! The rest are too much. The simplicity here is great.
11/27/23 14:54	F29	I guess this has symmetry going for it. If the white pattern is meant to be a snowflake, it's not because snowflakes always have six dendrites. Some have said it is a symbol of our Scandinavian heritage. If so, it will be offensive to many who aren't of such descent and is counter to the acceptance criteria that honors any specific group of people.
11/27/23 14:58	F29	Love it
11/27/23 15:00	F29	This one just looks like the Spire credit union logo. The colors and even star iconography are nearly identical. It does not feel like a flag, and just feels like a logo for a bank. The lack of the color green makes it seem like there is no warmth in Minnesota, only cold winters. Our beautiful springs and summers are not represented at all in this, in my opinion!
11/27/23 15:00	F29	I like this one!
11/27/23 15:01	F29	This is my top pick for the flag redesign. It has a simple and bold design that evokes the best vexillological practices. It reminds me of some of the best state flags, such as New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Tennessee. I would love to see this flag or a variant of it become our new state flag!
11/27/23 15:01	F29	Most neutral
11/27/23 15:03	F29	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:04	F29	I would say that this flag is probably my second favorite among all the designs, and generally speaking I've seen a lot of other people say that they like this flag a lot. I wouldn't mind it being the new state flag.
11/27/23 15:04	F29	It looks Russian.

11/27/23 15:06	F29	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:06	F29	Ugly
11/27/23 15:08	F29	Simple but poorly executed logo. There are so many ways to include both a star and snow without having to do overlapping geometric clipart. I donâ€™t trust you to pick a better logo though.
11/27/23 15:10	F29	These selections are ridiculous. They donâ€™t represent Minnesota. Who are the judges anyway? These selections belong on a quilt not a flag!
		This is the best one by a long shot. It's simple, it's identifiable, and it's one that Minnesotans can all resonate with, no matter their identity.
11/27/23 15:13	F29	This has got to be the best flag option by far!
11/27/23 15:13	F29	My personal favorite. It is Minnesota;quietly beautiful.
		This is the best one by a long shot. It's simple, it's identifiable, and it's one that Minnesotans can all resonate with, no matter their identity.
11/27/23 15:14	F29	This has got to be the best flag option by far!
11/27/23 15:16	F29	This is the best one!
11/27/23 15:20	F29	Yes!!! Thank you.
11/27/23 15:21	F29	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:22	F29	If we're going for a very simple design this flag is quite nice
11/27/23 15:22	F29	I like the reference to indigenous peoples in the graphic design of the north star.
11/27/23 15:23	F29	This needs to be our flag.
11/27/23 15:25	F29	This looks like a quilting pattern, not a state flag. I like all of the Star of the North references, but why do a majority of the finalists all look like quilts? No references to loons, the state bird, were included, yet I have never known quilting to be a distinctly Minnesota activity. Please consider other options rather than this one.
11/27/23 15:27	F29	It has potential but is just plain, flat and will immediately be out of date. Add some texture and shading to the star and it would be better.
11/27/23 15:27	F29	This should be our state flag
11/27/23 15:31	F29	All my favorite state flags are an iconic symbol on a simple background, and this one takes the cake! It's got the snow, it's got the north star, all without being overly complicated - kids across the state can draw this! It's got it all!
11/27/23 15:32	F29	Nope. North star with a snowflake? We're much more than that.
11/27/23 15:37	F29	I love this flag! it is simple but shows off its meaning through the north star and our signiture snowflake for the cold winters! Very pleasing to look at and easy to draw good job!
11/27/23 15:38	F29	I do not associate this image with Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:38	F29	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota
11/27/23 15:39	F29	terrible!
11/27/23 15:43	F29	This flag should be given further consideration. It features a simple, yet easily-identifiable, design that conveys specific aspects of Minnesotan identity: our hardiness (the snowflake) and our moral rectitude (the North Star).
11/27/23 15:47	F29	I support this flag design.
11/27/23 15:48	F29	Ever since i found out about this flag 2 years ago, I have always felt that it strongly represented me as a Minnesotan, and I would be incredibly proud to hang this flag all over my home and see it everywhere I go. The symbolism and Minnesotan pride behind this flag is second to none.
11/27/23 15:50	F29	Thumbs down ðŸ‘Ž

		<p>This is, and should be, considered the only right choice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A dark blue field that symbolizes water, but also is a strong and confident color. It is calming and commanding. Its simple but effective. Allowing the eyes to fall into the center of the flag.</li> <li>2. A 8 pointed Dakota/Native American star, paying homage to our Native Populations, as well as resembling the quilting and patterns of the Scandinavian and German populations of the first pioneers. White and crisp like snow, alluding to a snowflake, an entirely notable Minnesotan reference, but also the 4 intermediate directions on a compass rose, alluding to our central location in the U.S. The white stands out brightly against the blue field, but not in a way that is disruptive. It commands the center of the flag, drawing the attention to the middle, creating a focal idea.</li> <li>3. The "Star of the North" in gold, almost hidden behind the white starflake. The star symbolizing our state motto, and coloring it gold, showcasing that Minnesota IS the star of the north. The star also brings to mind a compass rose;a design that synonymously represents "north", finding "true north", giving one direction, or guiding one home.</li> </ol> <p>Minnesota is many things. Our diverse populations and cultures, and our abundant natural resources, farming, and outdoor recreation make it hard to choose what represents everyone. That's why this flag, in its simple "star" motif, makes it the one only contender.</p>
11/27/23 15:51	F29	What is Minnesota? The Star of the North, a guiding beacon and compass rose to bring you home.
11/27/23 15:56	F29	The audacity to think that anyone should 'redesign' the state flag is staggering. Even moreso is the fact that any changes in the current political climate will be agenda driven and will not represent the majority of people in this state. Your efforts are entirely misguided.
11/27/23 15:58	F29	This star is too bland. We want to be known for more than just a star/snowflake.
11/27/23 16:00	F29	Simple, clean, professional. Nice coloring.
11/27/23 16:01	F29	Representative of our great state!
11/27/23 16:01	F29	This is probably my 3rd choice out of 6 flags but I think it would be a fine choice. If this is chosen, the seal with the same design should also be chosen.
11/27/23 16:04	F29	I love this flag's fel, simplicity of design, and inclusiveness- the thinking behind it from Brandon Hundt is clear, and I would be happy and proud to see it become Minnesota's flag.
11/27/23 16:05	F29	None of these flag designs represent Minnesota, they all look middle eastern designs
11/27/23 16:07	F29	I like the North Star element and snowflake. However, the distinctive Nordic design diminishes the goal of establishing an inclusive flag. Also, the central location of the elements, and the absence of any elements elsewhere, will minimize recognition when there isnâ€™t enough wind to fully extend the flag.
11/27/23 16:07	F29	This flag is clean, clearly represents Minnesota, and has easily identifiable symbolism. It is the clear winner in my opinion. I do believe, however, the flag might be improved by using a lighter shade of blue (perhaps even something like the blue from the old flag).
11/27/23 16:08	F29	NO@
11/27/23 16:08	F29	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:08	F29	Nothing to do with mn
11/27/23 16:09	F29	I encourage the commission to choose this flag. It is simple and clean yet visually interesting and powerful. It would be a distinctive marker of the state!
11/27/23 16:10	F29	None of the designs say that's Minnesota to me. As far as the seal, the one with the loon. Should make that the flag also.
11/27/23 16:14	F29	I love this one! It feels simple, versatile, but also uniquely Minnesota. If reminds me of New Mexico's flag, one of my personal favorites. I would be proud to fly this. No notes.
11/27/23 16:14	F29	No! This looks like a quilting design. Even though I am a quilter, I would not want this representing our state. It looks too folksy and 1970â€™s.
11/27/23 16:15	F29	Boring and looks too much like a snowflake. We are about much more than our winters.
11/27/23 16:21	F29	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.

11/27/23 16:22	F29	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing?
11/27/23 16:23	F29	How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:25	F29	Looks too much like a snowflake.
11/27/23 16:28	F29	MINNESOTA is known as the Northstar State, this flag displays exactly what that is.
11/27/23 16:28	F29	This does not say Minnesota to me at all. Please do not select this design.
11/27/23 16:28	F29	As a former local government official (school board and county commissioner) think itâ€™s critical Minnesotaâ€™s new flag centers good design, symbolism, and simplicity. Among the finalists F29 best achieves this mission. I am especially concerned that some of the other designs, especially those with significant curves and waveforms (with their over reliance on Adobe Illustratorâ€™s line tool), will not stand the test of time. They risk soon feeling like artifacts of a particular time, much like a dated local tourism campaign. Letâ€™s not go down this path for Minnesotaâ€™s flag.
11/27/23 16:28	F29	This does not represent anything it's just colors and symbols and looks like a graphic design for cookies
11/27/23 16:28	F29	A strong image that captures both our abundant water and our northern location. A design that brings our unique geography and climate forward. Couldn't be anywhere except Minnesota.
11/27/23 16:30	F29	I love this. And I love it more after reading the artist's commentary!!! See ... <a href="https://brandonhundert.com/2023-11-26-really-snowflake-other-questions-attempt-answer-about-minnesota-flag-finalist-f29/">https://brandonhundert.com/2023-11-26-really-snowflake-other-questions-attempt-answer-about-minnesota-flag-finalist-f29/</a>
11/27/23 16:34	F29	I think this is the cleanest flag design. Years from now we (the public) will love if this is the choice.
11/27/23 16:34	F29	All of these designs are horrible
11/27/23 16:36	F29	This is the cleanest overall design and itâ€™s my belief that it will age the best. I will be buying one of these to fly from my front porch if itâ€™s the choice. In the long run we (the public) will be very happy if this is the selection and it will grow on those who are unhappy with it today
11/27/23 16:39	F29	THIS my 2nd choice.
11/27/23 16:39	F29	Not sure what the heck this is supposed to be but I think it is awful. The current flag is a lot better. Tell the Minnesota story so it represents us.
11/27/23 16:40	F29	Due to the geometry of the water compound, snowflakes typically have a hexagonal structure. If this is supposed to be a snowflake over the north star (which the author has stated as much), I cannot endorse this design
11/27/23 16:42	F29	This and the similar looking flag would be a nice coordinated set.
11/27/23 16:44	F29	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes.
11/27/23 16:44	F29	Stay with the flag and seal we have now! What is wrong with it? Minnesota just can't stop spending money on ridiculous things.
11/27/23 16:45	F29	I support this being our next state flag! I think that it incorporates what Minnesota offers while remaining very easily recognizable and easy on the eyes.
11/27/23 16:45	F29	This is the best flag, and of all the finalists, it has the most classic and instantly-recognizable design. Thirty years from now, this one won't look outdated or remind us of past trends, whereas the other five will. The blue+green together in a flag is too much. I hope you choose F29.
11/27/23 16:45	F29	NO - this looks like a Scandinavian ornament!
11/27/23 16:46	F29	Terrible. Sooo generic. There needs to be a loon on the flag!
11/27/23 16:51	F29	"respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities." NONE of your final selections 'reflect' ANY of the above. The designs are all ambiguous, too stylized, and meaningless. Not a one of them says 'Minnesota'. They ALL say that you are so afraid of offending someone that you make them identifiable to no one. I'm a Minnesotan. I'd like my state flag to reflect that!
11/27/23 16:54	F29	This and the matching state seal makes the flag more simple but keeps the state seal on the flag
11/27/23 16:55	F29	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota
11/27/23 16:57	F29	Too quilty. Also too basic
11/27/23 16:59	F29	I love this star, it would look great to replace the star in F499.
11/27/23 17:02	F29	This is my favorite of the finalists. I think it's simple but has a lot of symbolism. I also think it would look great on a variety of merchandise and the easily recognizable.
11/27/23 17:03	F29	This looks like Christmas wrapping paper and the 'star' looks like a poinsettia.
11/27/23 17:08	F29	This one and the matching seal are the best.
11/27/23 17:13	F29	All your DFL regime flag designs look like trash.

11/27/23 17:16	F29	test 29
11/27/23 17:18	F29	would not want this for my state flag
11/27/23 17:19	F29	This is the best option of the bunch. Honestly the loon seal would make a better flag than every other option besides this one.
11/27/23 17:20	F29	This one is cool, I like it
11/27/23 17:20	F29	Great flag for a Scandinavian shop maybe ask ingelbretsens if they are interested. Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and Iâ€™ve lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:20	F29	Please Please please start this over. None of these are worthy.
11/27/23 17:21	F29	Star and flake are not representative enough of the whole state. Flag should be beautiful and timeless with symbolic representations of agriculture, 87 counties, 1858, 3 major watersheds and 3 major biomes and the four seasons.
11/27/23 17:22	F29	Excellent design, great balance of colors and a striking, clean, contemporary look that seems like it should age gracefully. Definitely the best proposed flag for me.
11/27/23 17:25	F29	Best flag option by far
11/27/23 17:25	F29	The star and snowflake don't work together. It's too busy without enough detail. There's nothing "Minnesota" about it. Bland
11/27/23 17:26	F29	best flag
11/27/23 17:27	F29	This one is too similar to the old one. Plain blue field with a symbol is too much like other flags (although the symbol is a massive upgrade from the old seal).
11/27/23 17:27	F29	This is my favorite
11/27/23 17:28	F29	It matches the seal I like!
11/27/23 17:29	F29	Nothing about this design says Minnesota.
11/27/23 17:29	F29	Nothing about this design says Minnesota.
11/27/23 17:33	F29	I like this one the most, very clean design with good colors.
11/27/23 17:40	F29	Good simplicity, color scheme is strong, simple and applicable symbolism, not flag like enough
11/27/23 17:44	F29	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:44	F29	They are all grade school level at best. Waste of time and money.
11/27/23 17:45	F29	Another quilt patternâ€¦!
11/27/23 17:46	F29	I like this one because it feels like a Minnesota version of the New Mexico flag (which is amazing). I could see it decorating a lot of things!
11/27/23 17:49	F29	This design is more like something that would be on a quilt. I donâ€™t care for it at all!
11/27/23 17:50	F29	If the white star is meant for snow, it needs to be six pointed instead of eight. And suggestion to change to white star to northern light green color.
11/27/23 17:50	F29	Beautiful design. Simple and effective. I think this would be easily recognizable as representing Minnesota.
11/27/23 17:51	F29	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:52	F29	BLAH. So disappointing...
11/27/23 17:54	F29	Too much blue. Looks like a mall banner.
11/27/23 17:56	F29	It looks like a Christmas tree ornament
11/27/23 17:58	F29	This looks like a Scandinavian star. It doesn't mean anything to me as a Minnesotan.
11/27/23 17:59	F29	I like the snowflake on the North Star but too stylized to be a lasting design. Wish we had wildlife in options.
11/27/23 17:59	F29	Looks like a quilt square - certainly not a state flag! DO OVER!!
11/27/23 17:59	F29	This is the best of the selection because it's simple but looks complex and thought provoking, easily understood to represent Minnesota as a great North state, and looks professional. The intertwined star and snowflake makes for a good representation of the many cultures within Minnesota as well. It has elements that bring to remembrance the Dutch and Swedish quilted stars, Native American ceremonial woven blanket designs, and traditional Somali fabric designs - bringing together many cultures into one representation.
11/27/23 18:02	F29	Good for a frozen food company logo

11/27/23 18:06	F29	Star/flake combo is good. Too large blue field. I'd add stripes for the background: a blue for water, a brown for earth (maybe with golden streaks to represent wheat, or a green for other plant stalks, another blue/white for the sky w/clouds. pine green for forests.
11/27/23 18:08	F29	This flag is the best option among the remaining choices presented by the state committee.
11/27/23 18:10	F29	Out of the top 6, this is my favorite! Love how winter is acknowledged, we don't see that often. And it nods to the original flag in color and shape locations.
11/27/23 18:10	F29	I love this. Elegant. Easy for kids to recreate. it feels like the best of nature and the mid-west.
11/27/23 18:11	F29	Cartoon time
11/27/23 18:11	F29	I don't understand why this and so many others are using the four-pointed Star of Bethlehem and then here overlaid with the Ojibwe 8-point star (also seen in many Scandinavian traditions). I thought the requirement was no specific ethnic or religious symbolism. I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. i distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:11	F29	Pretty plain and meaningless.
11/27/23 18:12	F29	Out of all the finalists this is my favorite option by a long shot. It has a simple iconic design. There is a lot of hate against the flag being boring or plain. I think after a few years this flag will become synonymous with the state. New Mexico and Wyoming have similar iconic flags. This flag will stand the testament of time. It still look good In a 100 years and won't look dated like some of the other finalists.
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11/27/23 18:14	F29	It is my opinion that our current flag accurately represents our history. All the new designs fail to do that. This is a waste of resources. I believe that the vast majority of rural Minnesotans agree with me. This is yet another example of impractical, elitist city folk forcing asinine agendas on everyone else. Respectfully, -LS
11/27/23 18:17	F29	No. Thank you.
11/27/23 18:19	F29	Would be a good option, but overall pretty underwhelming.
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11/27/23 18:21	F29	Lame
11/27/23 18:22	F29	F29 was originally my favorite design, but after reflection I really prefer F1154. F29 has clever layers, but they will turn to mush when seen from a distance, the yellow and white blend too easily, and changing the colors would change the symbolism too much. The blue background field is too much unactivated negative space, which means the edges are boring, and the flag when draped on a pole would be little better than Minnesota's current flag. Ultimately F29 is a no from me, and F1154 has a much stronger flag design overall with the clear and distinct double star in the center (yes, a very similar theme) but much better stripes of green and blue dividing across the center. Please read Ted Kaye's most recent comments at <a href="https://www.keloland.com/keloland-com-original/vexillologist-talks-minnesota-flag-change-and-flag-design/">https://www.keloland.com/keloland-com-original/vexillologist-talks-minnesota-flag-change-and-flag-design/</a> or just talk to him yourselves again. Thanks for your hard work!
11/27/23 18:22	F29	Looks like it belongs in Arendelle from Frozen.
11/27/23 18:31	F29	unable to discern how this illustrates MN.
11/27/23 18:35	F29	Negative. Looks like a quilt or winter window cling.
11/27/23 18:38	F29	IT SUCKS
11/27/23 18:38	F29	Beautiful.

11/27/23 18:39	F29	This one is boring and looks like a quilt square
11/27/23 18:40	F29	I feel like out of all the final flag submissions this one seems to fit with the state of Minnesota. As someone who studied graphic design in college I love how the artist combined the North Star with a snowflake. It is also clean and simple. The flag shows contrast will also making sure there isnâ€™t too much going on in the flag
11/27/23 18:41	F29	<p>During my college years, I spent a good many weeks reading and studying the ideas of Machiavelli through his classic â€œThe Princeâ€œ. Not the most riveting book, but it led to a memorable moment (donâ€™t worry, this will get to the flag). I canâ€™t remember the exact year, perhaps the winter of either 2019 or 2020, but a snowstorm buried my small college town under a blanket of white. Many professors opted to cancel their classes after the university refused to shut down the campus. This professor, old school, had no such idea and urged us to trudge over to his class through low visibility conditions that left many cars stranded on the side of the road. I made it to class - anyways, he felt it timely to reiterate a point from Machiavelli, that goes something like â€œthe people need a common enemy to unite against, blah blah blah, this holds the peaceâ€œ. He then went on a long, passionate speech about how despite everyone complained of the cold and the deep snow that day, he felt moved by the generosity and compassion everyone showed to one another. He told us of his drive to class, where he saw neighbors shoveling each others sidewalks, dozens of people rushing to push a car out of a ditch, and students helping each other cross the frozen bridge to campus. He said in these moments, he is reminded of Macchiavelliâ€™s words - pointing to these snowstorms as a common enemy that unites us - to buy in to the collective, rather than focusing on the individual.</p> <p>This flag embodies this idea for me. In its simplicity, it places the snow flake on top of the North Star, almost begging for us to view the snow (one of most common sources of angst as Minnesotans) as a uniter, as our â€œNorth Starâ€œ. Snow is what brings us together as Minnesotans. No matter your identity in this state, snow is an experience that one canâ€™t simply avoid. While we joke about it and the impact it has on all of us, it is in these jokes we find commonality. It is our source of pride - a common enemy, but a beautiful one at that, that we canâ€™t help but all feel nostalgic for. We arenâ€™t nostalgic for the snow flake itself though - it is for the experiences we have with one another. This flag is a reminder of what it means to be Minnesotan - take pride in one another, our community, and to spread joy and kindness to all.</p>
11/27/23 18:43	F29	.
11/27/23 18:44	F29	Stupid snowflake looks like a 2 year old made it
11/27/23 18:45	F29	Simple and recognizable. Great looking flag. Could consider using the darker blue from F944.
11/27/23 18:47	F29	Assuming a change is believed to be necessary (I do not believe this is the case) this design is my preferred. It is simple and can be made consistent along with the coinciding seal design.
11/27/23 18:49	F29	Boring, does not represent anything.
11/27/23 18:52	F29	This is the best of the finalists. Easy to remember, meaningful symbolism, can draw accurately from memory. 10/10 highly endorse
11/27/23 18:54	F29	Looks like a tree topper...
11/27/23 18:56	F29	No. It says nothing about Minnesota.
11/27/23 18:57	F29	F29
11/27/23 18:58	F29	No clue what this represents.
11/27/23 18:58	F29	This is a design the whole state can rally behind. With flags, less is more. After all, they will largely be only visible from a distance. This design - amongst the six finalists - understands this concept the best.
11/27/23 18:59	F29	Nice Christmas ornament.
11/27/23 19:02	F29	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:05	F29	This is my favorite!!! I love this one SO MUCH. It perfectly represents our state, and is so beautifully minimalistic yet artistic and tasteful. This coming from an abstract surrealist painter. Love it so much, I pray it wins.
11/27/23 19:07	F29	Way too basic! Like a giant snowflake.
11/27/23 19:07	F29	This one is simple but also stands out from the others. People will be able recognize this as Minnesota at first glance.
11/27/23 19:12	F29	I honestly thought it was a joke. This goes for all the new designs. Go back to the drawing board. If this flag is an acceptable design to you then just have school children submit designs.
11/27/23 19:13	F29	I think this star is the best of all of them. It is unique and would help our flag stand out. However, on its own it is a little bland.
11/27/23 19:14	F29	None of the flag options are great, but this one is the pretty good.
11/27/23 19:17	F29	Simple, distinct, meaningful, and most importantly not a seal on a blue background! Might be a little light on symbolism compared to the other nominees but it's a cool design regardless.



11/27/23 19:17	F29	Every single one of these finalists are terrible and make zero sense. So wasting money and if you insist on wasting time and money, at the very least make it recognizable to MN. These look like random geomagnetic shapes with no meaning...a quilted flower? Start over.
11/27/23 19:18	F29	This is my favorite!
11/27/23 19:19	F29	This includes the eight pointed Dakota morning star prominently and isn't the state law that no emblem may represent just one group of people?
11/27/23 19:21	F29	This is the first choice of the Gutt family in Edina. We specifically like the snowflake over North Star motif and believe this conforms to the five "good flag" principles from the Vexological Presentation. Our only negative is that this reconfirms the "Minnesota is Cold" stereotype vs other flags.
11/27/23 19:21	F29	Of the selected finalists, this one, by far, properly executes the principles of vexillology. The near matching seal is a nice touch too
11/27/23 19:24	F29	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:27	F29	.
11/27/23 19:28	F29	This is the clear winner to me
11/27/23 19:29	F29	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.
11/27/23 19:30	F29	This one seems very special. I like it a whole lot, it would be my 1st choice.
11/27/23 19:31	F29	This is by far my favorite option. Clean, simple, evocative.
11/27/23 19:31	F29	I guess the combination of a star and snowflake is sort of symbolic of Minnesota, but there's nothing here that would tell someone who's from somewhere else that this is Minnesota's flag. My overwhelming favorite of the last six (which I do not believe to be the best six, by any means) is F2100.
11/27/23 19:35	F29	I Love it. One of the things I noticed after moving to Minnesota was how beautiful are the nights. The North Star state deserves something as noticable as this flag
11/27/23 19:35	F29	This is the strongest flag of the finalists, as is.
11/27/23 19:37	F29	Looks sleek and cool!
11/27/23 19:40	F29	2nd fav
11/27/23 19:42	F29	Who picked the six finalists? As these six are boring and do not represent Minnesota in any way. If you are going for dull, unimaginative and boring then they picked the right ones. Please DO NOT pick these designs to represent our state. Submission S224 is a better representation of Minnesota, at least it show a Loon.
11/27/23 19:44	F29	Nice. Clean and easily identifiable. Combines the North star and a snowflake and I like the blue for lake country.
11/27/23 19:46	F29	This is the perfect flag for the State IF we want to reinforce the stereotype that MN is all winter, all the time. Let's not.
11/27/23 19:51	F29	Garbage uh
11/27/23 19:51	F29	Garbage
11/27/23 19:52	F29	Nice
11/27/23 19:53	F29	This looks like it belongs on the side of a barn
11/27/23 19:54	F29	I love this design! Our flag has needed an update for awhile and this simple yet beautiful geometric star represents our wonderful state well!
11/27/23 19:55	F29	This looks like yellow snow. Don't do it, we get cold, but we're 9th or worse every year in annual snowfall.
11/27/23 19:57	F29	Nice second choice
11/27/23 19:59	F29	no - ugly
11/27/23 19:59	F29	There is NOTHING wrong with our current flag. What a waste of time and money.
11/27/23 20:00	F29	I feel we should leave the old flag fly!!
11/27/23 20:01	F29	Nope, what is it?
11/27/23 20:02	F29	This flag is my second favorite (F1953 is better)
11/27/23 20:02	F29	This one just seems too similar to our last one, ie a seal on a blue bedsheet. If some green could be added to this one somehow it might work better.
11/27/23 20:04	F29	If rather keep what we have, but if it's going to change this is the one I would choose. It's simple, yet it jumps out at you, and would be easily recognizable.
11/27/23 20:08	F29	I love this design! It reminds me of the New Mexico flag, and I could see it on hats, mugs, signs, etc. to represent our great state. However, I don't think it would be easily recognizable from a distance, especially when the flag is becalmed.

11/27/23 20:08	F29	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:10	F29	This sucks
11/27/23 20:11	F29	I really like this star and the use of yellow. But miss green. All it tells is that we are up north.
11/27/23 20:12	F29	No, just no! How did this submission become a finalist? Itâ€™s dreadful.
11/27/23 20:13	F29	Boring
11/27/23 20:14	F29	Keep the current flag!
11/27/23 20:15	F29	Is this a joke?
11/27/23 20:16	F29	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:17	F29	Donâ€™t change the flag. None of the designs show the history and values of the state better than the current flag.
11/27/23 20:17	F29	The color scheme works well.
11/27/23 20:17	F29	No thanks does not represent Minnesota in any way. I would not look at this and think Oh thatâ€™s Minnesota. With all we have to offer to be put on a flag this is it.
11/27/23 20:18	F29	Too simplistic and not dignified . Looks like a barn quilt project.
11/27/23 20:19	F29	I love this flag!
11/27/23 20:19	F29	This one too closely resembles a Christmas tree topper.
11/27/23 20:23	F29	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:24	F29	This is very clearly the best flag design. It is simple, elegant, and meaningful.
11/27/23 20:25	F29	Looks too much like a snowflake and would rather not be associated with snow..
11/27/23 20:25	F29	Itâ€™s simple but nice
11/27/23 20:27	F29	If I saw this flag at a distance and I didn't have my glasses on I would honestly believe I was looking at the logo of the Houston Astros. Thumbs down from me.
11/27/23 20:27	F29	I do not like any of them
11/27/23 20:33	F29	No on this one. MN is more than the North Star.
11/27/23 20:36	F29	Looks too religious. Where are the outstanding things that make Minnesota so popular?
11/27/23 20:37	F29	I vote for this flag (F29)â€” itâ€™s my brotherâ€™s favorite choice and I agree with him
11/27/23 20:38	F29	I like the simplicity but it's almost too boring. Also, the white design will be construed as a snowflake which is inaccurate scientifically. Snowflakes have 6 point symmetry not 8
11/27/23 20:41	F29	This flag is boring and forgettable
11/27/23 20:45	F29	Simple, memorable, and clean. Will last the test of time.
11/27/23 20:45	F29	I believe F29 design, along with S6 design, sparks a great new image for Minnesota. They both evoke the image of the North Star, and the color schemes are modern and timeless.
11/27/23 20:46	F29	I really like this design and believe it's one of the better options, if not the best one. The only thing I'd change and would suggest would be to use a different shade of blue. Perhaps retain the same shade of blue that's on the old flag. It would look even better. I know everyone around me says the same thing.
11/27/23 20:49	F29	I really like this design and believe it's one of the better options, if not the best one. The only thing I'd change and would suggest would be to use a different shade of blue. Perhaps retain the same shade of blue that's on the old flag. It would look even better. I know everyone around me says the same thing.
11/27/23 20:51	F29	Please choose this one. This flag has a beautiful, recognizable symbol that feels Minnesotan. The North Star symbol would look great in a variety of contexts - much like the red stars from Chicagoâ€™s flag, which Chicagoans will put on anything.
11/27/23 20:51	F29	Incredibly pleasing design that symbolizes Minnesota in a simple yet immediately recognizable way. High potential to become a top state flag, much more so than the alternative submissions.
11/27/23 20:52	F29	This is a sad version of a quilt
11/27/23 20:53	F29	Ugly. No representation of anything here.
11/27/23 20:53	F29	This looks so stupid!!
11/27/23 20:53	F29	Too plain and generic, says nothing about history, goals, features of the state or its people
11/27/23 20:55	F29	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.

11/27/23 21:01	F29	This looks like a quilt. They all do. I like the bright colors, but they are all way too stylized and all look like quilt patterns. If we have a lake and the north star, why not loons?
11/27/23 21:01	F29	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:01	F29	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste!
11/27/23 21:04	F29	I love the simplicity of this one!
11/27/23 21:05	F29	Absolutely love this flag, clear favorite!
11/27/23 21:05	F29	By far my favorite out of the finalists.
11/27/23 21:07	F29	My favorite one by far!!
11/27/23 21:08	F29	Only time can be the judge, but this flag has the greatest chance to become truly iconic. At the very least it will be a distinct and easily recognizable symbol of our great State. The symbology of a North Star serving as a guide for others challenges the citizens and leaders of our State to strive to lead and show the nation and world a better way.
11/27/23 21:12	F29	The snowflake is a nice touch. Would like a loon or tree in the foreground.
11/27/23 21:13	F29	This design is VERY Scandinavian. While I appreciate Scandinavian art and I'm proud of my heritage, I don't think it's appropriate to have such a bold Scandinavian flavor to our state flag. It's just not inclusive.
11/27/23 21:14	F29	F29 is unique, both in comparison to the other proposed flags and other state's flags. Several of the other proposed flags have horizontal stripes which likely will go out of style. The flag with green and yellow emblems doesn't make sense. F29, with a snowflake and a star represents the essence of Minnesota.
11/27/23 21:18	F29	Trying too hard to be New Mexico.
11/27/23 21:19	F29	Come on are you serious NO NO NO UGLY
11/27/23 21:25	F29	I like this star-snowflake, but would like it integrated in one of the either flag designs.
11/27/23 21:26	F29	The final choices say NOTHING about MN. They evoke nothing. They are homogenized quilts that resemble flags of different nations. While they offend no one they also convey nothing of the beauty and nature of our state. Would some northern lights reflecting on a lake have been just too much to ask?
11/27/23 21:29	F29	Plain. A little too simple. I like the color of blue in the background. Does not say much about Minnesota. But of the 5, I dislike this one the least.
11/27/23 21:30	F29	I think this flag is strong and emblematic of MN. But I worry that the design of the snowflake is Nordic in its expression. The other flag candidates have the same Nordic feel. This elevates White settler history and ignores the Indigenous and immigrant history that makes MN so wonderful. We should elicit feedback from Minnesotans of color to be sure they feel represented by these flag designs before moving forward.
11/27/23 21:30	F29	I think this design is timeless and has the potential to become a nationally known, iconic state flag. I love the simplicity combining representations of culture and climate.
11/27/23 21:36	F29	I believe the star and snowflake design pictured here represents the whole of Minnesota. I'd like to see this star/snowflake submission as it is on F27, or the star/snowflake combination used on the F2100 submission, in place of it's star. Either of these flag choices, along with the S6 seal, would present a consistent graphic signature. That would make it easy to understand that the flag & seal represent the same state. I predict the star/snowflake will become a state symbol, much like the beehive in Utah or the bear in California. I expect to see it on t-shirts!
11/27/23 21:36	F29	I think MN is more than just a star.
11/27/23 21:39	F29	This design is an instant classic, and if chosen, would serve as a powerful emissary for the state. At a time when people are losing faith in institutions and a prevailing belief that "things don't get better", this new flag declares with iconic elegance that Minnesota is a forward-looking place that works and has a bright future. In one fell swoop, Minnesota could bestow to itself and its people a clear, globally recognized symbol of its strengths in civics, leadership, change for the better, and more.
11/27/23 21:39	F29	Looks like a logo on a pack of cigarettes.
11/27/23 21:41	F29	Doesn't represent Minnesota
11/27/23 21:44	F29	While visually appealing, this feels overly Scandinavian which I don't believe honors the diversity of our state.
11/27/23 21:50	F29	Star and snowflake. Simple. Classy.
11/27/23 21:50	F29	Too boring and looks Swedish when we have so much more diversity in MN than Sweden & Norway heritage
11/27/23 21:50	F29	is this a Christmas tree star? What's this got to do with our beautiful state? Nope, don't like
11/27/23 21:51	F29	Please pick this one
11/27/23 21:52	F29	This is the best one of the bunch. But none are inspiring

11/27/23 21:52	F29	Don't change the current one!
11/27/23 21:53	F29	Probably the best looking one of the six ugliest flags. But not by much.
11/27/23 21:58	F29	Only one I thought represented MN
11/27/23 22:02	F29	Ugly! None of your designs represent Minnesota!
11/27/23 22:04	F29	2nd Best of the options
11/27/23 22:06	F29	No loon no flag...loons are everywhere
11/27/23 22:08	F29	This looks like clip art that is a cross between a snowflake and the Star of Bethlehem and does NOT represent Minnesota. I have nothing against the Star of Bethlehem but do not like this choice. Where's the Loon? The Minnesota Ladyslipper? This flag design does NOT represent Minnesota or me.
11/27/23 22:12	F29	2 thumbs down
11/27/23 22:16	F29	Remove the dot in the middle and I think we have a winner!
11/27/23 22:19	F29	This one is my favorite. Simple, distinct, classy.
11/27/23 22:21	F29	Looks a lot like Nazi Order of German Eagle medal.
11/27/23 22:21	F29	This one is my favorite. Simple, distinct, classy.
11/27/23 22:23	F29	Completely non-descript. Says absolutely nothing about the state of Minnesota. Looks like a Christmas ornament design.
11/27/23 22:25	F29	Too plain
11/27/23 22:28	F29	I love this flag. It would be a solid choice.
11/27/23 22:32	F29	I clicked through all 2k of the flag options when they went live and on that first run through this one stood out among the whole bunch.
11/27/23 22:32	F29	This looks too much like a quilt square.
11/27/23 22:34	F29	I do not like the single color background or the design of the star.
11/27/23 22:47	F29	This is very clean and expressive. Love this design. Perhaps my favorite.
11/27/23 22:47	F29	This works as a design for a knit sweater, but I think the superimposed snowflake is superfluous for the flag. If the snowflake is removed, some might think it too simple, but I'd rather have a flag that's too simple than a design that's too complicated or may be dated before long.
11/27/23 22:47	F29	This one is best: Yellow of summer and white of winter. The north star and a snowflake, that in design has a reference to the native four directions. On a blue background. Water and sky, with a nod to the old flag.
11/27/23 22:49	F29	Like the star but needs more. Raise up the star, add a lake horizon with pine trees, and a loon on the lake.
11/27/23 22:51	F29	I like this design a lot! I wish it had some kind of forest green. I think the star would look great on a different background like a tricolor
11/27/23 22:58	F29	This is the best of no good options. Keep our state flag the same!
11/27/23 23:02	F29	F29 is the best of no good options. Keep our state flag the same! They look like cartoons, like kids art. Too simplistic.
11/27/23 23:05	F29	Don't like
11/27/23 23:10	F29	This is my favorite out of the final 6, but all of the finalists are duds in my opinion and don't fully represent Minnesota. How is it we went from so many great designs to these basic and boring designs.
11/27/23 23:16	F29	This just plain sucks
11/27/23 23:17	F29	I like this one
11/27/23 23:18	F29	This one is good, but F1953 is better. It's recognizable, visually pleasing, and acceptable.

11/27/23 23:21	F29	Out of all the finalists, this design is without a doubt the best one and, in my opinion, MUST be the final choice to become the official state flag. It's simple and elegant (which is what you want in a good flag) and is overall the best designed of all the finalists. The only thing I would really want to see changed is maybe the colors which I feel make it still feel a little generic. If the colors were changed even a little I think this would stand out a lot more. If this becomes the state flag I could really see people growing to love it and embrace it the same way people from Colorado or even cities like Chicago embrace their flags. This flag also follows all the rules of vexillology. It utilizes no more than 3 primary colors, recognisable from a distance, looks good horizontally and vertically, and simple enough that even a child could draw it from memory. Out of all the flag design submissions I've seen, this one is without a doubt the one I would be most proud to be the symbol of our state and would gladly have a sticker of it on my water bottle or on the back window of my car.
11/27/23 23:21	F29	Enough snow connection. We have four seasons. Agree the north star is a good iidea.
11/27/23 23:31	F29	A star design, such as this one, that incorporates prominent vertical and horizontal bars is too close a Christian symbol. As such, it does not belong on the state flag. Unfortunately, every one of the finalists includes some version of this. A five pointed or eight pointed star (as in the Capitol rotunda) would be more appropriate.
11/27/23 23:32	F29	This one is 4th best in my opinion
11/27/23 23:39	F29	F29 is simple, clean, and a design that should endure through the years. It immediately invokes the North Star and the ambiguous snowflake pattern is a fantastic choice -- what could be more uniting for Minnesotans than having to endure our winters.  I would think it may stand out from among other state flags more if it were put on a field of a cloudy, muted blue (similar to the current flag) instead of on navy, but that's my only criticism. It's a great and memorable flag.
11/27/23 23:41	F29	Looks like grandma's couch pillow. Do not recommend
11/27/23 23:41	F29	This flag says "Minnesota"
11/27/23 23:41	F29	The Native American looking star, with the Nordic design snowflake & blue background-perfection.
11/27/23 23:49	F29	Looks like New Mexico
11/27/23 23:50	F29	Hello,  I would like to leave some feedback on the flag redesign. F29 is by far my favorite and is quite iconic. Regarding the others, I think a wavy line on a flag is bad design. The lines on a flag already appear wavy when a flag is blowing in the wind. Adding a wavy line can be a bad look in real life application.  I also think that green and blue as the two dominant colors is not very pleasing aesthetically. The tones have to be exactly right or it can look quite somewhat infantile.  Respectfully, Zach
11/28/23 0:05	F29	I like F29 the best of the flags, but donâ€™t use it for the seal too. They should be distinct.
11/28/23 0:05	F29	Another one which is just okay. Doesn't leap out at me in terms of great design. Thank you.
11/28/23 0:13	F29	Do not like this design. We(Minnesota) are more than a "star".
11/28/23 0:23	F29	Too Scandinavian looking to represent all of diverse MN. The selburose ("snowflake") is an iconic Norwegian shape. Does not feel welcoming or inclusive.
11/28/23 0:23	F29	This one is the best
11/28/23 0:54	F29	Like this flag the best however would look nicer with 32 white stars circling the symbol in the middle. The 32nd white star being slightly bigger and to the north / top point of the center gold star. Nice symbolism since Minnesota was the 32nd state to join the union and is known as the star of the north. Original U.S. / Betsy Ross flag also had a circle of white stars.
11/28/23 1:06	F29	This is the best design for the State flag -- recognizable at a distance, clean, and distinctive.
11/28/23 1:08	F29	This (F29) is the best design for the State flag -- recognizable at a distance, clean, and distinctive.
11/28/23 1:15	F29	Do NOT change flag or seal! T hey are historic. History is to be remembered, not changed OR REPEATED.
11/28/23 1:20	F29	The best of the six finalists, in my opinion. Its simplicity is a strength and would be easy to brand into merchandise, clothing, etc. It follows the conventional rules of good flag design. Finally, the coloring of the outside is similar to the current flag yet with a far more appropriate symbol to represent the state (The North Star, a la L'Ã‰toile du Nord)
11/28/23 1:25	F29	

11/28/23 1:34	F29	Ugly
11/28/23 1:35	F29	This looks like a Christmas star - nice for wrapping paper, not a state flag.
11/28/23 1:42	F29	This does not depict Minnesota. That star looks more a Scandinavian sweater design. We are a diverse state. Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 1:52	F29	I like this flag. This is my #1 choice out of the 6 flags. I like the 4-pointed compass rose looking yellow star. I like that the white 8-pointed star kinda looks like a snowflake.
11/28/23 2:01	F29	Oh my god they all look terrible. Please go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 3:34	F29	I've lived abroad and travelled the world, and not seen a flag similar to it. Instantly recognizable and iconic.
11/28/23 4:13	F29	Not a fan of this one. Looks more like the icon for a phone app where you alert your entire neighborhood to your concern that you observed a man "swaying funny."
11/28/23 4:49	F29	Beautifully simple and elegant! I like the snowflake and the North Star. Centering the graphic in the middle of the flag implies balance.
11/28/23 4:52	F29	Beautiful and my number 1 choice
11/28/23 5:36	F29	The flags are to simple and blah. The flag would be better off if it looked like the seal with the loon, trees and mountain. Go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 5:46	F29	Terrible!
11/28/23 5:46	F29	These are all lame. No way do any of these distinguish our state from any other. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG.
11/28/23 6:04	F29	Unimaginative, lacks any real character. All finalists are truly poor.
11/28/23 6:05	F29	How does this represent MN? Where are the lakes?? This flag shows nothing MN
11/28/23 6:08	F29	It looks like a snowflake. Please don't make our reputation as an icebox worse.
		Honestly incredibly disappointing that every flag is basically the same. I want to like one of them but I can't. None of the stars look like "The Star of the North" that I envision. It's a state with incredible beauty and nature and the flags have modern art with No symbolism or meaning that can be understood at a glance. I have a strong knowledge of the history of the state and cannot understand why there would be 8 of anything on our flag. The number 8 has no meaning at all. 12th largest state. 32nd biggest. 19th to join after the original 13. I cannot tell you how incredibly disappointed I am. And as a teacher of Minnesota, this flag will take 10 seconds to teach my class. I'll continue to show my class the past flags which represent Minnesota and show it's beginnings of the original occupants "The Native American. The poor treatment we offered and how we moved them from their beautiful land on the Mississippi River (St Anthony Falls) to the Northwest corner where it was swampy and unfarmable and where many still live. 19 stars as we are the 19th state after the original 13. Lumber, agriculture (then talk about mining). Important dates that include Fort Snelling. The one larger star to represent "The Star of the North" and in French to remember the important fur trade and the Voyagers .,
11/28/23 6:14	F29	
11/28/23 6:37	F29	This one is simple and lovely.
11/28/23 6:39	F29	Don't like it. MN is more than just the North Star and a snowflake. Simple can be good, but this is too simple. Colors are not pleasing. Too simplistic/modern, will not stand the test of time.
11/28/23 6:52	F29	speaks to me
11/28/23 6:55	F29	When I look at this design I see nothing that resembles the state of MN. How we came to be MN and Minnesotans is left out. It's just another flag with little meaning to MN
11/28/23 6:58	F29	Please no. This one is busy, says nothing, and looks like a corporate logo for some kind of financial company. Plus it'll look outdated in 5 years.
11/28/23 6:58	F29	Looks like a credit union logo??? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 6:59	F29	this is my favorite. and then the one with the wavy blue stripe and stars is next favorite
11/28/23 7:07	F29	Simple, elegant, the star and the snow motif are perfect symbols for our state. I also like the crisp lines.
11/28/23 7:08	F29	This is a beautiful and simple design. This design has the impact and timelessness of the Canadian Maple Leaf. 1st choice!
11/28/23 7:11	F29	Way too Scandinavian!
11/28/23 7:14	F29	Looks like a quilt block.
11/28/23 7:27	F29	make it all white. all the options left are just conceding that we are giving up
11/28/23 7:27	F29	Of the available flag options, this is the only one that I would support
11/28/23 7:28	F29	Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic.
11/28/23 7:28	F29	Hard no. It has zero reference to lakes/water, and seems all about snow(flakes) and cold.

11/28/23 7:33	F29	This one or F2100 is really nice too. The other ones aren't that great. I DO think we should have our name on the flag and perhaps the year we joined the union? Or even L'Etoile Du Nord. Something that says who we are - not just a generic piece of fabric.
11/28/23 7:33	F29	This flag is stunning and I would be so proud to have this as my state flag. We are the North Star State, after all. It's simple, elegant, but packed with meaning. I also LOVE that the front of the star has a snowflake-like pattern on it, representing the winters that make us hardy Minnesotans!
11/28/23 7:42	F29	Boring, no
11/28/23 7:43	F29	Clean, clear, focused
11/28/23 7:45	F29	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:49	F29	Southwest Vibes...No
11/28/23 7:50	F29	I like the cleanliness of this design. Easily recognizable and simple
11/28/23 7:52	F29	F29 is my second favorite. I love the simplicity of one north star with snow. F29 second after F1953
11/28/23 7:53	F29	put this star on another flag
11/28/23 7:54	F29	This doesn't look like anything regarding Minnesota.
11/28/23 7:54	F29	This is just boring and forgettable.
11/28/23 7:56	F29	I prefer this one
11/28/23 7:58	F29	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F29: Although I like the nod to snow, this one looks simultaneously too Scandinavian and too Indigenous. Minnesota is for everyone and should reflect that in our flag.
11/28/23 7:59	F29	Do NOT change the flag or the seal.. You cannot rewrite history.
11/28/23 8:00	F29	Too basic - I'm not sure why these designs are the final ones - I work with a design team and they all said the final submissions look like they were created from one designer. I think we missed an opportunity to have amazing designs with these final 6 as choices
11/28/23 8:03	F29	Clean, simple, clear. This is the winner in my eyes
11/28/23 8:07	F29	Simple, uncluttered and sharp. It will be easy to identify as our state flag. Compare to the flags of Colorado and New Mexico in it's clean lines. This would be a flag that I would fly at my home!
11/28/23 8:08	F29	I like the simplicity of the design as well as the uniqueness.
11/28/23 8:08	F29	Boring
11/28/23 8:12	F29	Ugly
11/28/23 8:12	F29	I love this option! It represents our state well and immediately shares a sense of hope, brightness and optimism which I believe Minnesotan embody.
11/28/23 8:14	F29	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota
11/28/23 8:18	F29	I see the North Star and snowflake! too simple doesn't fully represent MN - no water, loon, lady slipper, pine or birch trees. Colors don't pop
11/28/23 8:26	F29	This one please
11/28/23 8:27	F29	The finalists all lack the art and grace of many of the submissions. There is no concrete connection to place, no depth to inspire feeling. At best these options look like what one would see flying above a small regional bank. Please go back to the pool and reconsider. MN is rich with a diversity of landscapes and cultures! Dignify that and our future potential please!
11/28/23 8:27	F29	This gets my vote among the finalists with its visually appealing simplicity and balanced symbolism.
11/28/23 8:29	F29	So sparse. Minnesota is more than snow.
11/28/23 8:29	F29	I like the simplicity of this flag and use of colors, this is my top pick.
11/28/23 8:29	F29	not crazy about this one. very bland and generic feeling. like somebody found a star/snowflake clipart and picked some colors and called it done.
		Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?
11/28/23 8:30	F29	It looks like the flag of a third world country.
11/28/23 8:30	F29	This is a snowflake.

11/28/23 8:33	F29	How did this make the final cut? It looks way too similar to the Houston Astros logo. And nobody wants to be associated with them after their scandal to steal a World Series.
11/28/23 8:35	F29	This is far too basic. Zero creativity on display here whatsoever. This looks like it was created using Microsoft Paint. Not good at all!
11/28/23 8:35	F29	I like the simplicity. I'd encourage the design to change the navy blue background to a lighter lakewater blue.
11/28/23 8:37	F29	This is my favorite! Beautiful, simple, clear. I can see this image on sweatshirts and mugs and stickers "building community among us" being more than a state flag.
11/28/23 8:38	F29	I don't like how much empty space there is. I wonder if the star shape could be larger or the background could be two colors split horizontally.
11/28/23 8:38	F29	I support F29 and S224 for new flag and seal.
11/28/23 8:38	F29	Why do all of these look like quilts?
11/28/23 8:39	F29	F29 would be final selection I just hope there is a way to integrate the white and yellow features more elegantly. Easy to say I know :)! It feels like these are two clip art shapes that weren't intended to go together (for example the inner corners of the yellow feature aren't radially symmetric when lined up with the white feature). Maybe some fine tuning or custom shaping could achieve this? I'm sure there are other options with color that could help. Best of luck!
11/28/23 8:40	F29	Our current flag, while racist, is at least distinctive and very identifiable. This snowflake over star image could apply to any northern state. Please find a design that isn't bland, non-state specific and generic.
11/28/23 8:42	F29	This feels like a pretty clear best choice. It's distinct from all other state flags, but still feels unique to Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:43	F29	Barren and lifeless. No pride in our heritage.
11/28/23 8:48	F29	All the admissions for the State Flag and State Seal are TERRIBLE. They ALL look cartoonish; as though Calvin from Calvin and Hobbs is marching around his bedroom with one of these in his hands chanting a nursery rhyme. BOO!!!!
11/28/23 8:49	F29	Not descriptive enough
11/28/23 8:49	F29	Of all the design finalists, this is probably my least favorite. It looks extremely generic, boring and frankly kind of ugly. Seems better suited for a corporate logo
11/28/23 8:49	F29	This one isn't as nice as our current flag. My vote is no.
11/28/23 8:52	F29	This one is an acceptable flag. It's clean, simple, eye catching, and can be used on things like mugs.
11/28/23 8:53	F29	I don't like any of the flag submissions. None of them say much to me. They all just look like contemporary geometrical art. I think they are all disappointing. If I had to choose one it would be this one with the single star in the center. It's probably the least annoying. I wish you had just kept the original flag. It says much more.
11/28/23 8:53	F29	It seems strange to favor our Nordic heritage over other cultures present in Minnesota. I thought this was one of the reasons the original flag was being changed. It's also boring and busy at the same time
11/28/23 8:57	F29	This state flag finalist and indeed all the state flag finals, in my opinion, fail as state flags. They would be better as corporate logos. The symbols (chiefly, a star - even if it does have four points) and a snowflake, is generic. We may be the north star state, but a star alone conveys little or no information about our identity. This flag is so devoid of specific meaning that it offends everybody instead of just a specific group of people. A state flag should have a symbol or a group of state symbols, such as those on the S224, that all Minnesotans can in some way identify with, whereas the star and the snowflake are relatable to anyone who lives in most states of the US.
11/28/23 9:02	F29	SORRY - Pretty ugly, plain and really nothing to do with our great state. Leave our flag as is!
11/28/23 9:04	F29	This is my second favorite design.
11/28/23 9:08	F29	Boring, unremarkable, barely an improvement over current design
11/28/23 9:11	F29	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:16	F29	Does not reflect Minnesota at all.
11/28/23 9:25	F29	I like this one, because During slavery times the Northern star was very important for the slaves to escape to the north, knowing that I am black this is very important to my history. I hope you guys choose this flag
11/28/23 9:26	F29	The most iconic flags are those that don't try to include every little detail. This proposed flag (F29) best satisfies that criteria. Its bolder and simpler, which is far more recognizable than the other 28 blue background state flags containing a busy looking state seal and which all look the same. F29 calls to mind the iconic flag designs of Texas, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.
11/28/23 9:29	F29	Don't like flag choices Minnesota is State with lots of water and wildlife I don't see that in flags they look computer generated
11/28/23 9:29	F29	This is my favorite, though I wish the blue was a lighter shade. As it stands now it reminds me of the Los Angeles Chargers colors.



11/28/23 9:32	F29	Beautiful and succinct and distinctive. Will it be visible on a pole when no wind is blowing? May be better as our seal.
11/28/23 9:34	F29	I think this is a beautiful and simple approach. This gets my vote.
11/28/23 9:35	F29	Beautiful design with a lot of symbolism- especially fitting with the state's motto! Also, the design is relatively more accessible because of the highly contrasting colors than several of the other designs.
11/28/23 9:36	F29	This flag could use some green but other wise best flag
11/28/23 9:37	F29	Hideous.
11/28/23 9:38	F29	I like this the best of the finalists, it is memorable and striking. I think it pairs well with S6 for a seal
11/28/23 9:38	F29	I'm not a fan of this one. I'm not sure if this is supposed to be a cross, a star, or a snowflake, but it reminds me of a cross. Minnesota is diverse and a cross on a flag is not a good idea.
11/28/23 9:38	F29	There is a state flower and a state bird that have said "Minnesota" for years. None of these flags have designs unique to this state. Only one flag design even has a stylized shape of our state. A star only says "Texas" to me. Lone Star State. Dallas Cowboys.
11/28/23 9:44	F29	While this looks the most clean and visually appealing it's basically the Houston Astros baseball hat. <a href="https://www.mlbshop.com/houston-astros/mens-houston-astros-new-era-navy-home-authentic-collection-on-field-59fifty-performance-fitted-hat/t-69333107+p-135149101243+z-8-4276988763?_ref=p-DLP:m-GRID:i-r4c0:po-12">https://www.mlbshop.com/houston-astros/mens-houston-astros-new-era-navy-home-authentic-collection-on-field-59fifty-performance-fitted-hat/t-69333107+p-135149101243+z-8-4276988763?_ref=p-DLP:m-GRID:i-r4c0:po-12</a>
11/28/23 9:44	F29	Has to be something more unique than this.
11/28/23 9:46	F29	I don't feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake I'm guessing!..that's not all Minnesota stands for!..please find something with more meaning.
11/28/23 9:47	F29	Looks too much like a snowflake, and we are already laughed at for our cold snowy winters and sometimes cooler summers.
11/28/23 9:49	F29	This is very generic looking clip art. The flag should include some of the state symbols. I like the proposed seal that has the loon, star and grains. Why can't the flag be as distinctive as that?
11/28/23 9:50	F29	Please don't choose this just because it has a matching seal. The design is overly simplistic, and emphasizes only the icy/cold aspect of MN. I love winter sports, but this is not always the most attractive thing to some (especially outside our state).
11/28/23 9:52	F29	This design looks like it belongs to a foreign country. There is much more to the great state of Minnesota than the North Star. All the finalist designs are BORING, they don't reflect what Minnesota is all about, they don't even give you an idea that it's for Minnesota! I like our State Flag, why fix something that is not broken?
11/28/23 9:52	F29	I do not like any of the designs, they look like a 3rd grade coloring contest.
11/28/23 9:52	F29	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:53	F29	Great, except too much dark blue. Perhaps blue square with green sidebars.
11/28/23 9:54	F29	Absolutely boring. Not sure how this design made the final five. Too much dark blue, do not like having the color gold in it, Too symmetrical.
11/28/23 9:55	F29	Not a favorite Has a Scandinavian look highlighting many Nordic immigrants but taking away from German and other ethnic groups which are part of MN heritage.
11/28/23 9:56	F29	This is the best of the remaining options. It is simple, but will stand out against other state flags. It is also the only design with a matching emblem and it would be nice to have both state symbols be consistent.
11/28/23 9:58	F29	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 9:58	F29	Solid design. Clean simple and identifiable from a distance.
11/28/23 9:59	F29	Will it look good if the snow flake is 6 points? My favorite of the group even with the 8 pointed snow flake
11/28/23 10:03	F29	This design looks like clip art.
11/28/23 10:04	F29	Very clean and simple. Still has a visual connection to the old flag but with a nice snowflake in a rural quilt way. Not really trendy looking either. One my favorites
11/28/23 10:08	F29	Looks like a quilt made by little old Lutheran ladies in a church basement. That's great for quilting (and they're high quality!), but not for a flag.
11/28/23 10:09	F29	If that's supposed to be a snowflake. All snowflakes contain six sides or points owing to the way in which they form. The molecules in ice crystals join to one another in a hexagonal structure, an arrangement which allows water molecules - each with one oxygen and two hydrogen atoms - to form together in the most efficient way. Why propose a flag that's fake.
11/28/23 10:09	F29	Beautiful, if a bit simple. MN is vibrant and this isn't entirely evocative of what WE are. Could be combined w/ #1953 for perfection.

11/28/23 10:10	F29	The simplicity is great, North Star is a great inclusion for the brand of Minnesota. Dislike the snowflake - the connotation of Minnesota does not need to be "soft and like a snowflake". Everyone knows we have snow and it's cold. Focus on the North Star.
11/28/23 10:12	F29	The yellow and white star/would not be clearly distinguishable from a distance...please do NOT choose this option.
11/28/23 10:14	F29	This design is timeless and classic, and is simple in a good way. I would be so happy if you pick this one!
11/28/23 10:15	F29	Non of these submissions represent Minnesota . When I first saw them I honestly thought they were Christmas cards,( I really did.) Minnesota is the land of lakes, loons, camping up north, etc. C&TMmon people, do a better job! Represent our state in a meaningful way
11/28/23 10:17	F29	I think this is a beautiful and simple flag that will be a great symbol to rally our state around.
11/28/23 10:18	F29	Boring. Is the north star and a snowflake the only thing that represents this beautiful state?
11/28/23 10:18	F29	Doesn&TMt this one use the &#x201c;Dakota Star&#x201c; a symbol of one specific population or community? And didn&TMt the committee specifically require this to NOT be a part of any design solutions? Or is this the exception you&TMre making and not telling the Ojibwe &#x201c; or are we now stealing the Dakota iconography for our own state without asking permission?
11/28/23 10:21	F29	This design is too geometric without much artistry.
11/28/23 10:22	F29	Let's keep our original flag. It's beautiful. It's served our state and it's residents well as our state flag for over 160 years. Thank you
11/28/23 10:23	F29	There's not enough here to love or hate. It's the definition of mid.
11/28/23 10:23	F29	This is definitely the best option remaining.
11/28/23 10:24	F29	This should definitely be the winner. It is simple but distinctive. It works just as well horizontally or vertically. The main icon works well without needing to be on a rectangular flag. This is the only option where I would wear this as a hat or shirt. You could put it on a bumper sticker, mug, etc. It is simple enough for a child to draw it from memory. It fits with a modern aesthetic but not in a way that feels too new or childish. This needs to be the choice.
11/28/23 10:26	F29	BORING - says nothing about Minnesota - doesn't even have our NAME on it!!!
11/28/23 10:27	F29	best seal is S224 and best flag is F29
11/28/23 10:27	F29	No. Doesn't mean anything.
11/28/23 10:27	F29	I love the simpliciity, but I do think the Blue background is to similar to other state flags and our previous flag. A dark green background would be different from others and still represent Minnesota through forests.
11/28/23 10:28	F29	It's a clean, simple design, what a flag should be when viewed from a flagpole. Needs a loon reference, though.
11/28/23 10:29	F29	As a design, this is by far my favorite. My only feedback would be to move away from the gold in the star and play with the colors more. This color palate is too close to Indiana's flag and doesn't capture or reflect the natural beauty of MN. Playing with the blue, green and white palates of other designs, while keeping the clear and versatile symbology of this would be the ideal state flag in my opinion.
11/28/23 10:30	F29	This flag is definitely my favorite of the finalists, but I wish it had a little more pizzazz. A banner with the state motto "L'&#x201c;toile du Nord" would be a great benefit.
11/28/23 10:30	F29	Looks like a quilt and clip art&#x201c;terrible
11/28/23 10:32	F29	Snowflakes have six sides, not eight sides. Any of the flags with an eight-sided snowflake should be disqualified. You wouldn't make a sports flag for soccer and put a volley ball or basketball on the flag to represent the soccer ball, would you?
11/28/23 10:33	F29	I don't like the squished together look of this one. It's giving Japan. I don't like the rhombuses on the front, maybe they would look better spread out and behind the star?
11/28/23 10:33	F29	It also isn't giving "Star of the North" either, since the star is right in the middle. It would look nicer if it was up higher and then had something like the stripes in F1953 pointing toward it.
11/28/23 10:34	F29	This is the best design, in my opinion.
11/28/23 10:36	F29	This is a strong flag design. Similar to New Mexico in its simplicity.
11/28/23 10:36	F29	If this star was placed on F1953, I think it would be a clear winner. I love the star's design, I just wish it wasn't another generic "seal on blue" looking flag.
11/28/23 10:36	F29	My favorite flag design...VERY clean and clever...focus on North star with clever snowflake incorporated along with blue color.
11/28/23 10:37	F29	This is the best flag option. It is instantly recognizable and highly emblematic of Minnesota as the North Star State. It represents to me that we should always be looking and reaching toward our highest ideals and be a shining star above other states.

11/28/23 10:38	F29	This is the strongest of your 6 finalists. The 8-pointed star is a global symbol, appearing in the visual culture of Scandinavia, the Arab world, Indigenous North America, South America, and elsewhere. I believe this is the most culturally inclusive design. Furthermore, it's a simple design that works on a flag. It's clearly identifiable from a distance.
11/28/23 10:38	F29	Simple, easy to re-create, nice colors, but perhaps not enough symbolism.
11/28/23 10:39	F29	Looks too vague... not specific to minnesota
11/28/23 10:42	F29	No thank you. It's not a star or a snowflake. Nice graphic, but what is the story here?
11/28/23 10:43	F29	Since when do snowflakes have 8 points, and stars 4? These don't even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.  Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.
11/28/23 10:44	F29	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:44	F29	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:46	F29	This to me is the clear winner. I like the symmetry and the clear star+snow icon. As a 32 year-old guy I can absolutely see this being waved at a Minnesota United game or tattooed on someone I pass on the street. I know there is more to a flag than just that, but for the remaining options, this centerpiece is the clear winner -- even though I wish there was some green involved.
11/28/23 10:47	F29	Awkward Northstar. Essence of mediocrity
11/28/23 10:48	F29	approved
11/28/23 10:48	F29	I think this design hits the major points of good, solid flag design, without getting lost in symbology and ideas. Simple, recognizable, and easy to produce.
11/28/23 10:48	F29	I like this one and the corresponding state seal the best
11/28/23 10:48	F29	This is really the only acceptable choice. It's simple and timeless. The other flags will remind us of '20's graphic design trends in a few decades.
11/28/23 10:50	F29	YES!!
11/28/23 10:51	F29	I vote for this one. 2nd place F2100 3rd place F944.
11/28/23 10:51	F29	F29 is simply the best. By a large margin.
11/28/23 10:52	F29	This is the best one.
11/28/23 10:53	F29	Beautiful and simple, but like a corporate logo and has no real connection to Minnesota other than the "North Star" connection, but that's not enough for a flag and isn't really representative of our state.
11/28/23 10:53	F29	This has long been my favorite choice for the new flag. It's a simple design that will look good on a flying flag or in print, on stickers, etc. I think it creates a clear state symbol that could be used in branding. There's a maturity to the design, but I think also one that could be timeless in its own right.
11/28/23 10:54	F29	I like this one.
11/28/23 10:54	F29	Choose this flag please :)
11/28/23 10:56	F29	Please this one!!!!!! It's so cool!!!!!!
11/28/23 10:56	F29	This is the ONE! Simple and elegant.
11/28/23 10:58	F29	It's not awful, but it's also not inspiring.
11/28/23 10:58	F29	This is a wonderful flag and one of the two best options along with F1953. If the star design here were used to replace the star on F1953, it would be perfect!
11/28/23 10:58	F29	This is a phenomenal design. PLEASE go with this one!
11/28/23 10:58	F29	I like the consistency of this flag with the S6 seal. The "Eoile du Nord" on each of the submissions evokes both the North Star and a snowflake, which both represent Minnesota very well. I also like the simplicity and elegance of the designs.
11/28/23 10:59	F29	Timeless design in F1953, stripes on the side seem to refer to the sky, land, water. Would like to see the star with yellow and white like on F29. Would give it more interest/character.
11/28/23 10:59	F29	All 6 are terrible. It looks like you chose the same artist for several flag designs and seal designs. Start over please.

11/28/23 11:00	F29	This is not my favorite nor my most-hated of the 6 you selected. It is acceptable, although no where near as superior as the North Star Flag that folks have advocated on behalf of for 30 year.s. This design is acceptable, but not exciting.
11/28/23 11:00	F29	I really like the simplicity and beauty of this design. The dark, bold blue contrasts exceptionally well with the gold color of the star and the white color of the snowflake. I think this would translate to a stitched flag extremely well and would be the best choice of the remaining six for our state flag. This design will stand the test of time.
11/28/23 11:00	F29	I like the design of the star, but it only represents one element of MN's heritage- the north star. This is a great symbol for the north star and should be utilized in combination with another design.
11/28/23 11:01	F29	Best of the designs. Would look good for a long time.
11/28/23 11:02	F29	I vote for this one.
11/28/23 11:03	F29	This is my second choice behind the riverloonsnorthernlights.
11/28/23 11:04	F29	Super boring. This is all we have to represent Minnesota?
11/28/23 11:04	F29	This is the only serious choice among the six finalists.
11/28/23 11:04	F29	The only reference this has is to the North Star. Itâ€™s only OK. Bland.
11/28/23 11:04	F29	Is that supposed to be a snowflake imposed over a star? If so, it misses the mark. Whatever the white thing is is reminiscent of simplistic representations of Christmas poinsettias. I do not like this.
11/28/23 11:07	F29	Simple and memorable design. Memorable
11/28/23 11:07	F29	Distinctive. Memorable. Easy to identify from a distance. North Star, Snowflake, Great Blue water - things we can all relate to. This is the BEST design by far~
11/28/23 11:10	F29	This is one of only two of the final 6 that actually looks like a flag. Having two different symbols on top of each other it's very jarring. If we're going for something minimalist like New Mexico I'm all for it, but it needs to be just one symbol.
11/28/23 11:12	F29	This is my first choice for the new Minnesota State Flag. I love the simplicity of the design, easily recognized from a distance and drawn by anyone including children. The blue signifying our abundance of water with the white snow for our winter and the North Star. Just perfect. Please please please choose this one!
11/28/23 11:14	F29	This flag is boring and over emphasizes our state motto, which is so irrelevant compared to the natural resources our flag should celebrate.  Indeed, our state's natural resources are what makes this place I've lived in for 32 years so wonderful---the convergence of 4 biomes, the headwaters of the great Mississippi river, the lakes and Lake Superior---who cares about a star? Not me. Please for the love of all, please don't select a star flag.  I am disappointed that none of the proposed flags incorporate our 4 unique biomes, but in lieu of that, we should avoid a mundane start that fails to pay homage to the natural resources that make this state great.
11/28/23 11:15	F29	This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:15	F29	Replace the star on F1953 with F29's, adjust the colors.
11/28/23 11:16	F29	Minnesota is more than just about snow. What about the other seasons of the year in MN?
11/28/23 11:16	F29	Very good flag!
11/28/23 11:17	F29	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:17	F29	yes, out of the finalists this is the best
11/28/23 11:19	F29	worst flags Iâ€™ve ever seen. You guys must be nuts the change from what we had.
11/28/23 11:19	F29	Love this one
11/28/23 11:20	F29	Too abstract, and the design will lend itself too easily to adaptation to white supremacist / christianist imagery: a small change in shape or coloring of alternating diamonds will suggest a swastika superimposed over the gold cross.
11/28/23 11:20	F29	F29 would be a wonderful change to our state flag. The non-cluttered design and few colors would make our flag easily recognizable and the symbols are clear, inclusive, and fantastically portraited. The state seal matching submission would be a fantastic choice as well.
11/28/23 11:20	F29	I like this flag, though I'd eliminate the center dot
11/28/23 11:20	F29	I love this design. It has been on of my favorites since submissions started. I love the simplicity of the design. The north star and snowflake are easy to understand and all minnesotans can relate to the imagery.

11/28/23 11:21	F29	dull. angular. We've GOT to be able to do better than this.
11/28/23 11:21	F29	This is the best flag design. It is simple, easy to understand, we are the North Star state and this flag is just beautiful.
		"The Quilt if the North"
11/28/23 11:24	F29	Please no quilt looking patterns. This goes for all if the designs that look like quilt projects. They are not something to be proud of as a symbol, even if they looks like something to keep you warm at night.
11/28/23 11:27	F29	awful
11/28/23 11:27	F29	None of the designs appear to have been created by human hands, or informed by any insight into the culture or history of the state. For the most part they have the look of merely decorative banners of greater or lesser quality. Of the finalists, however, I would judge F29 as the option that will, as a minimal criteria, hold up over time. The design is simple and striking. It is the one design that would 'read' well as a flag, in my opinion.
11/28/23 11:29	F29	This is the best flag submission. Please pick this one.
11/28/23 11:31	F29	The North Star is obvious and nice, but I have no idea what the overlaying white diamonds and center dot are supposed to signify. Frankly, I'd prefer this design if it were just the centered gold four pointed star without the white overlay. That would be a strong, simple, easy to recognize design.
11/28/23 11:32	F29	Cool star but too stark.
11/28/23 11:32	F29	Boring and plain.
11/28/23 11:33	F29	This is the best design submitted out of ALL designs! I immediately liked it from the beginning! It's simple, geometric, iconic, meaningful, and beautiful. It's going to look great blowing in the wind. I would happily wear this design on a shirt. I love this flag, it exemplifies how the North Star State shines like a beacon bright across the union!  F29 all the way!!
11/28/23 11:34	F29	All six of the finalists' flags were absolutely ridiculed in the public's comments, look at the Star Tribune Comments, I think you should take the hint that there is no need for this project; our current flag is much more unique than any of these bland submissions, it actually shows Minnesota's history. I question why this committee feels the need to replace actual history with a pet project. Additionally, what gives these individuals the power to change our flag for the next century? Please disband the committee, return the money to the tax payers, it's never too late to admit this was a mistake.
11/28/23 11:35	F29	boring - unimaginative - says nothing about Minnesota
11/28/23 11:36	F29	NO THANKS
11/28/23 11:36	F29	This looks like the Spire Credit Union logo. I do not want my state seal to remind me of a bank.
11/28/23 11:36	F29	I don't think snow should be featured prominently on the state flag. Moreover, 8-pointed snowflakes are just wrong. I rank this last of the 6 options
11/28/23 11:37	F29	I love this design and its unique, yet clean sophistication. I like that it that represents aspects of our state (blue for water, star for the north, pulling in imagery of snow, etc.). It is by far my favorite design and one that I would be proud to fly and see flown across the state!
11/28/23 11:37	F29	This flag is the best candidate out of the finalists. Choose this one.
11/28/23 11:38	F29	F29 is the best flag. Choose F29.
11/28/23 11:39	F29	A child cannot draw this from memory which is the first requirement. Do not select.
11/28/23 11:39	F29	I rank F29 last of the 6 options. I don't think snow should feature prominently on the state flag. Moreover, 8-pointed snowflakes are just wrong.
11/28/23 11:40	F29	Way too plain
11/28/23 11:40	F29	F29 Looks like a Christmas quilt. I would hate to wear it or display it. If you are going to do a snowflake, at least please give it 6 sides!!!
11/28/23 11:41	F29	Shouldn't have even made the final list. Tremendously dull and boring and unmemorable. Looks like a odd Lutheran church logo from the 1970's
11/28/23 11:44	F29	I like the simplicity of this design with the North Star and snowflake elements. I could see this being a state flag.

11/28/23 11:44	F29	Design F29: This design is plain and busy at the same time. The yellow star shape is too boring and the white snowflake looks nothing like a snowflake and hides too much of the star. The solid blue background is boring. This flag emits a feeling of 'blah, we're boring in MN'. Design F944: I am not a fan of the super busy blue and white swirls, they are way too busy. The star shape is boring. Everything in this design has curved lines, very dissimilar to other state and national flags. I don't know that this would be attractive on a flag blowing in the wind. It feels trendy and hip - not qualities that are important in a state flag that will fly and represent us for hundreds of years. Design F1154: The blue and white shapes are boring. I don't know that I like rounded shapes and straight lines together. Should the center blue piece be yellow? Design F1435: This looks like it was created on a very, very old computer. I am definitely not a fan of this design. It screams old. Design F1953: This is a gorgeous design and would be my first choice! I love the colors, the clean lines, and the shape of our state. I like the star, it makes me think of both the star of the north and a snowflake. This really looks like a flag. It would be attractive hanging next to other flags, but is unique enough to be different. Anyone familiar with MN will recognize our state shape in the design. This design is timeless. Design F2100: I like this design and it is a close second in my mind. I really like the star, I like the colors, I like that the white wave is simple and gradual. My favorite choices are F1953 and F2100 and I would be proud to have either of those be my state flag. None of the others would make me feel proud.
11/28/23 11:46	F29	This should be the winner.
11/28/23 11:47	F29	Just plain looks ridiculous
11/28/23 11:48	F29	If we end up going with F29 can we please add something to the right hand side of it, like TN? That way it will be more distinct from all the other seal on blue we have in the country lol
11/28/23 11:48	F29	A perfect balance of dark/light, fire/ice, and simplicity/complexity.
11/28/23 11:49	F29	So, a star (presumably Etoile du Nord), a geometrically incorrect snowflake, and maybe water characterizes Minnesota? As a state flag, this is a disaster!
11/28/23 11:50	F29	This is my first choice.
11/28/23 11:50	F29	No thank you.
11/28/23 11:54	F29	Simple design, timeless colors. This seems best suited of the remaining options to stand the test of time.
11/28/23 11:54	F29	Try again!@!! Terrible selections.
11/28/23 11:54	F29	too commercial
11/28/23 11:57	F29	Regarding all designs with this 8-pointed star made of disconnected diamonds, I know many cultures have used an 8-pointed star including Minnesota's indigenous communities and perhaps the intention was to include native symbolism, which is great. But I also think to most people it reads as "Norwegian sweater star" and while that might be representative of the state's enfranchised people 100 years ago, it isn't representative of Minnesota today.
11/28/23 11:57	F29	This one
11/28/23 11:58	F29	This one is simple, easy to identify, and fun.
11/28/23 11:59	F29	This one looks like an old-timey quilt and we don't want that image
11/28/23 11:59	F29	like the seal designs but the flags are ALL boring and too simplistic, make a splash look at some that will catch an eye and turn people's heads! we deserve a GREAT flag.
11/28/23 12:03	F29	F29 flag is the best. It is simple and still be seen on a flag, without over embellishment.
11/28/23 12:03	F29	Plus the great deal version goes well together with the flag.
11/28/23 12:03	F29	this one is the best
11/28/23 12:03	F29	All of them are bad. Please reconsider
11/28/23 12:04	F29	Nope
11/28/23 12:04	F29	I really like the simplicity and how it incorporates the mother star and a snowflake
11/28/23 12:04	F29	Great contrast. It's modern
11/28/23 12:04	F29	OK, rather blah
11/28/23 12:05	F29	This (f29) is easily the best of the selections, and the matching seal design.

		<p>This is the best remaining flag by a wide margin, and the only one of the (largely underwhelming) finalists that has any business being considered as a State flag. I've lived for a number of years in Chicago and Colorado, both of which have iconic flags which are widely beloved and slapped on bumper stickers, beer cans, bicep tattoos, backpack patches, and baseball caps. This is the only option of the remaining flags that could plausibly reach that level of universal usage, particularly the brilliant star-flake design.</p> <p>If the commission decides to go with another flag, they would do well to consider swapping out the star on that flag for the star-flake design from this one. It's simply too good to let go.</p> <p>The only possible change I'd suggest would be to perhaps lighten the shade of blue in the background. The current navy/dark blue shade works, certainly, but a lighter shade of blue (cerulean, maybe, or sky blue or something in that ballpark) might help the flag pop a bit, and could also nicely evoke the sky blue/cloud-tinted waters that give Minnesota its name.</p>
11/28/23 12:06	F29	Thanks to the commissioners for their consideration and effort.
11/28/23 12:06	F29	It is probably the best oneâ€¦ but it still isnâ€™t special or pretty. Does it have to be minimalist? Is MN a minimalist state?
11/28/23 12:06	F29	OK, rather blah
11/28/23 12:07	F29	This flag is one of the stronger submissions in the list of finalists; however, it still does not capture the uniqueness of MN. I like the snowflake/north star connection but stronger symbolism could be included and considered. There were so many other stronger designs within the submissions.
11/28/23 12:07	F29	None of the choices represent Minnesota. The choice should be made from all the designs submitted and voted on by the general public.
11/28/23 12:08	F29	I like the simplicity of this design, but the white snowflake motif evokes a cold feeling to many, which may not be desirable as a symbol.
11/28/23 12:08	F29	I like this flag and its incorporation of a snow-flake and north star. It's simple and clean.
11/28/23 12:08	F29	YUK!
11/28/23 12:10	F29	I think this is the best flag design out of all of them! Itâ€™s simple, has nice colors, and very recognizable. Definitely a symbol for Minnesota. While a lot of people hate winter, we take pride in it. First choice for sure.
11/28/23 12:10	F29	<p>This is my personal favorite symbol out of the options available. It's simple and elegant, but I'll admit that the background is a little lacking. Combining this with the tricolor/F1953 would probably be a good idea, albeit with a little bit of alteration so it doesn't look too awkward. Maybe keeping the large, centered starflake of this version while including a tricolor in the background could be cool, kinda like Yugoslavia's old flag (not the best country, I agree, but a very elegant flag nonetheless).</p> <p>But anyway, in short, the final flag design should have this as the basis.</p>
11/28/23 12:11	F29	<p>This is my personal favorite symbol out of the options available. It's simple and elegant, but I'll admit that the background is a little lacking. Combining this with the tricolor/F1953 would probably be a good idea, albeit with a little bit of alteration so it doesn't look too awkward. Maybe keeping the large, centered starflake of this version while including a tricolor in the background could be cool, kinda like Yugoslavia's old flag (not the best country, I agree, but a very elegant flag nonetheless).</p> <p>But anyway, in short, the final flag design should have this as the basis.</p>
11/28/23 12:11	F29	While I am all for simplicity, this design is too much of a good thing. It is boring, and we are not!
11/28/23 12:11	F29	My favorite option ... simple and elegant. Please select this flag.
11/28/23 12:12	F29	I love the design of the star and snowflake, but the flag seems incomplete in this version.
11/28/23 12:13	F29	no, just no please
11/28/23 12:15	F29	Clip art. Start over.
11/28/23 12:16	F29	Do we really want a flag that symbolizes us a snow state???? We are much more than snow...
11/28/23 12:17	F29	Beautiful design but not enough Minnesota reflected in this submission. Feels like one season: winter.
11/28/23 12:17	F29	This should be the new flag. It's simple, instantly iconic and recognizable. It also looks the same flown horizontally or vertically, this is rare in flags and would be a cool feature of our new flag.
		I really like F29. It's simple, yet succeeds in being distinctly Minnesotan. It's like the New Mexico flag in that way.
11/28/23 12:18	F29	I won't be terribly upset if it ends up being F2100 but I certainly prefer F29.
11/28/23 12:18	F29	Fine for a corporation, not for a state.

11/28/23 12:18	F29	Brandon has done a nice job here but I have seen this flag on the online flag waiver and the star seems to get lost. I think you need some sort of contrast. It has some nice symbolism. I would put this as my second or third favorite.
11/28/23 12:19	F29	Perfect. Simple. Learnable. Can be recreated by students learning the flag. Classic, will still be nice decades from now.
11/28/23 12:19	F29	None of the designs for the flag work!!! Anyone not from Minnesota is not going to know what state this flag is for. Why not pick a design that has some resemblance to the state's license plates. The license plates are what we and people all across the country see and associate with Minnesota. A disappointing job at picking the finalist. The seal with the loon works.
11/28/23 12:20	F29	Another dark blue flag to hide in the mix of others. Sun and snow? That's it? How will this look hanging limp on a pole?
11/28/23 12:20	F29	This is easily my favorite
11/28/23 12:20	F29	First choice
11/28/23 12:20	F29	This would be good without the dot in the middle.
11/28/23 12:21	F29	Yes, please.
11/28/23 12:22	F29	Nice simple design. Easy read from a distance. Incorporates the North Star and snowflake well.
11/28/23 12:23	F29	This is my favorite of the flags. It follows the rules of flag design, it's distinctive without being overly complicated or needlessly "artsy."
11/28/23 12:23	F29	Snore
11/28/23 12:23	F29	I have looked at all the final selections and don't think any are worthy of a new state flag design. They all look like clip art and nothing original and no mention of Minnesota. Need to get an artist to design something unique.
11/28/23 12:23	F29	i do not feel that this is a good flag for Minnesota (F29)
11/28/23 12:25	F29	This is the best of the bunch, will look ideal on an actual flag instead of on a 2D computer screen. Simple yet representative of Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:26	F29	Still looks like a credit union logo, but my 2nd choice for a flag.
11/28/23 12:27	F29	This looks far too much like the logo for Spire Credit Union and the logo for St. Scholastica in Duluth;it is not unique, and I wouldn't be proud to have this as a flag
11/28/23 12:28	F29	If representing a snowflake, and we should, correct the number of points from 8 to 6!
11/28/23 12:28	F29	Add the state motto and "1858" to it.
11/28/23 12:28	F29	Not bad. Too plain. Needs more.
11/28/23 12:30	F29	This is boring. It says nothing. It looks like a scouting patch.
11/28/23 12:30	F29	I think this is my favorite flag design. The simple design is striking, and I love the inclusion of the snowflake -- leaning into the reality of the "bold north." I do wish there were a green element, but that would disturb the simple design.
11/28/23 12:30	F29	Add the state motto and "1858" to it.
11/28/23 12:31	F29	If Minnesota wants to be looked towards as a leader in the nation, having a North Star so emblazoned in our flag, emphasizes on an instinctual level that our state is a guide to people of the nation. This is a flag I would be proud to have hang in my classroom. Good marketing and politics has clear, simple to understand, thought provoking iconography that can be a singular reference point that all conversations can tie back to. While multiple flags have a North Star, this flag leads with the North Star, it is central to the map. With the combination of the snowflake it evoke compass like imagery further solidifying the the identity of the North Star. It is Balanced, bold, symbolic and clean. I love it!
11/28/23 12:31	F29	I love this flag and I highly believe it should be the flag for the state. The seal that matches is also a perfect design. As a native Minnesotan, I have been rooting for this design to win.
11/28/23 12:31	F29	Sorry, this looks like a generic "quilt pattern" or a pattern you'd find painted on a barn.
11/28/23 12:31	F29	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag?
11/28/23 12:31	F29	This simple but bold design matches one of the seal submissions and would add continuity
11/28/23 12:32	F29	I like this flag the best due to it's simplicity and the color theory used.
11/28/23 12:33	F29	This is my 2nd choice flag. I do like the incorporation of the snowflake and the north star. Simple, well designed, complimentary colors. Just feel F1953 did it better and represented more of MN.
11/28/23 12:33	F29	Nice. Simple. Good use of color.
11/28/23 12:36	F29	Let's just keep the one we have.
11/28/23 12:37	F29	No meaning. No reference to the State of Minnesota. Just a flag with a star on it. Big deal!



11/28/23 12:37	F29	Of the six, one of my favorites. Love the colors and that the central emblem represents both a snowflake and a star!
11/28/23 12:38	F29	This is the best of the finalists and I truly hope this one wins.
11/28/23 12:38	F29	This goes really well with S6 if looking for complementary designs.
11/28/23 12:40	F29	F29 is very wintry-feeling. However, it is certainly the strongest of the flags--simple, clear, and good use of color.
11/28/23 12:41	F29	I love it. I wish it incorporated a bit of green, but it's my favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 12:44	F29	Minnesota is the North Star State, true. But we don't own polaris and anyone in the Northern Hemisphere can see it. What is distinctively Minnesotan about this? That said, I think this is the best of the finalists and I like the snowflake overlaid the star. It still looks like a corporate logo, though. I'm just so disappointed in the final designs chosen.
11/28/23 12:44	F29	No, much too generic to stand the test of time.
11/28/23 12:44	F29	F29 is the most appealing, but Iâ€™d suggest picking the corresponding seal and using the entire seal on the flag instead of just this star. Or add the state name or something â€¦ all the choices are meh in my eyes
11/28/23 12:45	F29	Very boring, a star and a snowflake? Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota? Color is boring.
11/28/23 12:46	F29	This is a great design. Clean, simple, and easy to see at a distance when flapping in the wind.
11/28/23 12:47	F29	The star is nice. Use this one on the flag with the green and blue swirls
11/28/23 12:49	F29	Does not cover Minnesota symbols. Could be anyplace.
11/28/23 12:49	F29	This is the best one of the 6. Simple and to the point.
11/28/23 12:49	F29	This is one of my favorites.
11/28/23 12:51	F29	I'll just comment on one since the "finalists" all have a disturbing similarity. Heartless, cold, with an over-simplicity bordering on silliness. This might make a reasonable holiday ornament with that goofy star shape (and all the finalists seem to reflect a weird prejudice toward that shape). Are these things really - REALLY - the best we can do????
11/28/23 12:51	F29	This is a design that will look great as a flag waving in the wind. It shares strengths with other excellent flags such as New Mexico or Japan. Itâ€™s instant recognizable and is broadly symbolic and inclusive.
11/28/23 12:52	F29	No, doesn't represent flowing water & has 2 overlaying stars
11/28/23 12:52	F29	Clearly the best of the six, although the snowflake should have 6 points, not 8. 8 is salt
11/28/23 12:52	F29	If this is suppose to portray a snowflake, no way! It's an embarrassment!! The biggest criticism about our state is the winter weather. Half our seniors leave all winter to get away from winter! Most Minnesotans hate winter! Don't advertise and remind us about it. The selections picked are all terrible in meaningful expression of our state. It should be historical showing who we are! Stay with current flag but alter enough not to insult our Native American tribes!!
11/28/23 12:53	F29	I say no to this one. There are already too many solid blue state flags with an image in the center.
11/28/23 12:55	F29	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 12:56	F29	These are hideous. Where is our loon? Where is the lady slipper? The best one has the blue and green swirls but needs a better star. Still not much to do with MN
11/28/23 12:56	F29	This is the best out of these horrible 5th grade ai designs you have . So many better ones were submitted . None of these represent mn . We need a loon a snowflake lakes . THESE DO NOT REPRESENT MY STATE NOR MINNESOTA
11/28/23 12:56	F29	Looks like a holiday ornament. Nothing about it says Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:57	F29	They're all great, but this one feels right. Simple, immediately makes you think of Minnesota. Good transition from the existing. North Star, snow, warm. Love it
11/28/23 12:58	F29	This one has grown on me over time -- it's been around for a while now. It would be instantly recognizable as representing Minnesota, the snowy North Star State. The eight-pointed "snowflake" part of the star is actually a nod to the tradition of Dakota star blanket design. It would stand the test of time.
11/28/23 12:59	F29	no thanks. Way too simple.
11/28/23 12:59	F29	Simple, but looks powerful. Let's make Minnesota the star state of the North!

11/28/23 13:00	F29	First- thank you all for your efforts. Wanted to share my reason why this is the best choice:
11/28/23 13:00	F29	Simple- easy to recognize, employs only 3 colors. Uniform, you can fly it upside down and no one will notice! The star and the snowflake on our old flag's background is soooo Minnesota.
11/28/23 13:05	F29	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone.
11/28/23 13:05	F29	I think this should be locked as it has a very simple and easy design. I thought I looked like a swapped New Mexico because New Mexico is hot and they have hot colors in their flag while this one looks like a colder north variant, Perfect for Minnesota!!
11/28/23 13:05	F29	I like this design (F29) the most of the finalists, but I seems that there are too many state flags with blue backgrounds. So I would suggest changing the blue to a deep forest green, symbolizing nature. I would suggest the same for the corresponding seal design, which is also my favorite.
11/28/23 13:06	F29	This is the best star. The actual star is fine, but is almost too minimalist for a flag. This star should be added to the other flag design.
11/28/23 13:06	F29	Ugly
11/28/23 13:07	F29	F29 is my favorite. F1953 is also acceptable but might look dated.
11/28/23 13:07	F29	I vote this one! Iâ€™d most definitely fly it at our cabin in Wisconsin!
11/28/23 13:08	F29	I would be proud to see this flying as my state flag, a simple yet beautifully iconic design.
11/28/23 13:09	F29	How dare a flag be this gorgeous???
11/28/23 13:11	F29	I think this one is the best, because it wonâ€™t age poorly. Think about the other iconic centered-logo flags around the country, or even the world like New Mexico, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Turkey. They all have a single central symbol that can be used to identify the state even without being on the flag. It has the potential to be an identity for the state.
11/28/23 13:11	F29	Best of the star designs but boring. Weâ€™re more than a star
11/28/23 13:12	F29	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:12	F29	I like the simplicity, but I think it needs some green to represent Forests/Trees/Valleys
11/28/23 13:13	F29	Boring and too generic
11/28/23 13:13	F29	This could be any state flag-says nothing about Minnesota
11/28/23 13:13	F29	Nope
11/28/23 13:14	F29	This is my first choice. It is distinctive, simple. It is elegant but easily drawn by children! It represents our state motto and our famous distinction as a beautiful cold-weather state. It SHINES! â€” as our state SHINES!
11/28/23 13:16	F29	This flag represents â€œMinnesotaâ€” best
11/28/23 13:16	F29	This ties in some of the native imagery. Nice. Also reminds me of snowflakes. We have snowflakes most of the year. Appropriate.
11/28/23 13:16	F29	My favorite flag design. Clean and modern depiction of star of the North plus snow.

		<p>Before commenting on this, I do want to input that as the key designer on both Utah's new state flag and it's 125th anniversary flag (it's true and I'm very well informed on how to get a flag that rocks through a committee), I've had a keen interest on Minnesota's flag process and designs, especially when the popular North Star flag was already 90% there - not just for good flag design, period, but also how my hunch that it would probably not be in the final flag designs was confirmed. Guys, it just needed a little tweaking and you'd have been golden - and talking to a lot of my Minnesota based friends, it's the one it seems the people wanted as well. But I digress.</p> <p>This is probably the best and safest of the designs (albeit still a clear second place to the North Star flag). However, it has flaws. Gold and white, which I personally learned first hand through Utah's process, does not go well together when laid on top of each other. The white dot will undoubtedly 100% be lost when printed. This is why we instead never clashed Utah's white mountains or star with the gold and put navy blue in hexagon and around the gold stroke. It's just going to get lost no matter how you slice it, and from personal and successful experience, I would strongly recommend exploring options on how to fix that.</p> <p>It's also a bit too angular feeling and my personal concern is it might not age well over the next 50 years. You almost have to have a little bit of a "folkish" look to a flag that makes it look like it's already existed for 100 years. This clearly does not, and I wonder if it's because it's perhaps as mentioned a bit too angular and rigid feeling, or if it's because the colors - as simple as it comes - oddly clash. Personally, I prefer the red/navy blue/white flag (Twins colored flag) I saw floated out by the designer on their blog. It has more pop and personality, and I have a hunch would be more widely accepted by Minnesotans as a color option for this particular design.</p> <p>I know it's been floated out that this could be combined with the North Star flag. I actually agree. I don't think you have to shrink the star/snowflake at all, or if you do fairly minimally, put it in the left canton and then do two simple and thinner stripes at the bottom of the field (mercy, how much I wish I could mock something up and send to y'all - but that's ego talking). That would definitely satisfy both the commissions desire to have a design they had, while also satisfying the movement that helped lead to all this happening in the first place.</p> <p>Yet, in the end, it's simple and non-offensive enough that it works. If you had to choose from the 6 finalists, this is pretty clearly the best and safest. I also suspect it's the front-runner of the commission as it's the one the media has focused on the most (I also know this from experience). While not exciting, it'll do the job and 100% be used far more than the current seal flag and eventually become beloved. But I do think there's a chance there will be calls for a new flag in 20 years as well if the people find it too simple and want it updated.</p>
11/28/23 13:16	F29	
11/28/23 13:18	F29	Donn't really like, the white which I believe is suppose to be a snow flake, if I am not sure what it is suppose to be, how will people in other states know what it is?
11/28/23 13:18	F29	I don't think we need a Norwegian Selbu Rose to represent a state that is so much more than Norway
11/28/23 13:19	F29	Thumbs down for all state flag 6 redesign finalists. Please go back to the drawing board for the state flag to include the Common Loon.
11/28/23 13:19	F29	Boring, nondescriptive, says nothing about our State
11/28/23 13:19	F29	There is not a single one of these finalists worthy of being representative of our State. A big waste of time and money.
11/28/23 13:19	F29	This is, by far, my favorite of the designs submitted. It's simple, easy to understand, and I feel it captures the spirit of Minnesota, with the north star and snowflake combination, very well.
11/28/23 13:21	F29	This is my favorite design!
11/28/23 13:21	F29	You do realize we are more than snow right??
11/28/23 13:22	F29	This looks like a flower, not the North Star.
11/28/23 13:22	F29	Star and Snowflake its Ok.
11/28/23 13:22	F29	F29, amazing, professional, modern. One of my favorites
11/28/23 13:22	F29	Please select this flag (F29). It meets all the criteria for good flag design and represents our state beautifully.
11/28/23 13:23	F29	One of my favorites. Simple, to the point, and emphasizing of the north star, a staple of northern life here in Minnesota.
11/28/23 13:23	F29	Horrible!
11/28/23 13:24	F29	My favorite out of the choices, but it is sooooo boring. Doesn't "speak" Minnesota to me. Looks like a corporate logo
11/28/23 13:24	F29	Looks like a Christmas card!!!
11/28/23 13:25	F29	Too plain. The star is ok though
11/28/23 13:26	F29	This flag design gets my #1 vote. It's simple and I can see it being replicated on hats, shirts, and other designs to show MN pride. I also love the idea of the north star being front and center as the symbol that unites all of us. I also appreciate the snowflake interlay as a nod to the north and our pride in cold weather.

11/28/23 13:29	F29	blah
11/28/23 13:30	F29	I like this flag, F29, the most. It's simple, elegant, and I feel it captures the spirit of our state quite well with the snowflake/star of the north combination on the deep blue background. The star of the north, our pride in persevering through long winters, and the land of 10,000 (blue) lakes are all represented here, and I like it a lot.
11/28/23 13:30	F29	This design has my vote. Its clean, iconic and covers our most notable traits as a state. I believe this design is the best quality of all the submissions and would be the easiest to transfer to print for things like shirts, patches, hats and stickers. Using this design as a real flag is the first purpose, but most people will also see the design on websites and decals. This design is the best for those mediums.
11/28/23 13:33	F29	This would work better with a lighter shade of blue for the background
11/28/23 13:34	F29	While I'm not super in love with any of the finalists, of the options, this is my favorite. I'm not entirely sure about the shade of blue, however. I would lean towards something less navy.
11/28/23 13:36	F29	This flag is very mid. I think I might light it more if the snowflake and star was more detailed instead of minimalist and IKEA looking.
11/28/23 13:36	F29	This design will not sufficiently distinguish the MN flag from those of other states. Many other state flags have a dark blue background with light colored symbol in the middle. The similarity of our current flag to those of other states was a reason to change it. Another option is needed to set MN apart.
11/28/23 13:37	F29	This is the only decent design in this selection.
11/28/23 13:39	F29	The state flag should have the outline of the state in it to distinguish it from other state flags Leave no doubt whose flag it is!
11/28/23 13:39	F29	Too simplistic
11/28/23 13:40	F29	These all look like clip art. The flags should be more representative of the state. A loon or white pines or lakes. Please reconsider these options.
11/28/23 13:40	F29	Great design, my second choice of the finalists.
11/28/23 13:40	F29	Of all the finalists, this one is my favorite. It incorporates snow, sun, water and sky in a simple and flag-ish manner.
11/28/23 13:44	F29	boring, looks like a big snowflake
11/28/23 13:45	F29	I quite like this design but to be honest the white "snowflake" design over the star does look pretty and does well at representing out Minnesotan winters but I feel like its always going to make me think of Christmas...
11/28/23 13:45	F29	Graphically strong, but rather bland in use of color. This does not incorporate any reference to the beautiful greenery of the state. This design is not strong enough to be a viable contender.
11/28/23 13:46	F29	This is my vote for favorite flag! Simple, elegant, north star!
11/28/23 13:47	F29	One of the absolute worst designs in the entire process. How it made it to this point is a testament to how little those involved care about making sure the best design becomes the symbol of our great state. It's the ugliest looking snowflake superimposed over a basic star with a plain blue background. Great symbolism, telling everyone we're a basic state with snow and stars, instead of a great state with great people and great beauty and great industry. It says nothing of our indigenous history. It says nothing of our natural beauty. It says nothing of who we are as a state. Snow and stars. Wow. I cannot believe how badly this process failed at such a simple task. If I was an outsider and saw this flying over the Capitol building, I would know I was in a state that isn't special in any way. I would know I was in a state that doesn't care about itself.
11/28/23 13:47	F29	I hate them all. The original flag was the best, just leave it alone.
11/28/23 13:50	F29	If the white shape is supposed to be a snowflake, it is drawn incorrectly, Ice crystals (snow) are hexagonal. They do not have the 4-fold symmetry shown here. We are changing the flag in part to correct past errors - let's not introduce a new one, particularly one that's easy to fix.
11/28/23 13:52	F29	This likes a snowflake from a Norwegian sweater. Probably doesn't represent all Minnesotans.
11/28/23 13:52	F29	Why is it so Scandinavian? There might be a lot of Scandinavian immigrants here but 1) MN is not Scandinavia and 2) I feel like this style star kinda excludes other prominent cultural groups. Nice colors though, and decently simple graphic. Flag graphics should always be pretty simple because they're flapping up high on a pole, right?

11/28/23 13:54	F29	Of the six finalists, this design is the only real choice. It is blessed with a symbol evocative of many aspects of Minnesota's landscape, culture, and history which all Minnesotans should be proud to display. The underlying four-pointed star stands for the four cardinal directions on a compass, representing the explorer past associated with Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and waterways. The four-pointed star is also representative of the North Star, mirroring Minnesota's motto L'Etoile du Nord, which is also derived from the age of discovery. But the four-pointed star combined with the deep blue field further calls to mind the unique quality of a clear Minnesota evening sky, known by the residents of Minnesota's lands at all stages of its history. The deep blue field further represents the waters of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes." The deep blue field may also be construed as an homage to the "Union Blue" of the uniforms worn by Minnesota's soldiers during the Civil War--a portion of Minnesota's history which should be emphasized, as Minnesota was the first state to offer the service of its citizens in defense of the Union and which helped to form Minnesota's identity as a bulwark of democracy to this day. The white star superimposed upon the four-pointed star serves to represent the winters which have also been a core aspect of Minnesota's cultural identity, being reminiscent of a snowflake in design and color. However, the superimposed white star may also be considered as a symbol of agriculture, being representative of wheat, or a corn tassel, particularly when combined with the yellow color underneath. The eight channels contained within the superimposed white star which converge upon a single point serve to further highlight Minnesota's distinguished history as the meeting place for several important waterways and peoples. All in all, this design incorporates a host of symbols and elements both significant and unique to Minnesotan history and Minnesota's people. And it also accomplishes the conveyance of such magnitude of meaning in an easily recognizable and identifiable symbol, easily recreated and reproduced. It is, in short, an exemplary design with the greatest potential to be adopted by Minnesotans and the national and international communities as a uniquely Minnesotan emblem.
11/28/23 13:57	F29	Nobody in the world, much less a Minnesotan would ever recognize anything about our state in this flag. Not representative. Looks like something IKEA would have on a curtain. Where is loon, where is lady slipper, where is wheat, where are our lakes, where is our loon? Please reconsider ALL of the selections, none of them include these important symbols. How you ever chose these selections---all of them quite alike, is beyond me. Must have been some strong arming those who argued for our beloved symbols.
11/28/23 13:58	F29	I love this flag, simple but beautiful, I strongly agree we should make this our flag.
11/28/23 13:58	F29	If this flag were to go forward as is, I would definitely remove the dot in the center. As a flag, I'm not really sure if a snowflake and a star overlapping as the only icons makes sense? It seems like it might make sense to remove the yellow star behind it and make the snowflake icon larger (the negative space between each diamond can represent the north star)
11/28/23 13:58	F29	I enjoy the snow look
11/28/23 14:00	F29	No! This looks like a snowflake. We should be known for more than Snow
11/28/23 14:00	F29	I think this design would be the one most Minnesotans could draw from memory, making it very accessible.
11/28/23 14:01	F29	Again, the white star reminds me of the "Ohio Star" quilt pattern. Overall, it make me think of a sports team not a state flag.
11/28/23 14:01	F29	This is a beautiful, strong, elegant flag design that will serve Minnesota well for centuries. Adopt it!
11/28/23 14:01	F29	Nice
11/28/23 14:02	F29	Just no. I don't understand this one. I don't see how it relates to MN.
11/28/23 14:02	F29	The 8 diamonds overpower the star, which could be solved by placing them underneath the star instead of on top
11/28/23 14:03	F29	Love the simplicity and clean look of this flag, really captures the northstar state.
11/28/23 14:04	F29	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.
11/28/23 14:04	F29	This my favorite flag.
11/28/23 14:05	F29	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:05	F29	Really enjoy this design. Really represents the state of Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:06	F29	None of the flag submissions can compete with the current flag. KEEP OUR CURRENT FLAG
11/28/23 14:06	F29	This is the best star!! It is so unique and identifiable and would translate great on to license plates and other state government things. While this flag could benefit from other changes, the star is perfect and I hope it gets to represent this state.
11/28/23 14:08	F29	No. Looks like it belongs on a medieval shief.
11/28/23 14:10	F29	NO relevance to MN - ? Has zero meaning
11/28/23 14:10	F29	I don't think it is a very good representation of Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:11	F29	I would love this as our state flag!

11/28/23 14:11	F29	An amateurish computer design. No imagination.
11/28/23 14:13	F29	What, a snowflake.??? Blah!
11/28/23 14:14	F29	This would be my second choice. Like the minimalistic approach.
11/28/23 14:17	F29	The StarFlake design on a traditional blue background represents the twin identities of Minnesota (North Star, True North) with a connection to the best of our former flag (the deep blue base color). It's an excellent pairing with the emblem that bears the same StarFlake design.
11/28/23 14:18	F29	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original!
11/28/23 14:19	F29	Design F29 is clearly the best flag. The north star and snowflake logo has the potential to be as iconic as Colorado's or New Mexico's flags. To me, it is just the simplest and most eye-catching. Moreover, from a more consumerist perspective, this symbol could be proudly displayed on signs, clothing, or other products throughout the state. F29 is the ONLY flag design of this bunch that could really achieve any semblance of "marketability." All of this is not to say that merchandising potential is the most important aspect of a good flag, but you also never see cars with a sticker of South Dakota's flag on the back windshield like you do with the "C&C" of Colorado; this is the clear winner, guys. I know you'll make Minnesota proud!
11/28/23 14:19	F29	It looks good
11/28/23 14:20	F29	From the artist's description of the flag, the yellow is supposed to represent the North Star while the white is supposed to represent a snowflake. I hope that as Minnesotans we won't adopt a flag with a depiction of a snowflake with 8 points, since this is an impossibility.
11/28/23 14:21	F29	This is the best of the flag designs. Simple, recognizable, and timeless.
11/28/23 14:22	F29	This one is by far my favorite, it is simple but iconic. I think it has the chance to be Minnesota's version of the New Mexico Zia on their flag. The New Mexico flag is outstanding and whenever you see the zia, you immediately think of New Mexico. People get tattoos and stickers of the zia, it is present in their sports teams uniforms (New Mexico State has a great helmet with it present). L'etoile Du Nord has the chance to do just that, where someone sees this flag or the L'etoile Du Nord and knows exactly what it is from. There's something powerful about that symbolism, to be able to tie your identity to the state like that. The flag is also simplistic and follows the basic design rule of thumb of "a child should be able to draw it"
11/28/23 14:22	F29	I quite like this flag with the general simplicity in design principle as well as containing the North Star and 32 points on the snowflake for MN. My concern is that the geometric shapes may be a bit complex for clear visuals while the flag is hanging down or flowing in the wind;that is one concern I have heard from others. From what I hear from others, it is a good design but not a favorite. Personally, I quite like it, particularly among the six finalists.
11/28/23 14:23	F29	I vote for this one. It's simple, represents Minnesota, and it looks classy. It's my first choice and I'm not fond of any others.
11/28/23 14:24	F29	This is peak!! This is an amazing design!
11/28/23 14:26	F29	I don't actually care much for any of the designs that were picked. I MUCH prefer F18--it looks more like a flag!!
11/28/23 14:26	F29	This feels like a barn quilt rather than a flag. It feels like a nod to the Nordic roots of many people who settled here, and it captures our farms and winter. It feels incomplete.
11/28/23 14:28	F29	I very much like this flag, but think it would be better to have the North star in front of the snowflake or white shape. It seems odd to have the North Star hidden. I have seen some versions with the North Star up front, and they look great. Good luck on your selection.
11/28/23 14:29	F29	Ugly
11/28/23 14:30	F29	This flag my favorite, tied with F1953. It looks really nice and represents the state well. It's a little boring compared to other flags, but I think that's better than something over-complicated.
11/28/23 14:33	F29	Love this - best of the bunch. Will look great on merch. For comparison, Colorado and Arkansas have capitalized on their flag design to inspire pride in their state as reflected by the volume of merchandise sold with the graphic design.
11/28/23 14:33	F29	I appreciate how the star resembles both a Native American star quilt, and reflects the Scandinavian Selbu star. Nice, simple graphic design that won't get outdated. YAY for this one.
11/28/23 14:34	F29	I do really love this one. It is clear and simple. North star state and a snowflake. It represents where we are in the world - and where we are has shaped who we are.
11/28/23 14:35	F29	I like this version! It reminds me of the Alaska flag. I think it would be better without the snowflake with the star moved up vertically so it can be our Etoile du Nord.
11/28/23 14:35	F29	this might be the most bank logo of them all. I understand the kind of Nordic themes, but the truth is, we're not in Scandinavia. We don't need watered down Nordic motifs. Three states have instantly recognizable flags that are on clothing, California, Texas, and Colorado. We could be the fourth state! But not with this absolute borefest of corporate bank designs. You still have to scrap these and find something absolutely iconic that will make people want to come. Colorado is 5% cooler because of its flag.
11/28/23 14:36	F29	Very blah, ugly colors
11/28/23 14:36	F29	I do really love Finalist flag F29. It is clear and simple. North star state and a snowflake. It represents where we are in the world - and where we are has shaped who we are.
11/28/23 14:37	F29	I believe that this flag represents Minnesota

11/28/23 14:39	F29	I would be happy with F29, but I think there are better designs.
11/28/23 14:40	F29	Stinks
11/28/23 14:43	F29	Looks like a name tag for church. ǫŸŽ
11/28/23 14:44	F29	Best looking of the selections, simple design, white symbol reminiscent of American Indian culture while yellow/gold Star represents star of the north.
11/28/23 14:45	F29	The star on this design is a distinct, but simple design. As is I feel this flag is not quite interesting enough--it is a thing in the center of a blue flag like the old flag and many other states--but I think this star added to any of the other options would improve them all. It in isolation would also be a good logo for the state on hats, etc.
11/28/23 14:46	F29	No
11/28/23 14:52	F29	This one is okay, but again it has no character. At least it doesn't physically hurt to look at. But that's about it. There is no imagination with any of these. The white on top of the yellow star is giving snowflake which is cheesy and childish. All of these look like they are going to be out of graphic design style in like 10 years.
11/28/23 14:53	F29	This is my favorite! I'd say that we should be sure to have good branding agreement between the seal and the flag though in terms of colors and vibe.
11/28/23 14:54	F29	This is my favorite (F29)! I'd say that we should be sure to have good branding agreement between the seal and the flag though in terms of colors and vibe.
11/28/23 15:01	F29	This is a good simple design. my second favorite
11/28/23 15:02	F29	Reminds me of an Alcoa Aluminum company logo, or such
11/28/23 15:03	F29	Reminds me of an Alcoa Aluminum company logo, or such. But at least it is maybe a snowflake on top of a star.
11/28/23 15:03	F29	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring.
11/28/23 15:06	F29	This design for the flag is simple and easily identifiable from a distance. Along with providing the symbolism that is unique to the north star state and climate we inhabit. Compared to the other submissions, this design also appears the most iconic. The others appear largely derivative of existing flag designs or taking chances with design elements that don't appear appropriate to a flags purpose. It's this citizens opinion that this flag should be selected to represent Minnesota.
11/28/23 15:06	F29	Far too generic.
11/28/23 15:07	F29	Looks nice. A very emblem-centric flag but it's a cool emblem for the state.
11/28/23 15:08	F29	pattern is kind of complex but not overly so. Nice contrasting colors. May not be easily recognizable when at rest
11/28/23 15:09	F29	Well, it could be worse - said every Minnesotan simultaneously.
11/28/23 15:09	F29	This is the best of the six finalists, but still pretty bad. It looks like a logo for the ice castles. I really wish any of these designs had loons on them because Minnesota has a uniquely large loon population and Minnesotans take pride in loons. Loons also migrate through the southern part of the state. The north star is famous for being visible anywhere in the northern hemisphere. It doesn't do a good job representing Minnesota and most people don't care about it as a state symbol.
11/28/23 15:11	F29	My favorite flag design, simple and elegant.
11/28/23 15:13	F29	My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.
11/28/23 15:13	F29	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:15	F29	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:18	F29	This one is okay. It has the North Star and a snowflake. It reminds me of a quilt or a Rosemal design, very Scandinavian.
11/28/23 15:18	F29	I like this one. It's simple but would be easily identifiable as our state's flag.
11/28/23 15:19	F29	This is my favorite design. It's clean, with clear references to North Star, blue lakes, and white snow. It's also a clear statement that's easily grasped at a glance, and reminds me of the simplicity of New Mexico's flag. It might be a little tough to draw, but the symmetry simplifies that and if you codify the specifications well, it will make it even easier. It's also a design that looks identical from both sides, so there are no mirroring issues when seen from the back.
11/28/23 15:19	F29	Yes please--this one is the best and it's not even close.

11/28/23 15:21	F29	This is the best flag of the bunch in my opinion. I would only change the base color to a lighter blue, to honor the current flag and stand out from the generic dark blue flags so many states already have
		This comment is about the seal submissions but that comment page was not working. (No captcha, non-functioning submit)  I find these very disappointing almost like we should start Over Again with the Seal and just Move On with the flag at this time. Many of these are just reproductions of things submitted for flags, some of them submitted Here maybe instead of as a flag by mistake?
11/28/23 15:22	F29	I didn't see any of these seals that I thought Really worked as a Seal some of them did work as a flag but I Find all of these disappointed for the purpose intended.
11/28/23 15:23	F29	The safe choice. It would look good on a shirt. My second choice
11/28/23 15:24	F29	I love the star but it's too simple to just have it on a blue background. Adding this star to F1953 and changing the bottom stripe of F1953 to green would be the best of both.
11/28/23 15:25	F29	My favorite
11/28/23 15:26	F29	Boring, not unique to Minnesota.
11/28/23 15:27	F29	Kind of bland and forgettable. There are 50 states, and will likely be more some day, this one doesn't stand out or particularly identify the state, which is the purpose of a flag..
		F29  Is TOO simple, it says nothing at all really.  Could we have a 5 point star imposed on a doubled compas rose (8 points)--- to signify the year of admittance?
11/28/23 15:28	F29	This design is majorly inadequate!!
11/28/23 15:28	F29	This looks like a quilt pattern. Plz for the love of god no. Also, too much Scandinavian influence, while yes, important part of MN's history, doesn't need to be the focal point of the flag
11/28/23 15:28	F29	Like this one best of the bunch. It's simple and beautiful.
11/28/23 15:31	F29	As a Minnesotan that lives in TX, I am often times floored at the state flag of TX both in its Simplicity and what it stands for. Not one of these designs captures the MN experience. Loons aren't everywhere in MN but everyone knows they represent MN. These designs are generic and convey nothing. Go back to the wider submissions and let the public give input on all designs.
11/28/23 15:32	F29	Though I dislike ALL 6 and cannot believe they are what you came up with, this is the most appropriate - but I still don't like it!
		Like this the best of the finalists, with the following comments/concerns/suggestions: 1. It seems very incomplete without some green. Green to represent Minnesota's vast wooded areas (including state/county parks & BWCA), grass and farmlands. A brighter green would complement a blue background and give the flag a more upbeat vibe. The current colors are not all that uplifting. 2. The blue is too dark. The land of 10,000 lakes would be better represented with a blue somewhere between the current MN flag blue and this dark one. The navy blue of this submission is too dark. 3. I am ok without a loon on the flag but it should be on the state seal.
11/28/23 15:35	F29	Thanks for considering
11/28/23 15:38	F29	Terrible clip art or AI generated corporate logo garbage, that says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is.
11/28/23 15:40	F29	I posted comments on a couple of the designs a couple of days ago. I just wanted to add that, as I think about the designs, this one, the snowflake-star stands out as my definite favorite: clean design, very distinctive. I understand you may be receiving a lot of negative comments. Don't take it too hard, you have an impossible job!
11/28/23 15:43	F29	We don't need a geometric symmetrical pattern for a flag. Kids like to draw birds and flowers and bugs and animals (look at flags submitted by kids). This is very forgettable, unless you add our motto, or a silhouette of the state, or the word "minnesota".



		<p>The F29 flag is objectively (in my opinion) the best submission to officiate as the state flag. The North Star is an obvious symbol that should be displayed atop the flag, but the snowflake is imperative to include as well. Other than Alaska, Minnesota is well known as the coldest state in the union, and not embracing that would be a crime to our legacy.</p> <p>Another reason this flag is so much better than the alternatives is because the symbols can easily be displayed on any piece of merchandise and be easily recognizable. There's a reason the New Mexico flag is so well worn on hats, shirts, and the like. Choosing this flag/icon would be perfect for putting on clothes for tourists/minnesotans to purchase, while being both fashionable and iconic.</p>
11/28/23 15:44	F29	It is in my opinion that there is both an artistic value in the F29 design, but also economic. I greatly hope this is the flag you decide on.
11/28/23 15:46	F29	This flag looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag.
11/28/23 15:47	F29	This is ugly!
11/28/23 15:47	F29	F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag.
11/28/23 15:48	F29	F
11/28/23 15:48	F29	I believe that this is the strongest design of the group of finalists. It carries over the color space of the history of the flag while feeling new and representative of the simpler design of a modern flag.
11/28/23 15:49	F29	This feels too cold.
11/28/23 15:53	F29	I like the clean geomet5 design but find this option to be rather bland and not instantly recognizable I suspect
11/28/23 15:56	F29	I appreciate that this flag embodies the idea of the "star of the north". The yellow star seems to represent that north star and the white 8 point star seems representative of both our ceiling at the capitol and many of the indigenous quilt patterns we have seen before. The sea of blue behind this emblem is very representative of our sky blue waters. I also love that this flag has a matching seal.
11/28/23 15:57	F29	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. A star in the middle of a blue rectangle does do any of the criteria.
11/28/23 15:58	F29	This flag is fantastic and I would be proud to not only fly it at my home but also could see it used as a great marketing tool for our great state!
11/28/23 16:00	F29	First choice of mine The Star of The North... bright shining hopefilled. Light leading the way to the future.
11/28/23 16:00	F29	# F29. No.. looks like an old quilt pattern. Not a modern, progressive state.
11/28/23 16:01	F29	First choice of mine The Star of The North... bright shining hopefilled. Light leading the way to the future.
11/28/23 16:02	F29	All final designs of flag and state seal are not good. Should start all over or let the people vote on designs. You would think in this day in age something better could be designed.
11/28/23 16:03	F29	Not sure why we feel the need to change the flag. Our flag is beautiful as it is. All of these submissions look like quilting blocks. Why should our history be erased and not learned from? Just because some decided they didn't like it?
11/28/23 16:05	F29	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:07	F29	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:08	F29	I would like to see F29 and S6 be chosen because they are a unified design and represent both the yellow north star, and the white winter snowflake.
11/28/23 16:13	F29	Design is elegantly simple
11/28/23 16:16	F29	no stranger would have any idea this represents Minnesota
11/28/23 16:16	F29	This comission ignores history at it's own peril, and at extensive cost to the reputation of the legislators that might approve a flag. The Original North Star Flag has been ignored, and any replacement that is not the Original North Star Flag will have no wide appeal or lasting impact. Pick a flag already popular, the one we wanted to replace the current one with. However, this is the only acceptable option among these finalists, and I caution the comission to choose wisely.
11/28/23 16:17	F29	The gold is supposed to represent "the rich resources of the land". But Minnesota doesn't have any gold. Also, having a snowflake represent the state's inhabitants is kind of a self-own. This is not a good design.
11/28/23 16:18	F29	HORRIBLE!!
11/28/23 16:21	F29	Bold, simple, without controversy to my knowledge. The North Star and snow flake are fitting symbols for Minnesota and mesh well together in this design.
11/28/23 16:25	F29	F29 is the best option. The others look like baby quilts

11/28/23 16:25	F29	<p>Let's just keep the one we have.</p> <p>On Flag F29:</p> <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Pleasant symmetry</li> <li>-- Simple</li> </ul> <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Mistake: snowflakes in nature never 8-sided</li> <li>-- Not accessible: white on yellow difficult to separate visually</li> <li>-- Has the feel of a corporate logo (like British Petroleum or the Mall of America)</li> <li>-- Religious symbol: combination looks like Christian Star/Star of Bethlehem ***NOTE: this problem has been noted repeatedly in public comments on media websites.</li> </ul>
11/28/23 16:26	F29	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:27	F29	This star looks crafty. Itâ€™s not the North Star. My mom used to do rose mauling with a similar pattern. No. No. No.
11/28/23 16:27	F29	None of the choices are ok. Could do much better
11/28/23 16:28	F29	Of the remaining choices, I prefer this one. Simple and clean. It will age well.
11/28/23 16:30	F29	This is a good strong contender but it does seem to be lacking a certain degree of timelessness. Eventually this design will look dated and need an update of some kind.
11/28/23 16:31	F29	<p>The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Not very creative except it has more than just a star. Who voted on this terrible selection of flags? I hope we didn't waste more of our taxpayers money on this fiasco.</p> <p>Why weren't flags that capture the essence of Minnesota finalists? Flags like F17, F91, F150, F234, F233, F332 that depict our state should replace the non-creative flags with a star in a colored background</p>
11/28/23 16:31	F29	This is my favorite! I love the simplicity and straightforward symbolism. I get right off the bat why this is a MN flag.
11/28/23 16:35	F29	F29 fails the "child can draw it" test. Try drawing it yourself. Looks OK but not my favorite. P.S. Our flag does not need a loon. With climate change, loons may leave, anyway.
11/28/23 16:38	F29	This has been my top choice since the moment I saw it, and Iâ€™m pleased to see it among the finalists. Unique, creative, simple, classy and perfectly Minnesotan.
11/28/23 16:40	F29	Lovely and simple, eye-catching from afar, with historic meaning and timeless design.

11/28/23 16:40	F29	<p>The commission left the best flag design off the list of finalists. Revisit F561 - this was the best option submitted to the commission. Try to incorporate some of F561 features into the final selection or pick another round of finalists. I think you are rushing this decision and need to take more time regardless of the legislative deadline to get it right. You should open it back up to voting on all the submissions to the public - then pick the top 20 and go from there. Do you think the commission members can really represent the preferences of the entire state? I've seen nothing but complaints about the finalists that the commission selected. A lot of design elements people liked were totally ruled out due to some arbitrary opinion of a commission member. People really like Stars, LOONS, the state TREE incorporated into their flag. All the commission did was filter our anything that was creative/original - all the options are way too similar to each other. A star and some block coloring. Do better.</p> <p>F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag.</p> <p>F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire file of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag.</p> <p>F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from site like New Mexico, California, &amp; South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi &amp; Utah state flags.</p> <p>F1435 - I don't get it or like it really. What are the geometric shapes supposed to represent? Should I have to ask? Looks like a quilting pattern. Add "Minnesota".</p> <p>F1953 - this is the second best of the six flag options. The star needs some work though, I don't like the design of the star, try something more traditional. Add "Minnesota" and a picture of the state tree and then we'll have something.</p> <p>F2100 - I think this is my favorite of the six finalists, but I really don't like the star that much honestly. Simplify the star (5 points) make it smaller and put it in the upper left corner, add the work "Minnesota"</p>
11/28/23 16:41	F29	A simple but beautiful design, clean and clear, and unlike any other state flag in the nation. This is by far my favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 16:44	F29	It's nice and clean.
11/28/23 16:45	F29	This design would look superior with a sky blue background vice the navy blue it currently has. After all Minnesota is the land of sky blue waters.
11/28/23 16:46	F29	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs.
11/28/23 16:47	F29	this is beautiful and simple. I like this one the best.
11/28/23 16:52	F29	This would be my choice if I had any say. Simple design but represents the state well.
11/28/23 16:54	F29	This design would be decent if there was more to it. It is too generic and boring the way it is. Perhaps add a border with "Minnesota" the year we became a state, and the motto. Similar to some of the emblems. That would make it a nice State flag. All 6 flags look like generic corporate logos and it's sad that our state flag will be changed to one of these very uninspiring choices. There were much better designs submitted.
11/28/23 16:56	F29	This is the clear winner of the finalists. It's the only flag I would want to display.
11/28/23 17:01	F29	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:01	F29	I like F29 and think you should do the state seal with the same as the flag
11/28/23 17:07	F29	No, if I saw that flag, I would say, where is that from? I am a native Minnesotan,
11/28/23 17:07	F29	Amazing!
11/28/23 17:08	F29	Simple, meaningful, and dignified. Doesn't look like a corporate logo.
11/28/23 17:09	F29	A big NO. This doesn't say MN at all.
11/28/23 17:11	F29	This is my second favorite design. I could definitely go with this. Like the star & the snowflake is a nice touch. Simple, memorable, & something that could compete with TX.
11/28/23 17:12	F29	I do like the design- it is simple and clear.
11/28/23 17:13	F29	All the designs are meh. More than just a star would help this design. The colors are sharp.
11/28/23 17:16	F29	It's the stupidest thing we are spending money on. More important things to be spending our money on than redoing our State flag and Seal.
11/28/23 17:17	F29	They are all bad . Keep the flag as we have it. You have more to worry about in Minneapolis the redesign the flag.
11/28/23 17:18	F29	Simple and attractive. Not far-fetched.
11/28/23 17:19	F29	The flag says nothing about Minnesota as a state or us as a people. nothing speaks to the past or the future when I look at the flag, nothing says "Minnesota" to me.

11/28/23 17:20	F29	all of these designs the committee picked are terrible they are so plain and look computer designed , I feel like you should put vote up to minnesota, I guarantee not one of these designs would be picked
11/28/23 17:26	F29	This just seems too simple for a state flag  I also don't think it incorporates anything that we are known for
11/28/23 17:27	F29	This is by far my favorite. It will age well. Blue and yellow are complimentary colors. Simple and classic.
11/28/23 17:28	F29	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:28	F29	This is one of 2 of my favorites. It is simple and symbolizes Minnesota.
11/28/23 17:29	F29	I don't see how this says "Minnesota" at all. It just doesn't. Could be a cutesy ornament but not our state flag.
11/28/23 17:29	F29	Love it! Simple but not basic, beautiful, meaningful. Will look good alongside US flag.
11/28/23 17:30	F29	Looks like a quilt pattern. The white snowflake looks like a white pointsetta, which we do not have in Minnesota... if you chose this design, please make the snowflake more like a snowflake.
11/28/23 17:30	F29	Love this one-simple but covers all things Minnesota!
11/28/23 17:30	F29	Looks too much like a quilt instead of a flag.
11/28/23 17:30	F29	All the finalist designs are boring. We can do better.
11/28/23 17:30	F29	To whom it may concern. I dislike all of these for the State of Minnesota. They all look like some sort of Corporate logo and lack character. The Original is much better than these. I'm glad people are participating, and this one is the best out of the bunch, but Minnesota is rich in diversity and these aren't. Please open this back up for more submissions. The state of Kansas halted moving forward with their new license plate, it's okay for us too.
11/28/23 17:30	F29	Thank you for getting all of the important issues resolved so you can waste time on this. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/28/23 17:31	F29	Too Swedish
11/28/23 17:31	F29	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:32	F29	Very simple & dignified design
11/28/23 17:32	F29	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:32	F29	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:32	F29	This does not represent the beauty of MN at all!
11/28/23 17:32	F29	Yuck
11/28/23 17:32	F29	Simple, yet meaningful.
11/28/23 17:32	F29	This flag design fits every concept need for a new flag. Simple and effective, recognizable from a distance. This should be Minnesota's flag.
11/28/23 17:33	F29	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
11/28/23 17:33	F29	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:33	F29	Start over. ðŸ˜ˆ
11/28/23 17:34	F29	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:34	F29	I love this one. It was one of my early favorites from the whole set of submissions, and is the one I like best from the finalists. I would be pleased and proud for this device to represent my much-loved homestate. Thank you to the artist for creating such a compelling icon.
11/28/23 17:34	F29	I personally do not like any of the designs offered. The old flag design and emblem design were actually much more representative of our state. Every one of the new flag designs and emblem designs are so meaningless. Either go back to the original designs or start over. To put my comment in the vernacular, they all stink
11/28/23 17:34	F29	Start over. ðŸ˜ˆ
11/28/23 17:34	F29	Design F29 is nice in its simplicity. If the same symbol was used on the seal it would tie them together nicely.
11/28/23 17:34	F29	The green part of this design is overly complex and confusing. It's not clear what it's intended to represent.

11/28/23 17:34	F29	No
11/28/23 17:35	F29	Leave the flag the way it is. QUIT wasting our money. I'm sure you could find more useful ways to spend my hard earned tax money.
11/28/23 17:37	F29	Don't see anything representing MN Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:37	F29	Just a quick comment in support of this design for the new state flag. It is elegant, simple, unique, and modern;all qualities I'd like to think we want Minnesota to represent.
11/28/23 17:37	F29	I feel like this is too simple and doesn't fully identify as Minnesota. We may be the north star state, but just having a single star on a flag doesn't seem identifying enough, many flags have a single star. Texas "Lone Star State" has a single star on it as well.
11/28/23 17:38	F29	We the people, find the existing flag perfectly fine. Why was there no survey of all Minnesotans about changing the MN flag? I did not receive a ballot. Did you? Attempting to change the flag without our consent was a foolish move. None of the replacements is acceptable. Drop the whole idea and scurry away. Thank you.
11/28/23 17:38	F29	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:41	F29	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:41	F29	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:44	F29	I love this one. Simple, but beautiful & meaningful.
11/28/23 17:46	F29	This flag (L'etoile de Nord') is, by far, the best choice. It is the only option that conveys any real sense of timelessness and class. All the other choices lack its simplicity and humble yet confident messaging. Among the final contenders this flag is, without question, the best option. The only issue I have with it is that the background needs to be changed to a deep/dark navy blue. The light blue is doing it a massive disservice. The snowflake symbol is quite on-the-nose and childish (yes, it looks like clip art) but that cheap quality could easily be overcome by using a darker blue background.
11/28/23 17:46	F29	Despite this I still think it is the best flag among the finalists. Personally, I do not think this is even really a contest, it is the best choice.
11/28/23 17:46	F29	Ok if background was light blue.
11/28/23 17:47	F29	I like the designer's ideas but this is too basic.
11/28/23 17:50	F29	Looks too much like a quilt.
11/28/23 17:50	F29	Too simplistic. As a Minnesotan, I do not see my state in this flag. Also, we embrace the other seasons as much as winter.
11/28/23 17:51	F29	All of the 6 finalists are very underwhelming and just plain awful.. Please start over.
11/28/23 17:51	F29	
11/28/23 17:51	F29	uninspired - looks like stock clip art
11/28/23 17:51	F29	Too Scandinavian. The star/ snowflake looks Scandinavian. Water should be bluer not navy.
11/28/23 17:53	F29	I looked at all the Six new designs there all not worth changing the existing flag. If this is the best you have than keep the old flag the way it is and save the taxpayers the money. I did see one design with a loon that I though was a beautiful flag in the local paper. I don't know who did it but it can be found here. <a href="https://www.echopress.com/news/minnesota/commission-to-pick-finalists-for-new-minnesota-state-flag-seal">https://www.echopress.com/news/minnesota/commission-to-pick-finalists-for-new-minnesota-state-flag-seal</a> Sincerely, Joseph Gosline
11/28/23 17:54	F29	To plain
11/28/23 17:55	F29	F29 A snowflake has 6 points, not 8. Also, If this is a Norwegian sweater design, you may have some upset Swedes and Danes, not being represented.
11/28/23 17:56	F29	F29 seems ok but I think it is actually too simple, by which I mean it just kind of looks like a logo on a blue field and nothing more. It kind of reminds me of a flag you'd see outside of a corporate headquarters. The star itself is nice. I think this would also look dull in calm winds or indoors on a pole where it would just drape down and you'd probably just see blue and nothing else.
11/28/23 17:57	F29	This is my second choice
11/28/23 17:57	F29	I really like this flag. Of the finalists, it is the only one with a clearly iconic symbol that can stand alone without the bounds of the edge of the flag allowing it to be put on other merchandise to represent the State beyond the flag (similar to CO, TN, etc.). I'm a little sad it does not include any green (which I associate heavily with MN), but even with no changes it is by far the best flag option.

11/28/23 17:58	F29	There is a lot of buzz surrounding this flag, but it falls short for me. Put this star on 1953 and call it a winner
11/28/23 18:01	F29	Please choose this one! It's not only representative of Minnesota, but a great design in general!
11/28/23 18:02	F29	I strongly urge consideration of this modified version of F29: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/NUxXa2aaoA5A3xSE7">https://photos.app.goo.gl/NUxXa2aaoA5A3xSE7</a>
11/28/23 18:07	F29	Use this star on a flag that includes a LOON!!!
11/28/23 18:07	F29	Do not like at all
11/28/23 18:09	F29	I believe a version of this "sunflake" design is already used by Grand Forks, ND. Referencing snow builds upon a negative stereotype of Minnesota as a cold wasteland.
11/28/23 18:09	F29	Very boring. Nothing about it says Minnesota
11/28/23 18:10	F29	Not my favorite
11/28/23 18:11	F29	My first thought is that it is so symmetrical that it looks like a barn quilt. The explanation is helpful - but the flag will exist without the explanation most of the time.
11/28/23 18:11	F29	This looks like a strangely colored poinsettia. Does not represent MN
11/28/23 18:12	F29	Where is a Loon flag? I do not like any of the North Star flag designs.
11/28/23 18:12	F29	Thumbs down.
11/28/23 18:13	F29	All the designs are so simple and rather childlike and disappointing. Could a graphic designer be hired?
11/28/23 18:14	F29	I think this is my favorite, it's straight forward without too many colors and too many symbols, focused on the star, which I personally find more inclusive than other symbols. I think the colors are also more timeless.
11/28/23 18:16	F29	Only design I think should even be considered. All of them are like amateur art class using computers with geometric designs to choose from for the designs. Absolutely childish selections, not that any other designs had any better representation. Who and why is a change needed?
11/28/23 18:16	F29	meh ... Not great but better than most.
11/28/23 18:16	F29	Nice looking. A favorite
11/28/23 18:16	F29	It's just OK
11/28/23 18:17	F29	They are all terrible. I vote for none of them, keep the flag as it is.
11/28/23 18:17	F29	It's just OK
11/28/23 18:17	F29	If I were to pick a flag it would be this one. I recommend editing it a bit though because I think the snowflake and star are misaligned a bit. Other than that it's perfect as is and doesn't need any further edits or modifications.
11/28/23 18:17	F29	I like this one.
11/28/23 18:18	F29	This is probably my favorite of the finalist flags, though I lament that it's a bit boring. A friend of mine also pointed out that it bothered them the snowflake doesn't have enough sides to even be an actual snowflake. I think that's excusable but the flag doesn't really fill me with any emotion besides neutrality and an overall 'shrug'.
11/28/23 18:19	F29	I like this flag design the best. It is simple and beautiful. I love the double snowflake and north star design. It will be easily reproduced (perhaps by school children). I feel it represents Minnesota well and I would be proud for this flag to represent me.
11/28/23 18:19	F29	Flag F29 looks like a barn quilt- not a flag.
11/28/23 18:19	F29	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F9 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:20	F29	Too simple and I don't think it represents Minnesota
11/28/23 18:22	F29	This flag is an ok replacement for the one we have currently.
11/28/23 18:22	F29	Don't like any of them! No character to any of them! Why change it anyway! You're taking away our past just like Lake Calhoun and other statues. See how many votes you get to keep the original flag!
11/28/23 18:22	F29	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:23	F29	Would make a good seal but the snowflake will be just a bit of nostalgia in 50 years. I just feel this is just done Microsoft paint and there is not much artistic soul
11/28/23 18:23	F29	While I am not thrilled with any of these designs, this one is the least objectionable

11/28/23 18:23	F29	Not excited about this option. Does nothing to communicate the diversity of our states flora fauna or citizens.
11/28/23 18:23	F29	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:24	F29	Boring, doesn't show as Minnesota at all, looks childish as if designed by a grade schooler
11/28/23 18:25	F29	I choose this one
11/28/23 18:25	F29	too simplistic
11/28/23 18:25	F29	This design, like the others that have been chosen as top choices, have absolutely no character to them. None of these designs are appealing to the eye. Apparently all of the committee members have the same taste in art. The stars on all of them look like the OnStar design. They all appear to have been all done by 1 artist. Out of all of the designs submitted, these are the top ones? Very disappointed in this process. This does not represent My Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:25	F29	Like it
11/28/23 18:25	F29	Terrible idea!
11/28/23 18:25	F29	Leave the current state flag as it is.
11/28/23 18:25	F29	What is this?
11/28/23 18:25	F29	It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag has picture information on it. Everyone needs to stop with the someone's feelings are going to be hurt BS.
11/28/23 18:25	F29	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:26	F29	It's a simple design that meets vexillologist goals. Three colors, simple enough for a kid to draw it. A star which is obviously popular, and simple enough to put on a coffee cup. Also, hung vertically - it will appear as a north star, as it is at the top of the flag.
11/28/23 18:26	F29	There is nothing on any of these that showcases our great state!!!! Terrible!!!!
11/28/23 18:26	F29	The final 6 flags do no justice for MN. You need to choose again. Only 1 seal is worth a vote, the 1 with the loan on it. Please reconsider your choses for the flag
11/28/23 18:27	F29	-10 hate it
11/28/23 18:27	F29	The designs look like grade school quality, probably an insult to school children.
11/28/23 18:29	F29	I love the simplicity my favorite design the colors pair nicely together
11/28/23 18:29	F29	This is the okayest of the designs, but that's not saying much considering the options.
11/28/23 18:30	F29	I find this flag sort of bland. I don't like how the star is in the middle.
11/28/23 18:30	F29	In my opinion, all of the State Flag finalists are ugly with little imagination.
11/28/23 18:30	F29	I do not care for any of the flags. Leave it alone!
11/28/23 18:31	F29	No. Looks like a logo for a church quilting group, or a commercial bank logo.
11/28/23 18:31	F29	So genetic. It could be a gas station logo. Yuck.
11/28/23 18:32	F29	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:32	F29	Probably the best looking one of the six ugliest flags. But not by much.
11/28/23 18:33	F29	None of these designs are good enough for the state flag none of them.
11/28/23 18:34	F29	This doesn't work. It changes all of the comments for other flags
11/28/23 18:34	F29	Doesn't represent MN
11/28/23 18:35	F29	I like the simplicity of the design!
11/28/23 18:36	F29	How do any of these flag designs include or represent cultural diversity? Did the Native Americans have any input? Or Hmong or Somali cultures ? I see Scandinavia heritage reflected in use of the Swedish flag colors. Just saying. Thanks

11/28/23 18:36	F29	It looks like a quilt or Christmas star and has nothing to do with Minnesota, put it on a quilt instead.
11/28/23 18:37	F29	It's a stretch to say one color or another can singularly represent a specific item in our state. Identity of anything specific is hard to see. Not a clear identity. It needs interpretation which shouldn't have to be guessed at. If you lose the current flag no going back. All submissions are basic and the same. You lose our identity. Think you could do much better. Maybe try other people, open suggestions to a wider group. Do better!!!
11/28/23 18:39	F29	All of the designs look like quilt blocks that belong on a bed or the back of a sofa throw. I would take our current flag over any of these. That one at least is representative of what makes you think of Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:39	F29	I don't like the star. It looks too much like a "scandinavian quilt design.
11/28/23 18:40	F29	I don't like the star. It looks too much like a "scandinavian quilt design.
11/28/23 18:40	F29	My number #2 choice
11/28/23 18:40	F29	I like this one ok. I think the snowflake is kind of original but I don't like the gold compass behind it. I think I'd like it better if it were a light blue compass or even green.
11/28/23 18:47	F29	Too plain, looks like an cult symbol
11/28/23 18:47	F29	Thank you all for being part of this commission. This is my personal favorite of the choices available. I also think it would look good if the symbol on here. replaced the star on F1953. Either option would be great. Also, if the blue background was closer to the current flag's shade of blue that might satisfy folks who want to hold onto traditions. Thank you -Aaron
11/28/23 18:50	F29	Love the colors and simplicity of this. Represents MN very well.
11/28/23 18:53	F29	I love it. Everytime I see it I like it even more
11/28/23 18:58	F29	Easy for a kid to draw from memory. Bonus that it is just three colors.
11/28/23 19:00	F29	Keep current State Flag. No changes.
11/28/23 19:02	F29	I don't like this one not for the flag it looks like a knitted Christmas sweater.
11/28/23 19:05	F29	Out of the six final flag submissions, I think this one is the best choice. I like its simplicity and how it has incorporated the Northstar in snowflake together as one.
11/28/23 19:05	F29	Even though the north star symbol on this flag is excellent, it is too plain a flag to be a good flag. Without wind, it would not be recognizable, and even while flying it would not stand out among the sea of navy blue flags that other states use. I highly recommend that this flag is combined with F1953 to create a flag that is recognizable under all weather conditions, and contains a unique symbol that Minnesotans can identify with.
11/28/23 19:05	F29	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:06	F29	This is very clearly the best flag design. It is simple, elegant, and meaningful.
11/28/23 19:06	F29	charmas star?? definite not MN it says nothing at all.
11/28/23 19:13	F29	This is my favorite flag design of the finalists. Clean, clear, strong!
11/28/23 19:15	F29	F29 by all means!
11/28/23 19:18	F29	Looks like a sports jersey design. No for me.
11/28/23 19:20	F29	What do any of these designs have to do with the State of Minnesota? The message they seem to send is that we like geometric shapes. If you have to explain the message, a flag does not serve as a symbol. The current flag at least records a message about a time from our past. It might be a past some people don't want to remember anymore, but it is our past. These designs say nothing. Throw all of these out and go back to the drawing board. We have a beautiful flag, and we shouldn't replace it with something that is meaningless and ugly.
11/28/23 19:21	F29	I would love if we could combine this and F1953
11/28/23 19:25	F29	Simple but elegant.
11/28/23 19:26	F29	F29 L'etoile du Nord is the best and so is its corresponding seal! The striking blue and yellow colors work well in print and the design will be easy to reproduce in black and white versions when needed. The North Star has been synonymous with Minnesota forever and I really think this design has enough sophistication to be accepted by traditionalists, yet modern enough to appeal to younger people. Some of the other designs with wavy rivers or maple leaves look more like sport team flags and lack sophistication.
11/28/23 19:30	F29	Doesn't represent anything about MN. It looks too Norwegian. Actually it doesn't represent anything.
11/28/23 19:32	F29	Boring design. Depressing colors.
11/28/23 19:32	F29	I think this is by far the best flag out of the 6. As a proud Minnesota please choose this flag!



11/28/23 19:35	F29	best of the worst, worst of the best. these are all so bad.
11/28/23 19:35	F29	No, just no. Way too plain and not enough representation of our beautiful state.
11/28/23 19:36	F29	Beautiful, simple, combines our distinctive weather with the North Star. Flags should be distinctive and relatively easy to recognize. This hits the mark.
11/28/23 19:39	F29	This is an okay design. Not my preferred. I'm having a hard time with the 8-sided snowflake. We are a state that prides ourselves on our history of science/innovation, is there a good reason to suggest we don't know about 6-sided snowflakes?
11/28/23 19:43	F29	I dislike this flag; it is merely another flag in the vein of 'seal on a bedsheet' designs. I also HIGHLY object to the "snowflake" having eight points - if it is indeed meant to represent a snowflake, it should be accurate and have six points.
11/28/23 19:49	F29	Not all Minnesotans are or were Scandinavian. This Scandinavian design does not represent all Minnesotans.
11/28/23 19:49	F29	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:49	F29	If all these are the options..leave the flag as it is...these are awful!
11/28/23 19:51	F29	NO
11/28/23 19:51	F29	I've seen a bunch of people comment that this is another "seal on blue" flag, but I really don't think that's the case and I imagine most would agree with me. The symbol is distinct and unique, I could definitely see myself displaying it proudly. And I think dark blue as a color really fits with Minnesota's character. Not choosing this flag would be an extreme blunder.
11/28/23 19:58	F29	The simplicity of the design is both a positive and negative. A positive because it says a lot with very little but a negative because it doesn't necessarily embrace everything that is Minnesota. There's not much symbolism representing our native culture.
11/28/23 20:02	F29	This is the strongest star design, incorporating images that represent the North Star, weather, and a variety of local groups in one simple image. This would be a good flag design on its own, or used as the star element in one of the other flag designs.
11/28/23 20:03	F29	Unfortunately, this flag looks too much like one of those quilts on the side of a barn. Too much quilt, not enough flag.
11/28/23 20:06	F29	This flag has a very Scandinavian feel, which is also a hallmark of our state. As someone who is of Norwegian descent, I appreciate that look. I also appreciate that the Capitol has this star. However, I prefer designs that also incorporate green, as we are known for our beautiful forests and agriculture, too.
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11/28/23 20:08	F29	This is incredible. I am a huge fan of the symbolism and would love if this was our state flag.
11/28/23 20:08	F29	Do Not like
11/28/23 20:08	F29	This one is my first choice!!!
11/28/23 20:09	F29	Isn't it the Dakota star, not a snowflake? We need indigenous representation, not another colonial flag.
11/28/23 20:10	F29	I like this flag as it has a strong primary focus (the north star), but as you study the star there are more symbols that come out of it.
11/28/23 20:11	F29	F29 has the strongest star design, incorporating images that represent the North Star, weather, and a variety of local groups in one simple image. This would be a good flag design on its own, or used as the star element in one of the other flag designs. I also like the idea of 11 and 87 hash marks representing tribes and counties in the state from one of the other designs.
11/28/23 20:12	F29	This design is my favorite of the finalists by far! I love how simplistic the design is while also capturing two things that I feel represent Minnesota very well; the North Star and snow. I also like that this flag only uses 3 colors, it makes it easy to remember and replicate.
11/28/23 20:14	F29	Love this star as a replacement of the star on the other designs and not alone as on this flag.
11/28/23 20:15	F29	Way too plain. Doesn't do justice to the state
11/28/23 20:22	F29	All of these possible flag and seal designs just variations on a theme. There is no choice at all.
11/28/23 20:24	F29	Looks like a beer bottle label
11/28/23 20:26	F29	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one
11/28/23 20:28	F29	This flag is beautiful. I love it!
11/28/23 20:31	F29	This is the one!!!
11/28/23 20:34	F29	F29, is simple and beautiful, I think this design would be an iconic flag for a century to come. I believe it is the best option of the finalists.

		This is my favorite design but itâ€™s missing the green forest and agriculture! Fatal flaw for a Mn flag. Dont know what to do about that. Itâ€™s lovely though!
11/28/23 20:37	F29	Would you consider a redesign round after comments? Let the artists respond to critique? They could choose to incorporate feedback or not.
11/28/23 20:40	F29	I like this one the best :)
11/28/23 20:40	F29	This one is my favorite! It feels representative of the state without being preformative or tacky.
11/28/23 20:40	F29	I think this design is a bit too much like a logo - it reminds me of Spire Credit union.
11/28/23 20:41	F29	My favorite of the selections available in the finalists. Itâ€™s simple and plain but would look good on a flag
11/28/23 20:42	F29	Of the finalists, this one is probably my favorite. It has indigenious representation. Itâ€™s simple. It would look good as a flag.
11/28/23 20:43	F29	I hate it.
11/28/23 20:43	F29	Really? Where's the color? Boring! Minnesota is so much more than this! Let's get a loon on our flag. Are there bears throughout the entire state of California? And still, the only thing on that flag is a bear. All of these selections look like something a committee would pick out. Not very beautiful. The last one with the sky, land and river (or is it snow?) is my favorite. There were so many beautiful designs submitted and I can't believe these are what you came up with as the finalists! Back to the drawing board! Don't waste this opportunity!
11/28/23 20:44	F29	Stupid Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish?
11/28/23 20:47	F29	Though I dislike ALL 6 and cannot believe they are what you came up with, this is the most appropriate - but I still donâ€™t like it!
11/28/23 20:47	F29	This is the best one as a flag, but put the star flake from F29 on the star instead of whatâ€™s there now
11/28/23 20:50	F29	All of these should be discarded as bad art and nothing that any person would identify as Minnesota's flag, See my comment to use the great seal on the flag, you can see my favorite, full color first on the list
11/28/23 20:51	F29	This flag tries to replicate the iconic look of New Mexicoâ€™s flag, but it fails entirely. New Mexico uses a simple design but unique colors to make their flag both striking and visually distinct. F29 on the other hand features a bog standard navy and gold pattern that only makes an already simple design less distinctive and less interesting. Not to mention that it looks more like the logo for Spire Credit Union than a state flag.
11/28/23 20:51	F29	I don't know how you can vote for any flag that doesn't have a LOON!! IT IS A MUST ON MY OPIONION
11/28/23 20:55	F29	F29 is my favorite
11/28/23 20:56	F29	thank you for spending millions of dollars that could go to our citizens
11/28/23 20:56	F29	This flag does NOT make me think of Minnesota in any way, shape or form. It feels like a Christmas decoration merged with modern art. Yuk.
11/28/23 20:56	F29	There is no reasoning provided in the enabling legislation for the commission for a redesign to be created. Further, I have a degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota and have studied the history of Minnesota and the history of the state flag and seal and find no adverse interpretations or harmful intent in the designs. Please see the linked design that shows flag submission F29 is already a symbol used by a user named Nick Nickleby, a Toymakers of NÃ³n Member on the Earth-27 animation fan website. <a href="https://earth-27.fandom.com/wiki/Category:Toymakers_of_NÃ³n_Members">https://earth-27.fandom.com/wiki/Category:Toymakers_of_NÃ³n_Members</a>
11/28/23 20:58	F29	The current flag should stay. These designs are terrible and do not represent the state, itâ€™s history or itâ€™s people! Another example of trying to change/delete history. Rather than doing this we need to teach what was right and what was wrong.
11/28/23 21:00	F29	None of these are good options. I think we should have a redo, and instead of having the general public submit art for free, we should seek out and pay an indigenous artist to come up with a design for us.
11/28/23 21:06	F29	This is my favorite of all the finalists. All the elements have wonderful symbolism, and it is simple without being boring. Kids in school will love recreating this out of construction paper, and I think it is beautiful and iconic enough I would display it in my home.
11/28/23 21:07	F29	Nothing about this says Minnesota to me. I don't get it.
11/28/23 21:08	F29	This one is the best! I love that the icon is inspired by different cultures in Minnesota, but can also become a symbol for all Minnesotans. I like that this flag will look the same, regardless of how it is hanging. And I love that it is already in stone in the capitol rotunda floor. I think the dot needs to be bigger or disappear altogether, and I'd like to see a different shade of blue used. So we don't blend in with other states that just put their seal on a blue background.

11/28/23 21:08	F29	This design is the cleanest and most iconic in my opinion, so my preference would be for this design to be the final one. I think it might be worthwhile to tinker with the colors a little bit to see if some other shades of blue or yellow would look nicer, but the design should stay.
11/28/23 21:10	F29	Why do you have six finalists that all look like they were designed by the same person? There is no choice here, and very little imagination. I don't understand a commissioner's comment that a child should be able to draw the flag. Then why bother to have a contest? I also didn't understand why they thought that everyone connected Minnesota with the North Star. I have lived here over a decade and have never heard anyone mention it. I would recommend starting over and including at least one interesting design, perhaps with a loon.
11/28/23 21:27	F29	This flag looks like a quilt design, not a flag. Needs something that defines that it is Minnesota....a pine tree, a loon, something.
11/28/23 21:27	F29	Love the incorporation of the snowflake !
11/28/23 21:28	F29	Love the loons! Seals look like a better flag than the flag choices
11/28/23 21:34	F29	I do not feel the final options best represent Minnesota. I heard a news article that a flag with a loon on it would not serve the whole state, as some regions never see loons. However, the country loves its beloved eagle, but many folks never see eagles. I would love it if you could seriously reconsider F105, F804, and F1235. Thank you! Deb
11/28/23 21:35	F29	Yes to F29 or F1953. Please no to F1435 - just does not resonate and F1154 (the colors are not vibrant enough). F2100 is just OK but better than F1435 and F1154. I would not be a proud Minnesotan if those were the state flag.
11/28/23 21:36	F29	I would select Flag submission F29. Minnesota should have a blue flag & a North Star. This design is beautiful.
11/28/23 21:37	F29	This design is too plain. Shows no Minnesota history.
11/28/23 21:39	F29	Boring. Doesn't signify or identify Minnesota in any way. Doesn't have the name or date of statehood.
11/28/23 21:41	F29	I don't think any of the flags that made the final cut are worthy of our state. They are far too simplistic and look like a child fashioned them. Isn't Minnesota the land of 10,000 lakes? Why can't we have an actual picture, instead of a representation and symbolism? A lake surrounded by tree with a loon swimming and deer or other wildlife on the shoreline would be appropriate. That's what Minnesota connotes!! Why does a requirement that it be easy to recreate? In my 57 years, I have never had the need or requirement to copy the state flag! The final flags look like some version of a communist country! I haven't heard anyone use the phrase "the north star state" since we lost the Northstar hockey team in 1993. I think the committee should go back to the drawing board and find a flag that represents our state appropriately that the citizens of Minnesota actually approve.
11/28/23 21:43	F29	Are you kidding? How is anyone supposed to figure out this is the state flag of Minnesota?
11/28/23 21:44	F29	It's pretty, but seems too generic for MN state flag.
11/28/23 21:49	F29	Nice plain design. I like it
11/28/23 21:56	F29	There's a good 8 pointed star design with the star on one point so it resembles a snowflake, with several outlines increasing in size. It's on a purple ground but the star resembles a star or snowflake. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/MapPorn/comments/aibb9s/flagmap_for_january_19_contest_on_rvexillology/">https://www.reddit.com/r/MapPorn/comments/aibb9s/flagmap_for_january_19_contest_on_rvexillology/</a>
11/28/23 21:58	F29	Looks like a quilt design :-)
11/28/23 21:59	F29	Attractive and meaningful. The circular dot at the center seems out-of-scale (and unnecessary) though.
11/28/23 22:01	F29	The best of the 6. The snowflake over laying the star is cool but may be too complicated. A first grader should be able to draw the flag easily. A single star on a field of blue would be iconic.
11/28/23 22:02	F29	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists areâ€¦ not great. I like this one, it has great representation and colors, butâ€¦ itâ€™s a bit TOO simple. Thereâ€™s justâ€¦ not much to look at. Just one lone design, in the center. Iâ€™m not saying it should be busy, but maybe add a bit more flair, a little something more. Spice it up a bit. Itâ€™s a great design. Justâ€¦ not satisfied with it. Canâ€™t say I would be happy to have this fly over our state.
11/28/23 22:06	F29	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:10	F29	To me this is too barebone and simple. Not enough for the long haul
11/28/23 22:11	F29	Reminds me of the Frozen movie.
11/28/23 22:13	F29	This one is simple and good. I prefer it to the other multi snowflake thing that should be an ugly sweater not a flag
11/28/23 22:18	F29	I think all of the final designs are too generic and uninspiring. Minnesota has a rich history and our current flag captures that. It tells a story. None of the new designs speaks to this. I donâ€™t agree that we need a change. What is driving this? . If we do change then letâ€™s do it for something better;not just to change for change sake.
11/28/23 22:18	F29	There is not even one of the six flag finalists that I could bring myself to vote for. I suppose I could vote for the "Loon" version of the seal submissions that I could also see as the flag.
11/28/23 22:19	F29	There is more to Minnesota than the North Star.

11/28/23 22:19	F29	This is my favorite of the flag designs. It is simple, but has the symbology one would want in a flag. The Star + Snowflake pattern is easily recognizable and will stand out from the other 49 states. People see a State flag with a snowflake, and with immediately think Minnesota because it's "cold all the time".
11/28/23 22:21	F29	This design is far too simple and is uninspired. Even offsetting the star to the left or upper left would help.
11/28/23 22:21	F29	This matches one of the designs for the state seal and they would go well together. I like the star and snowflake combination
11/28/23 22:21	F29	This is my second favorite. It is a beautiful, clean design. It also has a bit of a Scandinavian and an indigenous feel to it.
11/28/23 22:26	F29	I think the flag should be simple but this seems a little too plain.
11/28/23 22:26	F29	My favorite
11/28/23 22:27	F29	While I don't really care for any of the finalists - way too simple for a flag - I guess that of the six, this would be the least objectionable for me. Perhaps the colorful loon seal design could be used for the flag?
11/28/23 22:30	F29	Without GREEN color, Not a goods representation of MN
11/28/23 22:34	F29	This one. Some of the others are appealing and maybe even more interesting, but this one is timeless. It can be our flag for another 150 years at least. Bold, simple, beautiful, refined, and Minnesotan through and through.
11/28/23 22:39	F29	Hate it
11/28/23 22:40	F29	This is the least aversive of all the flags. They all look like art projects and empty of substance. The flag should be self explanatory and say something about the states uniqueness. So disappointing and nothing to be proud of. ðŸ˜™
11/28/23 22:47	F29	Incredibly boring. No! Water, star, snowflake? I don't think so.
11/28/23 22:48	F29	All of these are so plain and simplistic. Where are the beautiful loons and scenery that would draw people to our beautiful state. This one looks like a snowflake. I just visited my nephew in state of Virginia and said he should visit Minnesota. He said its really cold there right? Need no reminder of snow and cold!!
11/28/23 22:49	F29	I believe this is the best design among the finalists. It has symbolism, it is simple, it is distinctive, the color contrasts make it look beautiful and as a Minnesotan, I will be proud of it
11/28/23 22:51	F29	F29 is my favorite design. I like the field of dark blue. I like the simplicity. I like the combination of a compass points star and snowflake star as a graphic representation of the state motto. The design strikes me as unique and easy to associate with Minnesota, versus other state flags.
11/28/23 22:57	F29	My favorite! Simple, striking, beautiful.
11/28/23 23:18	F29	Whose idea was this? Why does anyone think we need to change it?? The new flags don't show any symbols of Minnesota or its heritage. And it's a sign that people have way to much time on there hands. If it's not broke, then don't fix it!!
11/28/23 23:26	F29	Snowflake??? Snowflakes have 6 points, not 8. Every single one of them. An actual snowflake design with 6 points would help, however it's still a little design on a blue bedsheet, same ol' boring style I thought was a goal to get away from.
11/28/23 23:28	F29	Nice emblem, but the flag design is rather bland like the current flag. Vary the background with a horizontal stripe of white in the middle or a two tone background like the North Star flag. Of these 6, this is the best. But I still prefer the North Star Flag and the fact that so many people submitted it tells you it is popular with Minnesotans!
11/28/23 23:41	F29	This is the best. Clean,clear and balanced.
11/28/23 23:45	F29	The "best" of the submissions-my use of quotes. The design is good, but again the colors used don't seem to pop or grab attention. If reviewed and the color adjusted as suggested this might be the basis for a final selection.
11/29/23 0:23	F29	I really like this design visually and how it represent MN. Clean and beautiful.
11/29/23 0:24	F29	Unacceptable, No sun, no water, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper. No history and or any thing of substenance.
11/29/23 0:38	F29	ALL of the new flag redesigns are TERRIBLE, in my opinion. No history, no name, no favorite Mn. recreation. The current one is MUCH better. No native American heritage indicated. No year when the State was established. New isn't always better!
11/29/23 0:39	F29	I like this one. Simple and clear symbolism.
11/29/23 1:09	F29	The designs you have selected are way too plain and they DO NOT represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 1:48	F29	I see the North Star and a snowflake. I think it's a mistake to claim a fickle and potentially fading element like snow as a symbol.

11/29/23 2:02	F29	F29 is the only choice. It's unique, thematically fits the state, and is minimalistic enough to be replicated fairly easily;a kid could draw it. I think of New Mexico's state flag, and how it's effective from a design standpoint through simple and impactful composition. Like that flag, F29 makes excellent use of a single symmetrical motif in the center. I could see it being successful for branding, driving tourism, etc.
11/29/23 2:12	F29	This flag design goes well with the S6 seal design (probably same designer) but I'd like a deeper blue color, like our current flag.
11/29/23 2:28	F29	This is the one. Simple and unique.
11/29/23 3:03	F29	Of the finalist, this is seems the best. However, I'm disappointed by all the options. Most of them look like they were done on very basic graphic design software by armatures. It seems that perhaps the State of MN should pay a real graphic design firm to incorporate many of the elements that all of the flags include. I recommend the state legislature veto all of the choices and start over. We have to be able to do better than this.
11/29/23 3:53	F29	This should be our flag because it has one, central emblem. Minnesota puts the United in United States, we care about our people! ðŸ“«, We deserve to have a blue flag for all of our beautiful water. Go Minnesota ðŸŒ—
11/29/23 4:20	F29	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 4:41	F29	Canâ€™t stand the design of any of them and want the original flag to stay. This is only changing because of the liberal governor we have.
11/29/23 5:02	F29	By far my favorite of the flag submissions - it's so simple and so elegant, and I strongly urge the council to choose F29. The colors are gorgeous and work very well together and bring up images of golden stars reflected off of a lake at night.  If I had any comments or critiques (I'm not sure if the blurb on the website about potential changes is still accurate) it appears that the concave corners of the 4-pointed star are not exactly lined up with the snowflakes' rhombus pattern - the upper right corner is the best lined up but the others are all a bit noncentered and I'm not sure the white circle in the center is either but it may be an issue with viewing the image on the website.
11/29/23 5:20	F29	All of the designs for the new flag are horrible. The committee should be embarrassed by this. Just another way to get the other states to laugh at Minnesota.
11/29/23 5:22	F29	All of the designs for the new flag are horrible. The committee should be embarrassed by this. Just another way to get the other states to laugh at Minnesota.
11/29/23 5:35	F29	Really think all the flags aren't quit right (colors) but this one looks like the North star.
11/29/23 6:03	F29	I like this version of it: <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/s/du7FWKWC9p">https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/s/du7FWKWC9p</a>
11/29/23 6:06	F29	No. Looks like a child created it.
11/29/23 6:16	F29	At least this one goes with a seal, this is the only acceptable one.
11/29/23 6:21	F29	This is my favorite. Simplistic and beautiful. Modern and nostalgic. Inclusive of our nature and farmland /reaources. Perfect.
11/29/23 6:22	F29	Definitely my favorite among the finalists. Iconic, but still simple. I'd very proudly fly this.
11/29/23 6:26	F29	This is a beautiful, memorable design. However, the white graphic looks like a poinsettia, rather than a snowflake. To truly represent MN, letâ€™s be true to science a depict a beautiful 6 pointed snowflake. To ignore this would forever taint our perception of the MN flag;a state I value for its integrity and willingness to deal with facts.
11/29/23 6:30	F29	Hate every one of them. Not even sure what any of them are supposed to be or how they represent M. The ones with the loons made more sense. All the finalists look same. Plain and boring
11/29/23 6:30	F29	The star and snowflake symbol seen in the F29 and S6 designs will be a great classic symbol of modern Minnesota. It can become an iconic symbol seen on t-shirts, murals, artwork. It will be a great symbol for schoolkids to create using construction paper, a ruler, scissors and some glue. Imagine classrooms hung with state flags that the kids actually recognize as that of their own state!  The snow flake should be an Ojibwe star, representing that that native peoples were here first. Flip the colors, yellow Ojibwe star, white "North Star"
11/29/23 6:34	F29	Give those alterations a try
11/29/23 6:34	F29	Not a bad design, but I donâ€™t get â€œsnowflakeâ€œ. Snowflakes are six-pointed. Granted, hard to superimpose six-points on four-points. 0-10 scale: 7
11/29/23 6:37	F29	None are acceptable. Commission should start over. Only one close is the star. Of the north.. why do you want to reinvent history.
11/29/23 6:38	F29	This entry, even more than the others, is meaningless. Virtually no one would look at it and recognize it as a Minnesota flag. It's merely a corporate-like logo that will be out of style quickly.
11/29/23 6:38	F29	Vote no, keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 6:41	F29	Ugh. Looks like an ugly sweater pattern. Communicates absolutely nothing about the state.

11/29/23 6:44	F29	This is great
11/29/23 6:46	F29	This looks like a child designed it. It has NO depth and is very superficial. Please don't choose these simplistic flags that have no character nor depth to who we are as Minnesotans.
11/29/23 6:47	F29	No. None of these have the Loon. There were several really good ones with the Loon. This is too boring. I demand a revisit.
11/29/23 6:47	F29	Simple yet elegant. 10/10 would recommend
11/29/23 6:48	F29	This is another terrific design. It would allow Minnesota to have a flag brand similar to Texas, Colorado and Arizona.
11/29/23 6:49	F29	I like this one the best!
11/29/23 6:49	F29	No
11/29/23 6:50	F29	I don't like any of these simplistic flag designs! They are very generic and could represent any number of states. I much prefer to see the current version. Revised and edited as needed to reflect our diversity. For the seals the only one that I think has any appeal at all is the last one that incorporates many of the elements of the old version with the loon in the center, why can't you do a flag like that?
11/29/23 6:51	F29	I meant to say that this is One of the Flag Designs that I liked with the Flag Submission F2100 being the Second Choice that I liked.
11/29/23 6:52	F29	Too plain. The idea doesn't fully represent the state well and the design with the snowflake ignores many other aspects of the state. It also doesn't look appealing.
11/29/23 6:59	F29	Love this design! Embodies the beauty, simplicity, and efficiency of the culture of the state of Minnesota
11/29/23 7:00	F29	This is a beautiful star, and to my mind the most beautiful of all the finalists!
11/29/23 7:03	F29	This is so sad. This should have been left alone and now the designs represent Minnesota in what way?
11/29/23 7:03	F29	A snowflake overpowering the north star? If loons are out because they are not found everywhere in the state, the snowflake should be out because you can't find them year round.
11/29/23 7:04	F29	Snowflakes NEVER have octagonal symmetry, even approximately. Ice has a hexagonal crystal structure. Putting an 8-pointed snowflake on our flag to symbolize MN winters would be like symbolizing our water birds with a picture of Donald Duck and his primate-style hands with fingers.
11/29/23 7:09	F29	I think this simple design will be easy to read on a flag. Great option.
11/29/23 7:13	F29	I pick this one
11/29/23 7:15	F29	I appreciate the white 8 pointed star as it is commonly used in star quilts made by quilters in many Native American communities, including my Lakota grandmother.
11/29/23 7:24	F29	If this is supposed to resemble a snowflake, it's factually incorrect. Snowflakes have six points, not four. PLEASE do not choose this flag and make Minnesota look like a bunch of ignorant people who don't even know what a snowflake looks like.
11/29/23 7:24	F29	This one is my favorite! It's pretty and says "Minnesota" to me.
11/29/23 7:30	F29	Sad lonely star. Does not reflect our history or future
11/29/23 7:32	F29	Won't matter which flag you choose. Minnesotans are keeping and flying the only Minnesota flag, the current flag, no matter which new rag you choose. Don't worry, we have plenty of supply and can reorder. We're letting our voters decide, not a committee of history destroyers acting like former Soviet Communists.
11/29/23 7:33	F29	This is number one in my opinion. Classy and representative of the state.
11/29/23 7:36	F29	This is my favorite.
11/29/23 7:37	F29	My favorite. Also reminds me of a quilt pattern.
11/29/23 7:38	F29	This is the best - simple with nice colors (but not as good as your old Loon examples)
11/29/23 7:38	F29	This is my favorite!
11/29/23 7:38	F29	Like the designers statement and reason for the star. Snowflake may not be the best choice because alot of people leave the state for warmer climates in the wintertime. Again, in my opinion, this symbol is to cartoonish
11/29/23 7:40	F29	First thought is it is a Scandinavian design. Not sure how this represents Minnesota and all the natural beauty (including the State bird, the Loon). If the argument is that the State bird, which represents the State can't be on the flag because it doesn't represent everywhere, then this flag doesn't do more than represent Scandinavia.
11/29/23 7:40	F29	Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:40	F29	There are four seasons here, not just winter. Nothing here to indicate MN, just a northern state. Nothing historical. Snowflakes have 6 points, not 8.
11/29/23 7:43	F29	It also has an indigenous vibe, like a warm blanket. Nice proportions. One of my favorites.

11/29/23 7:44	F29	Keep it the same as it is
11/29/23 7:44	F29	It's a simple design that represents Minnesota and won't distract the with a new state seal design.
11/29/23 7:45	F29	I think this is a great design and would do well as a seal. I am just afraid people would start calling people in Minnesota "snowflakes".
11/29/23 7:47	F29	To plain
11/29/23 7:47	F29	This would not only look really well on a flag, but also on the Minnesota hockey jerseys.
11/29/23 7:48	F29	It also has an indigenous vibe, like a warm blanket. Nice proportions. One of my favorites.
11/29/23 7:52	F29	This design (F29) is too simplistic, and lacks significant meaning for the state of Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:53	F29	This one is my second favorite, behind F2100. I like the look, but it doesn't include the green and what the green symbolizes.
11/29/23 7:53	F29	I like the colors and simplicity. Nice design.
11/29/23 7:54	F29	This is the one. I really like how F29 and S6 are simple, still represent Minnesota, and compliment each other. These will be easily recognizable as MN.
11/29/23 7:54	F29	I find this flag to almost be too simple and to me it doesn't really invoke a feeling of MN. Possibly if some text could be added - but then I guess that changes the design
11/29/23 7:55	F29	Ugly! The original flag is personal and depicts our great state! This is cold and impersonal
11/29/23 7:55	F29	Snow flakes have 6 points not 4, design is static and boring.
11/29/23 7:55	F29	I like this one. Simple, straightforward. I also really like the element of another flag finalist with lines representing the 11 federally recognized tribes and the counties in Minnesota. Could that element be added to this flag? If so, this would be my favorite.
11/29/23 7:57	F29	Of the finalists this would express MN best as the North Star State.
11/29/23 7:58	F29	I wish you would have told everyone that a star was needed on any flag design submissions. That would have saved a lot of time for everybody. Really you couldn't find one flag design without a star that was good enough for the final?
11/29/23 7:58	F29	Too simplistic. Doesn't convey anything but the "star of the north"
11/29/23 8:02	F29	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:04	F29	The snowflake on this flag has eight points. To be scientifically accurate it should only have six.
11/29/23 8:07	F29	This is the best design of the remaining six finalists. It's clean and simple;the color choice is thoughtful and representative. It's reminiscent of the top-rated state flag of New Mexico as well with a central star pattern in the middle of a field.
11/29/23 8:08	F29	Really like the simplicity, though I feel it could use a border.
11/29/23 8:08	F29	When something needs that much of an explanation it's not representative we need to see something look at it and say yes that represents Minnesota
11/29/23 8:08	F29	Perfect.
11/29/23 8:08	F29	No. Looks like a quilt. Lacks imagination.
11/29/23 8:10	F29	This is the only acceptable flag
11/29/23 8:13	F29	F 29
11/29/23 8:14	F29	F29 is the only acceptable flag
11/29/23 8:14	F29	A snowflake always has six sides, or points, not eight. Slick designs should not have precedence over scientific reality. If we Minnesotans know our snow, let's demonstrate it!
11/29/23 8:14	F29	This design is the clear standout! This design would remain clear and recognizable as the wind, catches and moves the flag. The matching seal is the clear winner of the seal designs, too. Well thought-out design!
11/29/23 8:14	F29	I really understand that you have a tough and thankless job, but all of these selections have the same problem...They are generic and basically indistinguishable from one another. All of them have a star, either star shaped or modeled on some retro-snowflake, coupled with basically the same colors. They lack basic meaning and connection to the state or unique deeper design meaning. No lakes, no loons, no wild rice, no Mississippi river, no "Minnesota", no words of any kind in English or Lakota, etc. I sincerely thank you for your efforts, but please take another cut at final candidates.
11/29/23 8:15	F29	Simple, beautiful, uniquely identifiable and ties in MN history. What more would you want in a representation.
11/29/23 8:15	F29	This design is the clear standout! This design would remain clear and recognizable as the wind, catches and moves the flag. The matching seal is the clear winner of the seal designs, too. Well thought-out design!
11/29/23 8:15	F29	This looks like a cookie press design.

11/29/23 8:20	F29	I would choose this redesign because the description fits MN well. The star is well designed.
11/29/23 8:20	F29	Love F2100! It represents everything I want represented in our state flag, and it has a truly timeless design. I know F29 has gotten a ton of public attention, but I think it lacks a representation of Minnesota's land, great forests, and agricultural foundation, which F2100 has in the green rolling hills. Also, F29 is very modern and eye-catching, but is not nearly as timeless.
11/29/23 8:20	F29	Of the offered flag designs, F29 feels the most Minnesotan. If I saw this flag flying, I would not mistake it for anything other than the MN flag. It would also stand out amongst other flags being flown at one location. Thank you for your work on this project.
11/29/23 8:20	F29	The submissions look like quilt squares and not flags. Please start over
11/29/23 8:21	F29	This flag is terrible. Looks like something the communist party of china would come up with. Nothing to do with America on this flag.
11/29/23 8:21	F29	I love the simplicity of this flag. Easy to remember. Easy for people across the country to recognize this flag as representing MN at a glance. I love the snowflake / star.
11/29/23 8:22	F29	Ugly
11/29/23 8:26	F29	Too plain
11/29/23 8:28	F29	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:29	F29	Simple, beautiful, uniquely identifiable and ties in MN history. What more would you want in a representation. Also the star is front and center without surrounding it with distraction as I believe it should be. Because, for me, it represents...if you are ever lost, follow the star and you'll find your way home.
11/29/23 8:31	F29	The elements of this flag offer an iconography that represents what Minnesota is best known for. I love it's simplicity. Great design and would be proud to fly this flag.
11/29/23 8:32	F29	Flags represent the people. Seals represent the government. I don't want our flag to have any resemblance to the rotunda of the government capitol building. I prefer this star with F142 or F235.
11/29/23 8:32	F29	This design is too simple to convey much meaning.
11/29/23 8:34	F29	I am not thrilled about any of the finalists, but F29 is the least bad. At least it looks like a state flag, Despite it also looking like a piece of clip art, it is far and away better than the others.
11/29/23 8:35	F29	I think that this flag F29 is the best submission of the final six candidates. The design has been a favorite among vexillologists since its creation for an unofficial Minnesotans for a Better Flag competition. It is simple but iconic, easy enough for a child to draw, will be excellent as a sticker, tshirt, hat, etc. The simplicity harkens to another great state flag - New Mexico's! I can even imagine special dark blue license plates, with the symbol in the middle and the numbers in white or gold. In my opinion it is by far the best choice of the six.
11/29/23 8:36	F29	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?
11/29/23 8:39	F29	A variation on this design would be best.
11/29/23 8:39	F29	Looks like a Christmas decoration. Not a state flag material
11/29/23 8:40	F29	Boring! Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:41	F29	Don't like this one! Minnesota does not need to emphasize snow and cold. The rest of the country thinks all there is to Minnesota is snow and cold anyway. No on this one!
11/29/23 8:41	F29	This one is the only acceptable choice
11/29/23 8:42	F29	Like this very much. Relatively simple, but meaningful symbolism. Hope the snowflake remains symbolic as climate change advances.
11/29/23 8:42	F29	Sorry I came back for a second comment but I just noticed this is the only flag that uses the same dark blue as the official MN state websites! it is the exact same hex code as the banner on this page! You couldn't ask for better coherence. Go with this flag!
11/29/23 8:45	F29	This flag looks very, very similar to the Spire Credit Union logo.



		<p>(Note: This comment applies to all the finalists.) As someone who spent 32 in the ad agency business, I empathize with the committee. #FlagsAreHard. And getting people to agree on art can be an exercise in the futile.</p> <p>That said, it appears to me and others in the creative business that the committee has been perhaps a bit myopic in its selection process. It's as if there was a mandate: "Illustrations must be limited to vector clip art, preferably depicting the North Star and/or a snowflake. No more than 2-3 primary colors allowed."</p> <p>Constructive feedback: Start the selection process over again, but this time expand your strike zone. While the six finalists have conceptual merit, they stir little emotion, other than feelings of coldness and bleakness The star is tricky, because everything ends up looking like the Star of Bethlehem depicted on so many dime store Christmas cards. Maybe there's a reason the current flag opted to go with the motto instead. And while I know it's trendy to embrace our Bold North moniker, do we really want to be synonymous with cold and snow? I myself much prefer Minnesota during the eight months of the year when I can feel my toes.</p> <p>I am confident there were other more popular designs submitted. It's not too late to go back and re-consider a few that might have slipped through the cracks for reasons that can only be appreciated by members of a committee debating graphic design. (And by the way, where can I learn the credentials of everyone on your committee?)</p>
11/29/23 8:46	F29	Thanks for considering!
11/29/23 8:48	F29	This is a good flag! The gold of the north star reminds me of wheat/agriculture. It's a little boring, but compared to the others (which are mostly bad, except for F1953), this one stands out. It does have big Disney's Frozen vibes, though, and I don't think it has as much symbolism as F1953.
11/29/23 8:48	F29	If the flag incorporates a snowflake, please please make it look like a real one with six sides! Otherwise it surely will become a joke about how dumb we are.
11/29/23 8:48	F29	Boring! Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:50	F29	While simplicity is valued, I think this submission is too much so. There are other, more meaningful, options.
11/29/23 8:51	F29	This is the best flag from a high impact visual standpoint. It incorporates the traditional blue background, the star of the north and snowflake. Easiest to produce as well. Those curve designs are a nightmare to stitch.
11/29/23 8:52	F29	Looks like a generic Christmas card
11/29/23 8:55	F29	Best of all the choices but it is so boring. Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state.
11/29/23 8:55	F29	This looks like a corporate logo
11/29/23 8:55	F29	Looks like a generic Christmas card, snowflake only have 6 points - ever
11/29/23 8:59	F29	Too much blue
11/29/23 8:59	F29	Guess I'm homeschooled, I do not like this flag. Too abstract
11/29/23 8:59	F29	I find all of these finalists unacceptable. They are oversimplified, capture none of iconic Minnesota and are devoid of creativity.
11/29/23 9:00	F29	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride.
11/29/23 9:00	F29	This is too plain
11/29/23 9:01	F29	I love this simple design!
11/29/23 9:01	F29	This is my first choice. I like the simplicity, the star and snowflake, the flavor of Native American
11/29/23 9:02	F29	Does not fully represent Minnesota. It only represents one element. We are much more than just the star of the north.
11/29/23 9:02	F29	I think this is a good option - my number 2. It is striking and visually engaging. It emphasizes the Star of the North aspect.
11/29/23 9:03	F29	I like the reference to the North Star , it's well done BUT we are the land of 10,000 lakes , it is what sets us apart from all surrounding states plus the boundary waters is some of the cleanest water around and should stay that way . We are the Yellowstone of the upper Midwest ! Please reference that truth on the flag !
11/29/23 9:03	F29	Nice Christmas Sweater design.
11/29/23 9:04	F29	BORING. Where is there ANY "Oh, yeah, that's gotta be Minnesota's flag"!!!!???
11/29/23 9:05	F29	The star from F29 should be placed on F2100. Which then matches State Seal design S6.

11/29/23 9:05	F29	Of the six offered, this one has my vote.
11/29/23 9:06	F29	This is my number two vote. I like the snowflake/star and the design is visually engaging.
11/29/23 9:06	F29	I think this is a beautifully simplistic flag, I think there could be more but if this was to be the new flag, I wouldn't mind.
11/29/23 9:06	F29	This looks too much like a quiltâ€”not classy.
11/29/23 9:07	F29	I like this one.
11/29/23 9:08	F29	This looks like a bank logo, not a flag meant to represent an entire state.
11/29/23 9:09	F29	This is a phenomenal design. PLEASE go with this one!
11/29/23 9:10	F29	Looks like a corporate logo. Keep the star design on the rotunda floor where such a symmetrical arrangement makes sense but don't put it on the flag where it is out of context.
11/29/23 9:10	F29	I like this star. I also would like to see it inside the outline of the state. Because Minnesota has a distinctive shape, flag ownership would be instant, no text necessary, and the star adds elegance and class.
11/29/23 9:11	F29	Take the star from this flag and use it on F1953
11/29/23 9:13	F29	What a waste of time and money. On top of wasting all of our taxpayer money on something so stupid, all of these entries look bland, not exciting, amateurish, and generic. Why don't we just give some 1st graders some crayons and let them have fun? Nobody in this government takes governing seriously. I am going to be taking my business and tax dollars to a state that appreciates me. This is just one more straw added to all of the straws that were piled on during the last legislative session to break the camel's and taxpayer's back. Good luck when all of us taxpayers move away. You are using our tax dollars to buy votes and signal your virtue. You people are sick.
11/29/23 9:14	F29	this would be the only flag that if you replace what we have now that I would be willing to fly on my flag pole.....the rest of them suck
11/29/23 9:15	F29	This is my 2nd favorite, snow flake over the North Star on the dark blue background
11/29/23 9:15	F29	Too stiff and rigid. This looks like a quilt pattern, not a flag pattern.
11/29/23 9:17	F29	F29 is one of my favorites. As a graphic designer, I love how it is clean & simple, yet rich with symbolism. Love the layering of the star and snowflake. I would just like to see a different shade of blue to help our flag stand out amongst all the other dark blue state flags. I also love that this one has a matching seal in the six finalists. I think the seal and the flag should coordinate.
11/29/23 9:17	F29	Boring
11/29/23 9:19	F29	This is by far my favorite flag design. Simple, yet undeniably Minnesota. Clear winner.
11/29/23 9:20	F29	Pick None , Keep the current flag!
11/29/23 9:21	F29	A timeless, beautiful design. My favorite of the top 6.
11/29/23 9:22	F29	This is my favorite!
11/29/23 9:23	F29	Looks too much like Pennsylvania Dutch. Too much like a quilting pattern.
11/29/23 9:23	F29	NO!
11/29/23 9:24	F29	Boring, looks like a quilt square, flag should at least identify the state name to outsiders.
11/29/23 9:24	F29	This is the best of the final six. The design already seems timeless.
11/29/23 9:26	F29	This has it all, symbolism, symmetry, beauty. You can hang this any direction and it is recognizable. Easy to customize with different colors and still be recognized as MN Flag. Perfect.
11/29/23 9:26	F29	This one. It's beautiful and it reminds me of Colorado's cool flag: think of the design and merchandise opportunities! I would be proud to wear this flag on clothing. It is elegant, simple, and just right.
11/29/23 9:26	F29	Great, simple design that integrates clear representations of Minnesota in a pleasing way. I like the overlay of the snowflake and the color scheme is my favorite out of all the finalists.
11/29/23 9:28	F29	While being visually appealing, this design is too similar that patterns used on quiltsâ€”
11/29/23 9:28	F29	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive.
11/29/23 9:30	F29	I am a life long MN resident To be blunt, the flag submission finalists are terrible. They are over modernized, and the only thing reflecting Minnesota is the star, being the North Star state. The committee that picked the finalist list must have read the article you have linked on the website and strictly stuck with the simplistic principles outlined in the article. Presumably this is going to be the new flag indefinitely;the modern feel of the submitted flags will not age well. The modern design doesnâ€™t even appeal to anyone Iâ€™ve discuss the topic with now, myself included.

11/29/23 9:31	F29	This flag design is far superior to the rest -- it highlights characteristics of the state in an interesting way, it's simple without being simplistic, and avoids being too "busy" with design elements.
11/29/23 9:31	F29	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive. No snowflake looks like this.
11/29/23 9:31	F29	NO. This looks like some ai artwork with no regards to and state founding or native peoples. Could just put the three colors as strips and say the same thing.
11/29/23 9:32	F29	Who would know this has anything to do with Minnesota? Looks like a graphic design using some basic program.
11/29/23 9:32	F29	I am partial to design #F29. I like the crisp lines, the incorporation of the blue for your many lakes, the shining star, the yellow reflecting the earth summers. Yes, I've spent time in Minnesota, have friends residing. My art background leads me to this fresh design. New, does not seem to be representative of any country .... Definitely LEADS toward a new era for your state. Good Luck
11/29/23 9:35	F29	Boring
11/29/23 9:35	F29	This flag is very cool I really like the design it is very easy to remember and recognize I like the design and how it shows off we are the North Star state and the snowflake representing the cold winters plus is a really simple design.
11/29/23 9:35	F29	This flag is okay. But just okay. Too bland.
11/29/23 9:37	F29	No
11/29/23 9:39	F29	Minnesota is so much more than snow. Leave it alone and spend our tax payers money on things that matter, like crime and taxes so high, too many families are hungry. Let's get our priorities straight!!!
11/29/23 9:40	F29	This looks like something that would hang in Wal-Mart advertising something.
11/29/23 9:40	F29	No
11/29/23 9:41	F29	They are all similar - simplistic and boring. Not much of a choice. We can do better
11/29/23 9:42	F29	Boring! Blue field representing water, with the snow flake and North Star! I can't say I like any of them. This is an important decision, why the January deadline? It appears that those who chose these six are deaf to the concerns of the citizens being raised. These are all similar, no loon, wolf, moose, or reference to the indigenous. You can and should do better!
11/29/23 9:42	F29	Nothing to represent the 10,000 lakes? This flag is too boring, not much visual appeal.
11/29/23 9:43	F29	This is definitely my favorite. Love the way it incorporates the north star with the snowflake.
11/29/23 9:49	F29	to plain
11/29/23 9:49	F29	This design is ugly and doesn't depict Mn at all. Terrible
11/29/23 9:49	F29	Layering white over yellow makes this impossible to draw. This could be a flag for any nordic state or country and is not distinctive enough in its design to signify Minnesota.
11/29/23 9:52	F29	I like the star representing the north star and the snow flake.
11/29/23 9:52	F29	Too ordinary
11/29/23 9:54	F29	UGLEY DOES NOT LOOK ANY THING LIKE MN
11/29/23 9:54	F29	okay
11/29/23 9:55	F29	This flag is simple and does a good job at relating two of Minnesota's timeless contributions to the country. It's source of water and its motto as the north star state. It also pays homage to the winter in a clever way. It ranks 3 out of 6 for me.
11/29/23 9:57	F29	Boring
11/29/23 9:58	F29	Awful
11/29/23 9:58	F29	F29 is the only option with the simplicity required for a suitable flag design. There were many others that I would have chosen ahead of these, but of the group, this is the clear winner.
11/29/23 9:58	F29	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 9:58	F29	I'm not a fan. This is boring and looks like every barn quilt ever made.
11/29/23 9:59	F29	Not a fan of the snowflake since MN is so much more. It should have lakes/water, trees and the North Star.
11/29/23 9:59	F29	All six finalists are incredibly bland and uninspiring. I would expect to see better designs from elementary school students.

11/29/23 10:04	F29	None of these flags are a good representation of Minnesota. The Native people were here long before the white people were, but lets just keep removing history. Because as we all know the majority of the settlers did not treat them well.
11/29/23 10:04	F29	I really dislike using a snowflake as a part of the design, which I perceive this to be. I don't think weather should be a defining characteristic.
11/29/23 10:05	F29	It's a little basic. Maybe add a green element - stripe at the bottom?
11/29/23 10:07	F29	Probably my second choice, but reminds me of the New Mexico style flag. Not original enough?
11/29/23 10:08	F29	Not one of these flag represent Minnesota. You should be able to see a flag and know where itâ€™s from and highlight its value. History matters. Not one of these Flags screams Minnesota where weâ€™ve been or whatâ€™s valued.
11/29/23 10:09	F29	This is my 1st choice for the flag. The color selection is bold but not distracting. It would stand out from a distance.
11/29/23 10:10	F29	Iâ€™m all for a new flag. This is the best of these but honestly I feel you have missed the mark. None of these reflect MN in a meaningful way. You had some really nice submissions but these are boring. Please try again!
11/29/23 10:12	F29	I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter â€ the â€œbest flag practicesâ€ make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons donâ€™t represent all habitats in Minnesotaâ€ they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people Iâ€™ve talked to canâ€™t relate to any of these designsâ€ sorryâ€. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:13	F29	Iâ€™m all for a new flag. This is the best of these but honestly I feel you have missed the mark. None of these reflect MN in a meaningful way. You had some really nice submissions but these are boring. Please try again!
11/29/23 10:13	F29	This is garbage. It looks like it could be a flag in the movie "Frozen". Disney would love you to pick this one. This IS NOT the shape of the star on the rotunda floor. The 8 points go out radially on the rotunda, this snowflake goes out in pairs at the same angle. You should leave original alone (take the American Indian and gun off the seal if you want), or go with F247 or F248 and change the lakes' stars to circles or regular stars.
11/29/23 10:14	F29	Image is too mixed. Why have the snowflake so prominent? Do not choose this.
11/29/23 10:14	F29	F29 is my 1st choice. The colors are bold but not distracting. This design would stand out from a distance. The design is simple but interesting.
11/29/23 10:15	F29	No!!!
11/29/23 10:16	F29	This is in my top two. It manages to encapsulate the North Star, snow, and Lakota star quilting in one simple, timeless design. It's distinctive and can clearly be associated with Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:23	F29	This is my favorite of the flag finalists. It is the only one I could see myself going out and buying if a new flag is chosen. I like that it is distinct and simple while still creating a symbol which would become instantly recognizable as a representation of Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:23	F29	I donâ€™t want a knock off Stars Wars logo on my state flag
11/29/23 10:28	F29	Donâ€™t like it
11/29/23 10:31	F29	Too simple.
11/29/23 10:33	F29	The flags all look amateurish, representative of something that would hang over a booth at a craft fair.
11/29/23 10:34	F29	Not only this one but ALL these final selections are a truly pitiful representation of the both Minnesota's beauty and the artistic capabilities of humanity. These are worse than the art a kid in the 80s could've made on a computer. Basic, boring, bland, never made history. You are all so disappointing and creativity crushing - have some respect for real art and beauty, please.
11/29/23 10:37	F29	Horrible!!!! All of them!!!! Leave it alone!!!!
11/29/23 10:37	F29	Of all the final flag designs, this is the only one that is moderately OK. There were so many amazing submissions! Why did the committee choose such awful designs when there were so many great ones? Why not a loon?? Out of the finalists, this is the only one I even kind of like. And it still isn't well designed, because when the flag is hanging or blowing in the wind, it will just look like a big blue blob.
11/29/23 10:39	F29	I feel like this is the most consistent design styling that also is able to tell a direct and clear story as to why it is relevant for the future of Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:39	F29	THIS ISTHE DUMP'S LOOK FOR A FLAG WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT MN.
11/29/23 10:41	F29	I love this one! The colors and design are so nice, simple and recognizable. I reallyyyyyyyy hope this one becomes the new flag, I'm obsessed!

11/29/23 10:41	F29	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a kindergarten attempt.
11/29/23 10:46	F29	This design, together with the state seal designed by the same individual is nice, clean and simple. Advantage is that it's easily recognizable like Colorado, Arizona, and California's state flags. The north star combined with a snowflake is perfect. As a graphic designer myself, I'll warn you right now that if you try to incorporate all of these other elements like a loon and the Norway Pine, it just gets too busy and too chaotic. Keep it simple like this and it will become popular in a short time.
11/29/23 10:46	F29	All of these designs look elementary. Did they not notice they all looked like knockoff's of each other?
11/29/23 10:48	F29	Minnesota: Land of three colors and clip art symbols.
11/29/23 10:48	F29	F1953 best represents what I think of when it comes to an updated state flag.
11/29/23 10:49	F29	Ugly hate it
11/29/23 10:49	F29	As a life long resident of Minnesota, I think all of the choices are unacceptable
11/29/23 10:50	F29	It looks like a snowflake. Now - there may be reasons some might want to define Minnesota as a land of 10 trillion snow flakes - but not for our state flag.
11/29/23 10:55	F29	F29: Classic, clear design.Really nice. Symbolism is too buried to be easily recognized by non-Minnesotans.
11/29/23 10:57	F29	Ok
11/29/23 10:57	F29	I think this is TOO minimalist - says nothing unique about Minnesota. Plus people already stereotype MN as an eternally snowy place, which is not true. Why focus on that??
11/29/23 10:58	F29	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:06	F29	Every single one of the designs are awful! Are we trying to get made fun of by the rest of the country???
11/29/23 11:07	F29	Not a single flag design tells me about it being a symbol of Minnesota. They all look nice, but that is what the flags tell me.
11/29/23 11:08	F29	This does not look Minnesota to me at all
11/29/23 11:11	F29	Add, "L'etoile du Nord" at the top, and MINNESOTA at the bottom, then you've got my vote.
11/29/23 11:13	F29	Not sure what all these stars are suppose to be. It appears that everyone on the committee got stuck on stars and waves and whatever. Let's put some class into deciding this. NO individual STARS, Waves or whatever. Looks like we are a foreign country!
11/29/23 11:15	F29	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:15	F29	Very uninspiring.
11/29/23 11:16	F29	I do not like this one, it looks like a quilt pattern. A flag should not look like a quilt.
11/29/23 11:16	F29	Too bland. Too much like a Christmas Tree topper.
11/29/23 11:16	F29	While this flag makes a strong argument that Minnesota deserves a blue flag, there are 19 other state flags that feature a blue background with a symbol in the center, and thus I fear that this flag is too generic and doesn't accurately reflect Minnesota's uniqueness that other finalists would. This flag is also too hard to identify at a distance, and it'd be incredibly easy to mistake this flag for one of the 19 other similar state flags.
11/29/23 11:18	F29	Like star but flag is too plain. Can state motto, 1858, loon, lady slipper be added and have horizontal: light blue bottom, green center & dark blue top?
11/29/23 11:20	F29	to plain 2 stars
11/29/23 11:22	F29	What State is this flag for? No name on the flag means many people will not know which state this flag represents. Also, what is the estimated cost to replace all of the current Minnesota flags?
11/29/23 11:24	F29	Second vote for picking this one.
11/29/23 11:26	F29	A flag that only calls out winter is not at all representative of MN and its four beautiful seasons. The North Star and shade of dark blue are too specific to "night / night sky" as opposed to the beauty seen in a daytime sky or lake when most MN residents are experiencing this beauty in their everyday lives.
11/29/23 11:30	F29	This flag is my favorite. Understated elegance - that is so Minnesota.
11/29/23 11:30	F29	I really don't care for F29 - too nonspecific, can't relate to it. BDS
11/29/23 11:30	F29	This is about the only flag of the finalists that make any sense. I would say this entire process needs to be restarted and brought to registered voters and and placed on a ballot.
11/29/23 11:31	F29	F29 - I like it.

11/29/23 11:32	F29	It's fine, I guess, but a little boring. I think there's a tad too much background space, and I think it'd look better without the dot in the middle.
11/29/23 11:32	F29	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs. F29 is too simple (and just call it The North Star and skip the French translation).
11/29/23 11:34	F29	Like this one the best
11/29/23 11:35	F29	I get the northstar, but really, snowflakes? This design is terrible but it truly sums up most of the political leaders (snowflakes without a backbone) of this once great state, if that is the look you are going for.
11/29/23 11:35	F29	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:39	F29	Of the remaining flags, this is clearly the winner in my opinion. It's simple, stark, easily identifiable (and easily brandable if you wanna go that way), and I think it would function the best as a literal *flag* flying in the wind. Reminiscent to me of New Mexico's flag which is one of the best in the country!
11/29/23 11:41	F29	F29 is fabulous
11/29/23 11:41	F29	This design seems to work much better than the other ones. The color doesn't look too different from the old one which makes it much more recognizable as our state flag. The star in the middle is also good for the seal design which will be added. It's modern and updated,but there's still a little bit of the older tradition too. The other flag designs seemed almost like sports teams flags and in the long run,they could be too trendy,not timeless.
11/29/23 11:41	F29	I really like the elegance and simplicity of this design, but am a little disappointed there's not more honor paid to the original inhabitants of Minnesota. Perhaps something from these could be worked in to the final design: <a href="https://www.metrostate.edu/metrocatalyst/11-nations-and-flags-of-minnesota-native-americans">https://www.metrostate.edu/metrocatalyst/11-nations-and-flags-of-minnesota-native-americans</a> . Alternatively, perhaps the Ojibwe loom style from F1435 could be worked in to this submission.
11/29/23 11:42	F29	looks like a corporate logo
11/29/23 11:43	F29	Pretty, but, too empty.;needs something else added, a loon or lady slipper maybe
11/29/23 11:44	F29	This is my first choice. The North Star. Simple, clear, people won't love it, but they won't hate it.
11/29/23 11:44	F29	This design looks like a quilt. It is too old fashioned and makes Minnesota look like a "hick" state. It is backwards looking. I hate it.
11/29/23 11:45	F29	Best one of the 6, I guess.
11/29/23 11:46	F29	F 29-Pretty, but, too empty.;needs something else added, a loon or lady slipper maybe
11/29/23 11:46	F29	To me, this is the best of the flag candidates. The symbolism is direct and clear to the viewer. (It is similar in kind to the Alaska state flag.). This would be a distinctive flag, easily standing out among the 50 that make up our Nation.
11/29/23 11:47	F29	# F29 is the best one of the 6, I guess.
11/29/23 11:49	F29	Another design that doesn't cut it. None of these flags have a sense of history, and are bland looking.
11/29/23 11:50	F29	Plain jane stinks
11/29/23 11:52	F29	I firmly believe F29 should become the next Minnesota State Flag. It is simple but elegant, and the color pallet is approachable and I appreciate the nod to native quilts and the North Star. Even I could draw this image unlike many of the other finalist flags. I can see many people proudly displaying this flag at homes and institutions across our great state - bridging our political and geographical divides.
11/29/23 11:56	F29	Of the 6, i would select this but add wavy lines at the bottom, maybe in shades of white, blue, green and orange... something to make the flag pop even further. ultimately i wanted something more dynamic but of the six, this is pleasing. 2 of the selected designs look too generic "corporate logo" to me, one of them with the strange nebulous plant is just odd. no sense of what it means or represents for MN. I was submission F54 the loon and wild rice flag. sadly i did not have graphic software to create a perfect design. but i was happy you requested feedback on all aspects of this process.  Please revisit other design ideas. I do not want generic, i want vibrant!
11/29/23 11:57	F29	I love this flag! It works on multiple levels, with the shape referencing the North Star, snow, and Scandinavian knitting designs all in one. I really hope this one wins. Signed, a former MN resident.
11/29/23 12:00	F29	Excellent, clean, adaptable, representative!
11/29/23 12:00	F29	F944 needs this star added to the star on that page.

11/29/23 12:00	F29	Keep the old flag
11/29/23 12:01	F29	Favorite!
11/29/23 12:01	F29	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:01	F29	I'll keep it simple boring and extremely forgettable..
11/29/23 12:07	F29	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:08	F29	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:08	F29	This is a comment in regards to all top 4 finalists submissions: I was disappointed to to see that a loon was not featured on any of the top four flag submissions. Through my research as to why the flag is being changed, I came to learn that one of the main reasons is that our current flag looks too similar to other states. I would argue however that the finalists for a new flag remain very, if not more, similar to other flags. Each finalist features what appears to be a take on the North Star, but a star against a primarily dark blue background seems strikingly similar to the flags of Alaska and Arizona. Adding a loon to the new flag would set our flag apart from other states while also featuring a unique piece of our state.
11/29/23 12:09	F29	This flag is both simple and beautiful. It is unique and easy to identify from a distance. I believe its design is the one design that I don't think will age poorly. A few of the other designs are unique, but I could see going out of style. I don't see this happening with this design
11/29/23 12:11	F29	Legitimately awful. There were so many beautiful, artistic submissions that captured the essence of Minnesota and we've been reduced to 6 low quality submissions by a team with no taste. Poor choices.
11/29/23 12:12	F29	This flag design does not represent Minnesota at all to me - none of the flags do. The seals are a little better, but all look trendy now, and will be very dated in a few years. The flag and seal need to stand the test of time. Take the best seal and make it a bit less trendy, and use that as the flag. OR just stick with our current flag. There is nothing racist about it.
11/29/23 12:13	F29	All of the options are lovely, but this is my favorite as it is simple, includes snow, North Star, and Scandinavian colors.
11/29/23 12:14	F29	These are all poor choices. The colors are bland the background is boring. Try to incorporate some of the beautiful colors of the old flag and put the new design within the old circle. This signifies that everything goes around to where it all started. Use yellow to honor the past, blue to honor our natural water ways, red to honor our veterans, green to honor our lands. Just try to colorize it better and make it less stark. Thanks for any and all updates.
11/29/23 12:15	F29	There isn't one of the designs that is better than the existing state flag. If the idea is to have a soulless , uninspired reinterpretation of the state's history, then they all qualify.
11/29/23 12:15	F29	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. Blue could be just a color on a flag, how do I know that's suppose to mean water. Same for for the snowflake and North Star
11/29/23 12:17	F29	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. Blue could be just a color on a flag, how do I know that's suppose to mean water. Same for for the snowflake and North Star
11/29/23 12:17	F29	The star is OK, but there is too much plain blue. Having the star in the center does not inspire.
11/29/23 12:19	F29	Simple, beautiful and feels like MN. Wonderful design. I'd be proud to call this flag my state flag.
11/29/23 12:19	F29	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan can't tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:20	F29	I love this one and I can see the snowflake star being used for so many different things!
11/29/23 12:21	F29	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:21	F29	too simple, snowflake on top of star doesn't make me t.hink of either one
11/29/23 12:23	F29	F29 is by far my favorite
11/29/23 12:26	F29	Please choose this one. These finalists all look like they were made with a Microsoft design program from the early 80s. I am so so disappointed in the selection committee. This one is the best of the bad.

11/29/23 12:26	F29	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:26	F29	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:29	F29	Looks like an abstract anus.
11/29/23 12:31	F29	I love this flag design. It is clean, it is bright, it is simple. It makes me smile. The description of the colors and reasoning behind it make great sense and make our state show well.
11/29/23 12:32	F29	Love this one!!
11/29/23 12:36	F29	F29 is my second favorite design of the six finalist. It is a little more complex than some of the other finalists, while remaining simple and striking when seen at a distance.
11/29/23 12:36	F29	This one is by far my favorite and I would be so proud of this state flag.
11/29/23 12:37	F29	This looks more like a pattern for a quilt, not a state flag.
11/29/23 12:38	F29	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. They look like art projects which were done in school. Some look like a flag from a foreign country. Several states could use green,--trees and grass blue- water, large lake that everyone goes to, or bordered by an ocean white- ?winter? what really
11/29/23 12:43	F29	I love this one and really hope it gets selected. It is distinctive, simple/easy to draw, pleasant to look at, and its symbols are evocative of the state. It's as distinctive as the lone star and has the potential to become as synonymous with our state as the lone star is with Texas.
11/29/23 12:44	F29	Second favorite design. What I like the least is that it is another seal on a bed sheet, which was one of the main problems with the old flag. The symbol is fine, but the background should be anything but solid color especially blue.
11/29/23 12:44	F29	This design could be nice. I still prefer the F2100 submission.
11/29/23 12:45	F29	It is beautiful, simple and perfect. F29 winner for me.
11/29/23 12:46	F29	simple elegant well plan design
11/29/23 12:50	F29	Best flag gotta have the north star
11/29/23 12:57	F29	This is my favorite of the flag designs - I like that there is a matching seal to go with it. My only suggestion would be to make the center of the flag actually identical to the seal.
11/29/23 13:00	F29	All six of these final designs are ugly and an embarrassment. Please get rid of all of them and start over.
11/29/23 13:01	F29	This is my favorite of the flag designs (F29) - I like that there is a matching seal to go with it. My only suggestion would be to make the center of the flag actually identical to the seal.
11/29/23 13:02	F29	Cristiano Ronaldo sewey but this flag needs to say something but where is the loon are you racist did you not add the loon because it is black???
11/29/23 13:04	F29	I like the explanation of the design, but the flag feels a little too plain to me! This is my second favorite of the bunch, though!
11/29/23 13:04	F29	I like the simplicity of this flag and think the imagery is compelling.
11/29/23 13:07	F29	I do not like any of the flag finalists. None of the flags say anything about MN. They are plain and boring! The state seals are better than the flags. Put the new state seal on the flag instead.
11/29/23 13:07	F29	Thank you for being the sane and nicely symmetric submission here.
11/29/23 13:12	F29	I love the simplicity of this design and the magic of a snowflake is the perfect design for the State of Minnesota
11/29/23 13:17	F29	If we get a flag with a snowflake on it, we'll never hear the end of it. Far right weirdos will never stop berating us for it.
11/29/23 13:18	F29	Snowflakes have 6 points not 8.
11/29/23 13:18	F29	F29 is far and away the best of the finalists. Simple, elegant, and meaningful.
11/29/23 13:21	F29	I really like this design a lot out of all the proposed designs. I love the Star of Telemark design. It's simple, looks great, and I feel it embodies the spirit of Minnesota. (At least that its cold and snows a lot here) I would feel very proud of this was my new state flag.
11/29/23 13:24	F29	How do any of these designs represent Minnesota? How about a flag that represents some of the great things about this state, Lakes, states unique shape anything but nothing. If any outstate person looked at any of these, how could they tell it represents Minnesota? Not to offend, but these look like flags from some middle eastern countries.
11/29/23 13:27	F29	Will stock up on current flag! This flag needs a stencil of definitions . Boring like many of the others! Creative blah galore!!
11/29/23 13:28	F29	This one is my favorite by far! I really hope the committee chooses this one :)
11/29/23 13:29	F29	Wow, was this done by a 6th grader.
11/29/23 13:31	F29	F29 is a bit boring.
11/29/23 13:33	F29	This is a fantastic simple design. I would be proud to fly this new flag outside of my house.
11/29/23 13:34	F29	Terrible



11/29/23 13:35	F29	I don't think the flag should be changed to any different one. The flag was created by consensus in 1858. There is no consensus now as Republicans oppose it. To take down our original flag degrades the original settlers to Minnesota. They fought for and worked for this land. A green patterned flag would be offensive and similar to those of Latin America, aka Brazil. The native Americans only make up a small minority of the population. What's more the Sioux and Ojibwe are not original inhabitants of this land. The Sioux immigrated from South Carolina area beginning in 15th century and the Ojibwe are 18-19th century immigrants from Atlantic Canada.
11/29/23 13:37	F29	Simplicity. I like the artist's explanation.
11/29/23 13:37	F29	I don't like any of the flags. They don't represent Minnesota in my opinion. There is no sense of tradition or representative of our state. The "æstars" do not look like stars. They are very representative of other countries. They are childish.
11/29/23 13:37	F29	I like F29, the StarFlake! I really don't like any of the other options on the final list
11/29/23 13:38	F29	No. Just doesn't work.
11/29/23 13:39	F29	The image seems very Christian / cross-like to me. Feels very exclusionary to those who are not of that religion.
11/29/23 13:43	F29	Beautiful and easily recognizable.
11/29/23 13:45	F29	While visually pleasing, this flag design seems to prioritize a design element associated primarily with Scandinavian culture. It would seem more inclusive to use a variation of a star symbol that isn't so specific to one aspect of Minnesota culture.
11/29/23 13:48	F29	This looks good! Definitely the best option by far out of the 6 finalists.
11/29/23 13:53	F29	This is one of the better designs. It is simple yet striking. Goes well with my choice for the seal.
11/29/23 13:55	F29	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion. it looks like a grade school project cut out of construction paper and the lines on the ends are too busy and won't work small . horrible decision to pick this for a finalist.
11/29/23 14:00	F29	This is a definite no for me. This doesn't look like a flag, it looks like a sweater. Nothing about it evokes thoughts of Minnesota.
11/29/23 14:10	F29	Like all the flags, there is no indication that this is Minnesota. The state's name should be on the flag. Also, this one looks like a quilt block.
11/29/23 14:13	F29	I really appreciate this flag design. Although it's still a blue background, it's a much different shade than Minnesota's current color (and that of many Midwestern states), which would set this design apart. I also like the combination of shapes that carry meaning for the history and people of Minnesota.
11/29/23 14:14	F29	It looks great and I love the colors please make it the new flag I want a good flag for the Minnesota I'm growing up in.
11/29/23 14:21	F29	I prefer this one of the options
11/29/23 14:24	F29	Nope. Too blah. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree, no field and no lake/river.
11/29/23 14:25	F29	This is the best of the finalist flags! It has attractive, clear symbolism and a nice color palette.
11/29/23 14:25	F29	No
11/29/23 14:27	F29	Like this simplicity
11/29/23 14:29	F29	Because of the overlapping yellow and white, I don't think this emblem has enough contrast to be distinct from far away. It's a very nice mark but I think it's better suited for a seal or logo.
11/29/23 14:30	F29	This looks like a quilt block...not a flag.
11/29/23 14:31	F29	A BIG NO! LOOKS LIKE A CHRISTMAS CARD.
11/29/23 14:32	F29	Every one of these innocuous, crap designs looks like they were belched-up by a Baltic cadre of the Soviet Young Pioneers in about 1947, which is fitting to fly above the Woke idiots who cooked-up this revisionist nonsense. If the intention was to come-up with something so bland it wouldn't offend anybody these "ædesigns" work, but they also are congenitally forgettable. They all STINK!
11/29/23 14:32	F29	So bland, simplistic, childish and non-descriptive what so ever. This is a finalist?? Looks like it took 4 seconds to design and could use more culture, color, animals, flowers, state history, people being represented to reflect Minnesota. Looking at your choices for us? KEEP THE FLAG WE HAVE NOW..
11/29/23 14:32	F29	This is by far the strongest design concept and the most timeless option! The other options strike me as either overly busy, poorly designed, or becoming easily dated. This choice will become iconic alongside states like New Mexico, South Carolina, Colorado, and Alaska!
11/29/23 14:35	F29	snowflakes are 6-pointed, not 8. There's also less & less snow as the climate warms
11/29/23 14:38	F29	This flag has a few highlights: it is simple and has pretty colors. We also like stars.

11/29/23 14:40	F29	This flag is by far my favorite of the bunch. It's simple, recognizable, and overall just fits Minnesota's atmosphere. Blue and cold, but flashes of light and warmth in the people. It's also a great design for MN patches and logos, and its easy for a kid to draw from memory.
11/29/23 14:41	F29	NO!!! I much prefer the design of our current state flag.
11/29/23 14:45	F29	The simplicity of colors and logo design of this flag make it far and away the best (and in my opinion only) choice here.
11/29/23 14:49	F29	This one is boring and inaccurate. Snowflakes do not have this structure!
11/29/23 14:50	F29	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says the look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:50	F29	Not enough going on here. Too basic. Are we really going to play up winter as the MAIN THING about Minnesota? Yea sure, we tolerate and or like winter fine, but all this does is reinforce notions about us as a frozen tundra.
11/29/23 14:52	F29	A great flag for Minnesota
11/29/23 14:54	F29	Submission F29 is a great design for our flag. Both simple and symbolic of the Minnesota experience that we are proud to call our own.
11/29/23 15:01	F29	Not bad - a 6 on a scale of 10
11/29/23 15:06	F29	barn quilts belong on barns and not on a state flag...please start over.
11/29/23 15:07	F29	I really like the snowflake and star design and colors. However, I suggest incorporaing the color green and a river symbol.
11/29/23 15:07	F29	Quite boring, and looks too "crafty". Also, snowflakes generally don't have 8 points!
11/29/23 15:07	F29	I like the simplicity of this design. It follows all the tenets of a good flag design, not cluttered, minimal colors. Easily recognizable.
11/29/23 15:07	F29	I'm not thrilled with the 6 finalists, nor with the process of getting from 2,600 entries down to 6. But this is the best of the bunch.
11/29/23 15:17	F29	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:17	F29	A great design but the snowflake takes center stage here and Minnesota has a lot more to offer than just snow.
11/29/23 15:19	F29	Nice, but too plan, too christmas-sy. Looks like something that belongs on a holiday sweater. Nothing I would want to display
11/29/23 15:19	F29	This is lovely, but an 8 point snowflake begs for ridicule.
11/29/23 15:21	F29	Personal favorite, good design, not overly complicated, captures the feeling of the true north.
11/29/23 15:23	F29	F29 is best
11/29/23 15:24	F29	The Snowflake is definitely a unique icon, and I think this could be a cool (some pun intended) flag for the state. As an icon it feels maybe a little too complex, and I wonder if there's another way to render the snowflake element that integrates better with the star behind it. Still, I think I'd be happy if this design was chosen for the new flag.
11/29/23 15:28	F29	This is great. I'll miss the loon, but simply the north star
11/29/23 15:30	F29	None of the designs are appealing
11/29/23 15:32	F29	Just a snowflake, why would we use this???
11/29/23 15:33	F29	This could have many interpretations. It's boring.
11/29/23 15:35	F29	I am concerned that this white star signals a lack of diversity, and even, white supremacy. While I appreciate this flag, I do not think a white star is appropriate. This star should be gold or yellow.
11/29/23 15:37	F29	I love this option- it is simple and the motif combines a star and a Rosetta that appears in clothing decoration for many different ethnic and racial groups in Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:38	F29	Boring, it doesn't make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:41	F29	Horrible. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:42	F29	I like this design the best, it's simple, identifiable, and has good color that's not too bright or dark
11/29/23 15:42	F29	Easily the best flag of the finalists, but it could be improved by adding some detail such as a line at the bottom so that it can be better recognized when there is little wind. I also think the blue could be a slightly lighter shade.
11/29/23 15:42	F29	Do your best to pick a flag that looks majestic and best represents our state. But then put it up to a state wide vote to decide if we as a state change to the new flag or stay with the current flag, for now. Currently, in my humble opinion, all of the new flag designs look overly simple and boring. By trying not to offend anyone, you make more unhappy with your choices. A grade schooler could do better designing our flag than almost all of these options. Some of the color combinations look something a foreign country flag would have ( muted and pastel colors) and not our state flag. Like I said before, Pick the best one, in your opinion, and let the people of the state decide do we even change our flag

11/29/23 15:44	F29	Strong and bold. It could work, but for the simple fact that snowflakes have six points, not eight. This is a fatal flaw in this design. I had submitted a 12-point star with a similar idea of a white 6-point paired with a gold 6-point that would solve the problem but is best paired with another element.
11/29/23 15:46	F29	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:47	F29	This is my favorite of these new flag designs. The star and snowflake are simple, distinctive and evocative.
11/29/23 15:51	F29	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:54	F29	Terrible option reduced to a star and a snowflake. That could represent any northern state.
11/29/23 15:56	F29	It seems that Flag F29 would show well with either a strong wind or at rest. It also is easily identifiable. I thought about which flag, if it were on gear (i.e. jacket, sweatshirt) would I buy and wear? This design is the one.
11/29/23 15:57	F29	This is the best flag design!
11/29/23 16:02	F29	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is S224.
11/29/23 16:03	F29	Great design. Not too many colors of complicated design as most good flags are, yet captures a few things to make it truly recognizable to Minnesota.
11/29/23 16:07	F29	This flag is elegantly simple yet striking and recognizable, like any good flag should be.
11/29/23 16:09	F29	This flag is distinct but simple. I think that is imperative in a state flag. As a teacher, when a kid can draw it, then I believe itâ€™s the right symbol for a representation.
11/29/23 16:09	F29	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:10	F29	This design is simple, and the artist provided clear rationale for why the colors and symbols were chosen. It doesn't make me think of Minnesota right away, but the symbolism fits.
11/29/23 16:10	F29	Completely without any meaning. I cannot be proud to see this flag representing the state.
11/29/23 16:10	F29	I want to vote for F29. Le Toil Du Nord, it's just so perfect.
11/29/23 16:11	F29	I have a masters in fine arts and you need to start over. These options are very poor on so many levels.
11/29/23 16:11	F29	Of the contenders, this is the best-looking and easiest-to-understand design. I hope this one is chosen.
11/29/23 16:11	F29	If the flag is obscured or viewed from a distance it looks too much like all the other state flags that are mostly blue with a seal in the middle. I would prefer to see a design adopted that more significantly differs from those flags and the current MN flag.
11/29/23 16:12	F29	need to go back to list and pick other entries! Need something that says Minnesota. All designs look like from foreign country ideas.
11/29/23 16:14	F29	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:14	F29	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a snow flake north star.
11/29/23 16:17	F29	It's OK. My second choice.
11/29/23 16:18	F29	No!! This could be any northern stateâ€™s flag. Ugh!! Guess I will just continue to fly the stateâ€™s current flag - unless you can replace this star/flake with the new emblem option that highlights our state bird.
11/29/23 16:22	F29	This flag is the ginchiest one of all
11/29/23 16:22	F29	I think that this design works excellently as is. I would be proud to fly this flag. It is simple, distinctive, and representative of Minnesota. Furthermore, I think that the star on this design gives MN a great option for merchandising and branding. I could see people wearing shirts with this star or putting it on a mug or something. I think that the solid color background is bold and distinctive, but I am sensitive to the fact that some people may have concerns about its recognizability in the absence of wind. If you feel that the solid background needs tweaking, I would recommend placing thin bands of dark green at the top and bottom of the flag. This would make the flag more recognizable when not flying in the wind, while preserving the solid blue field upon which the star sits. It also has the added benefit of including green, a popular and symbolic color in other designs, into this one. If you are intrigued with this suggestion, I have tweaked designs I can send you.
11/29/23 16:25	F29	All of the selected designs look like quilt patterns. It was a big disappointment to let the person from southern Minnesota decide for the whole state that our state bird, a rare and beautiful bird, wasnâ€™t representative of our state. Design by committee is always going to dilute real artistry to the least and most boring design.
11/29/23 16:25	F29	It's a fancy star-the only way to understand what the creator had in mind is a printed explanation that goes with every place the flag is displays. Again, any lower elementary school student could do a fair job of one similar. More actual, real images to show what Minnesota represents-please,

11/29/23 16:29	F29	I feel this flag has a high likelihood of being selected, as does seal design S224, which is far and away my favorite candidate for the state seal. I would like to recommend that if this is the case we make an effort to unify the design of the four-pointed polaris motif, so the same shape is used in both. The differences between the two are subtle, but I think unifying the shapes would be worthwhile. Finally, I am not crazy about this 8-pointed snowflake. I appreciate the visual appeal, but it seems defiantly anti-science to call this shape a snowflake.
11/29/23 16:48	F29	I love this design. It is simple, straightforward, easily recognizable. Much more impactful than our current state flag. Plus, the snowflake is also a Morning Star symbol - giving a clear nod to our Native American history. I also appreciate that there is a coordinating state seal. The simplicity would allow it to last for generations.
11/29/23 16:58	F29	Nothing says Minnesota about any of these designs. They strike me as corporate graphics logo shlock for North Star Landscaping in Winnipeg, if such a company even existed. Prairies, forests, lakes, the Mississippi River and Lake Superior symbolize Minnesota to me. Characterize them softly with the beautiful colors of dusk, and make the damn North Star a white dot in the sky. Thanks for letting me comment, GHP.
11/29/23 17:02	F29	I like this, except would modify to a six sided snowflake and a five pointed star of the north.
11/29/23 17:05	F29	This would make a good quilt but it's not flag material. And, it does not say Minnesota from either ten feet away or ten yards. As a flag, this is lame. Snowflakes, by the way, are based on hexagons, not octagons.
11/29/23 17:12	F29	This one fits Minnesota best, of these;if we can't keep our current flag and seal for Minnesota.
11/29/23 17:20	F29	I think this one is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isnt totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points.F944 is my least favorite and believe it will age the worst. It looks like it was designed by the Minnesota United. The one think I like about this one is the star shape. F29 is probably my second favorite. Simple, but not especially unique.
11/29/23 17:21	F29	On second thought, this may be too simple for a flag. It works in the seal treatment, but here it may be a bit spare in design, though pleasing to the eye.
11/29/23 17:21	F29	If you canâ€™t pick F944, pick this one
11/29/23 17:22	F29	No notes.
11/29/23 17:23	F29	This one is interesting, but I think the design of the star needs to be reworked to be clearer.
11/29/23 17:25	F29	s147 & f29
11/29/23 17:27	F29	The image represents no history and is too simple.
11/29/23 17:27	F29	No does not represent Minnesota don't like any of them...residents of Minnesota should have voted to change flag or not..
11/29/23 17:28	F29	Itâ€™s ugly and BORING, does not represent our state. Keep the flag we have!
11/29/23 17:29	F29	Lame. The original is way better.
11/29/23 17:30	F29	Nope. Boring
11/29/23 17:31	F29	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is choose will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:32	F29	Not enough contrast between the white and gold, breaks heraldic guidelines by putting two 'metals' in contact. A blue fimbriation around the gold star might help set these apart.
11/29/23 17:36	F29	Simple, but easily copied. Strikingly beautiful!
11/29/23 17:37	F29	Uninspired, drab
11/29/23 17:40	F29	The design is simple and clean. The symbolism is clear and meaningful. This design would get my vote for new flag of Minnesota. Symbols on a flag or state seal may not be the most important thing but these symbols do matter as they reflect values and identities of a particular place. Thank you for your good work!
11/29/23 17:41	F29	Of the selected finalist options, this is clearly the best one.
11/29/23 17:42	F29	All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota! Sorry, Start Over!
11/29/23 17:42	F29	Enjoy the design of the star/snowflake, but the entirety of the design is too simple.
11/29/23 17:42	F29	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:44	F29	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 17:45	F29	Enjoy the design of the star/snowflake, but the entirety of the design is too simple.

11/29/23 17:47	F29	Can you add an outline of the State? That would set it apart from other designs
11/29/23 17:51	F29	I like Flag design F1953 Seal design S6
11/29/23 17:53	F29	I really like the snowflake & star. I think this is my top flag choice. It feels a little plain like something is missing but I don't know what to add.
11/29/23 17:54	F29	This is a solid design. Simple with a touch of flair.
11/29/23 17:54	F29	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.
11/29/23 17:58	F29	boring. holy crap all the finalists SUCK for the flag, how is there not a single design with a loon?? its a snowflake on top of a north star symbol. major eyeroll. nothing exciting or distinctive. if the idea is to create brand identity like california or texas, this ain't it.
11/29/23 17:58	F29	Beautiful
11/29/23 17:58	F29	944 is too modern and complex. It looks like the logo of a sports team. 1154 might be okay with some tweaks to colors - maybe a darker blue and darker green. 1435 is really ugly and no one knows what it's supposed to be. 1953 is my second favorite - the colors might need tweaking though. 2100 feels very "blah" and nothing about it sticks out to me. 29 is my favorite because I love the star snowflake. The design seems a little plain like something is missing, but I don't know what to add.
11/29/23 18:00	F29	I appreciate simplicity, but this is too simple. The gold symbolism is weak and the combination of blue with gold is unattractive.
11/29/23 18:04	F29	No looks too much like a Christmas ornament
11/29/23 18:04	F29	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 18:05	F29	I liked this flag the most out of the finalists
11/29/23 18:06	F29	Great design. Simple and portrays star and snow flake.
11/29/23 18:09	F29	This design is clear and concise. It has the potential to be the most simple and memorable flag in our country. Plus, itâ€™s void or anything potentially offensive. The one thing we all share as a state is our winter experiences, and I feel that this depicts that.
11/29/23 18:10	F29	Makes me want to go shopping at Ingebritsen's. Could be worse. Could be better. Meh.
11/29/23 18:11	F29	I think this flag has a nice, visually distinct and unique symbol, which is good for a state flag. I think however it is a bit too simple as a flag, some stripes would go a long way. However, of all the options. This is certainly one of the best, tied with F1953.
11/29/23 18:17	F29	I like this design but would encourage adding a subtle pattern to the blue background. Maybe some loons, outline of Minnesota, and or Mâ€™s in a slightly lighter color or a different hue creating a checkerboard, horns tooth pattern for the background. The pattern should be so subtle that it could be colored as a solid if someone/a child was attempting to replicate it. It would satisfy some of the criticism (by including the loon, creating interest/less boring).
11/29/23 18:18	F29	Snowflakes very famously have six sides
11/29/23 18:19	F29	Non of your final flag sections represents mn. No one would have a clue where the flags are from redesign it and get it right
11/29/23 18:26	F29	This is horrible design for a flag: meaning the 944 mirro swirly thing. Please donâ€™t choose it!!! F29 is best though none of these are outstanding â€¦ personally I want the loon (Iâ€™m southern Minnesotan).
11/29/23 18:34	F29	How would anyone guess this is Minnesota
11/29/23 18:41	F29	Good Design, just feels flat for a flag
11/29/23 18:57	F29	By far the most well designed flag that made it to the final round. Its simple enough not to be overwhelming to the eyes and I can easily identify it in a line up. The uniqueness of the design is also timeless and wont look dated in a few decades.
11/29/23 19:00	F29	This is my favorite of the finalists!
11/29/23 19:00	F29	Colorful, bold, distiiinctive. A good design
11/29/23 19:03	F29	I don't like any of the flag designs.
11/29/23 19:05	F29	It is too generic and if your going to use a snowflake on any of the flags or seals, make it a proper 6 pointed snowflake. At least show that we are not idiots.
11/29/23 19:05	F29	Terrible, looks like a snowflake
11/29/23 19:11	F29	I think this would be an acceptable flag to select.

11/29/23 19:12	F29	No, just no it looks like an Easter seal
11/29/23 19:18	F29	By far my favorite. The simple yet iconic design sets it above the rest. When I see that, I see Minnesota.
11/29/23 19:21	F29	I would like more information about how the final designs were selected. What was the reasoning behind it? They are all somewhat similar. I'm disappointed that that some designs with excellent composition and imagery were eliminated and that these final options are not more varied. From the final choices, there are only 2 that are acceptable. This first one is one of those. It stands out because of its simplicity.
11/29/23 19:27	F29	I would like more information about how the final designs were selected. What was the reasoning behind it? They are all somewhat similar. I'm disappointed that that some designs with excellent composition and imagery were eliminated and that these final options are not more varied. From the final choices, there are only 2 that are acceptable. F29 has an effective simplicity and F1425 has interesting composition and symbolism.
11/29/23 19:38	F29	No significance or representation of the great state of Minnesota. Poor design.
11/29/23 19:42	F29	This is my favorite design.
11/29/23 19:42	F29	So make the Native American riding toward the front of the flag. No big deal.
11/29/23 19:42	F29	I like our flag just the way it is. Progressives want to change everything because it's not politically correct.
11/29/23 19:44	F29	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:54	F29	Please don't change the state flag. None of these options look remotely like a state flag and do not represent the people of Minnesota. If we need change, let's go back to the drawing board. Please do not let these be the final options.
11/29/23 19:54	F29	No! This design is offensive as it does not provide any creativity or uniqueness.
11/29/23 19:57	F29	The public will find it offensive and exclusionary in the future.
11/29/23 20:00	F29	I guess if we have to change it this one is fine. There was absolutely nothing wrong with our flag.
11/29/23 20:02	F29	This flag is both festive and symbolic of MN.
11/29/23 20:04	F29	I like the star and the colors.
11/29/23 20:11	F29	Horrible - do not select. This design looks like something you would buy at a bad craft sale to hang on your shed.
11/29/23 20:13	F29	Minnesota, on purpose? Why?
11/29/23 20:18	F29	I love this flag. The blue is beautiful. We are the North so the snowflake is a perfect symbol that is shared across the state. And finally the North Star a concept that people use to find North and in speech we use it to capture an unwavering commitment to a central truth or priority. This flag gets the balance right between complex and simple and its features are part of the MN experience no matter where you live in the state. Beautiful work designer.
11/29/23 20:19	F29	It's an okay flag, but I don't like how parts of the star peak out behind the snowflake.
11/29/23 20:23	F29	I like this one. It's giving Minnesota!!!
11/29/23 20:24	F29	I really like this one for it's simple vibe while still meaningful and pretty. For me it's either this one or Flag Submission F1435 that are the best
11/29/23 20:31	F29	I know that we're proud of our winters and hardiness, but I'm not sure that a focus on snow is the message we want to be sending. I also think any Minnesota flag must have green in it.
11/29/23 20:31	F29	8 pointed star like the rotunda: YES Dot in the middle ,and spaces to make it a snowflake: NO We are SO much more than snow here in Minnesota. Please do NOT give in to stereotype of snow as our identity. Close the gaps on that image and make it an 8 pointed star. White star overlapping yellow star: NO. Only ONE image on blue (sky and water) background. Pick the 8 pointed star. It has precedence in the rotunda, and elicits native and settler histories.
11/29/23 20:35	F29	I vote No keep the flag the same as it's been
11/29/23 20:37	F29	I love the simplicity of this design. It's well balanced and very beautiful. Just like Minnesota!
11/29/23 20:46	F29	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS

11/29/23 20:53	F29	Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 21:03	F29	YES! YES! YES! To this flag design. It simply represents Minnesota!
11/29/23 21:06	F29	Can we tint the white snowflake slightly violet and use a deeper gold/yellow-orange color "to make the white & yellow more distinct? Thank you.
11/29/23 21:09	F29	I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, it's history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, don't ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:10	F29	From a vexillologic design perspective, this is almost perfect. Few and simple colors, with no unpleasant clashes (e.g. light blue and green). No tiny details hard to see at a distance. Easily distinguishable from other state flags, even when hanging limp from a flagpole. My first choice by a wide margin.
11/29/23 21:13	F29	I love how the style of this flag is reminiscent of our old flag, but it's so much more memorable and easy to draw. I think it would be beautiful to see this star on state memorabilia and on license plates. Perfection!
11/29/23 21:14	F29	My choice is Flag #29.
11/29/23 21:15	F29	The star and snowflake don't work.
11/29/23 21:18	F29	Great flag, but I think the dot in the middle should be removed
11/29/23 21:19	F29	The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.  F29 is the best choice. The design is simple and timeless. Please select F29.
11/29/23 21:23	F29	I love the rich blue color here. I worry that the two symbols are crowded in the middle and a little confusing. I would eliminate the snowflake because I don't think the flag should emphasize our cold weather.
11/29/23 21:27	F29	Choice 1. But I will miss the old flag, the seal looked regal and classy. Thank you
11/29/23 21:27	F29	Just looks like a snowflake, perpetuating the singular image of Minnesota being the frozen north.
11/29/23 21:31	F29	This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity. The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time. The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.
11/29/23 21:36	F29	Sorry but very boring. I can't believe you folks choose these. Many better ones were sent in. My cousins agree. Finalist have either too modern that says nothing about MN and others just boring. You need to have an pine trees, loon, North Star not so huge, a deer or moose or something. Very non exciting. Sorry. Over 50% of men are colored blind so make sure this is not a fact when choosing please. Also I have thought you are making a major mistake by not having a feather or something relevant to the first peoples of this land. What are you thinking?! Sorry but don't like any of them. Not even close. Snow isn't even here for 6 months. Does not represent MN
11/29/23 21:39	F29	Love the simplicity of this design and the meaning behind its elements. Also, I appreciate the synergy if this flag design is teamed with the similar design for the state seal.
11/29/23 21:41	F29	Oh this is fascinating. My vote is serious, I think a combination of some of Most of the flags proposed would be best. I would take the white+blue water background graphic of F944, "Mirror of The Sky," except I would put two lines of green on the bottom blue stripes, and one line of blue in the "Sky" with 2 cloud lines above it. For the star, I would place it in the top left like F944. HOWEVER, I would use the star graphic from F2100 in yellow, with the white snowflake atop like shown here in F29. So. Blue Background. Water and sky swirl but two green lines two blue, two white. A star in the top left corner, but yellow and the shape of the star in F2100.
11/29/23 21:45	F29	And, a snowflake, for sure like F29, in white.  Simple but big statement!

11/29/23 21:48	F29	This is the one. It's gorgeous. Each aspect of it (the star, the star/snowflake, and the blue) is clear, simple, and easy to understand. My only nitpick is that the 8-pointed star is a little bit off centerâ€”look at it sideways, the dot does not line upâ€”but if you clean that up this is a clear winner (please clean it up, nobody wants to look at a slightly-asymmetric flag)
11/29/23 21:48	F29	9.5/10 - fix the symmetry
11/29/23 21:48	F29	This is just way too blah for our state flag. We want something to be proud of!
11/29/23 21:51	F29	TOO GENERIC. THIS FLAG DESIGN GIVES NO CONNECTION TO WHAT PEOPLE IN MINNESOTA WANT. STAY WITH OLD FLAG UNTIL BETTER DESIGNS ARE CONSIDERED.
11/29/23 21:57	F29	Sky-blue waters should be the tiny if the color â€œSky blueâ€;not that dark blue. If our waters are that color, we are in big trouble! Otherwise itâ€™s not too bad.
11/29/23 22:08	F29	This is an excellent flag and the only good one the committee picked. When Minnesota started this process, this is what the process was supposed to result inâ€”a proper flag. This one adheres to the historic principals of flag design and has the sort of iconic design Minnesota is looking for. I feel represented by this flag and would feel proud to fly it. This flag is a beautiful representation of our state. Keep these bold, darker colors, they look great and will also convey the formality required by the state flag's use in more formal settings. Starflake is the only choice.
11/29/23 22:09	F29	All of these are so similar. There is no diversity. A star on blue, a star on blue and green, a star on blue with green, stars, stars, stars. They are all generic. Here is an example of how I would describe these options: Do you want noodles and cheese, do you want noodles and cheese on the side, do you want noodles and the cheese sprinkled on top, do you want noodles and cheese and butter, do you want noodles and butter and cheese? Itâ€™s the same macaroni, no matter how you dress it up. These should be thrown out and give the panel different choices. If I was on the committee I would want to choose from macaroni, pizza, steak, tacos or hamburgers, ie options people!!!!
11/29/23 22:10	F29	This would be my first choice. Simple with a good aesthetic.
11/29/23 22:12	F29	I think that this is by far the best design. Most other designs seem more cluttered than they need to be. This design is easy on the eyes while still representing the spirit and soul of Minnesota and her people
11/29/23 22:14	F29	This one is my favorite! Itâ€™s a beautiful color scheme, and the design is simple but meaningful to the state, and itâ€™s lovely to look at. Hope this one is picked :)
11/29/23 22:15	F29	This is the strongest flag design. Itâ€™s distinct but not bizarre, and will age well.
11/29/23 22:19	F29	I like this design. It's probably the best one out of all the submission finalist. The only thing I would strongly suggest and advocate for would be to use a lighter shade of blue. It would look even better.
11/29/23 22:22	F29	I like the classic simplicity of this design. Looks like a snowflake and a North Star. The colors work well together.
11/29/23 22:29	F29	I want the laser eye loon as the flag. Either that or duke the dog mayor.
11/29/23 22:39	F29	No. This looks like the pattern on a sweater my grandmother knitted for me.
11/29/23 22:46	F29	Hello, I like the simplicity of flag F29 and Seal S224, (one color, gold). These look like classic, timeless designs. They aren't gaudy. I think we should leave out the Etoile du Nord on the seal. Everyone knows we are the Star of the North, and it would make the seal look less busy. I thought the flag with the wavy "rivers" was kind of cartoonist. Thank you for your time. And best wishes on your final choice. Looking forward to the end results.
11/29/23 22:52	F29	This is by far my favorite. I think it would look nicest on merchandise compared to the other designs. Other states use their flag to show state pride, so this would be a great opportunity to do the same.
11/29/23 22:56	F29	If someone is determined to have a change, this is my pick. However, it seems like a waste of tax payers money. Personally, I like the flag we have. This is just more Minnesota disappointment making this change. Most of the flags seem ridiculous. I don't know anyone who wants the forced change. Please just keep the flag we have that seems very meaningful.
11/29/23 22:57	F29	F29 looks too much like a snowflake.



11/29/23 23:13	F29	I don't any of the designs selected lead to to think the flag is for Minnesota, the old flag is much better, or a new flag with lakes, trees, tails , parks , the green in all of them is offensive. Reminds me of the Palestinian flag!
11/29/23 23:21	F29	If my former comments (from before the selection of the finalists) are still on record somewhere, my thoughts on this design have already been recorded. If not, or if they're buried too deep to be worth digging for, then I'll just say that this design was one of the ones which I originally supported and I still like it quite a bit. I would support its selection as the new state flag.
11/29/23 23:25	F29	This is beautiful in concept and clear in its execution. A winner, for sure.
11/29/23 23:26	F29	This is simple, clever, unique, and original. I think Minnesotans could display this with great pride.
11/29/23 23:32	F29	The creator of F29 may have also created candidate F1863. F1863 employs a circle of 32 stars surrounding the same symbol. That combination is a more impressive visual image and it renders a historic reminder that Minnesota was the 32nd state admitted to the union. F1863 is a better version of F29. Addition of the circle of stars (with the largest in the most-northerly position) would make this candidate the strongest of the finalists.
11/29/23 23:35	F29	It is bland, looks like a quilting square and legit has no direct meaning for our state. UGLY
11/29/23 23:37	F29	None of these designs grab me or say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 23:53	F29	This flag is good in general, but violates the heraldic rule of tincture by putting "metal on metal" (the white snowflake is on top of the gold star, but the two metallic colors do not sufficiently contrast). This problem could be remedied by putting fimbriation around the snowflake to add contrast.
11/29/23 23:56	F29	Awful, terrible, and definitely boring. Lots of imagination needed for this one to be a state flag. Blah!
		<p>This flag is no more recognizable then the current seal on a blue background. It lacks contrast between yellow and white and so complex that author himself couldn't draw it elements symmetrically.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to recreate it from memory.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from a distance.</p> <p>Distinctive Colors: Utilize a color palette that represents the state effectively. Blue, green, and white are often associated with Minnesota's natural beauty, while red and yellow can symbolize its vitality. Limit the number of colors on the flag to three to four, contrasting nicely and coming from the standard color set.</p> <p>Mandatory: Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.</p> <p>Simple Iconography: The design should be simple enough to be easily reproduced and recognizable even when scaled down.</p> <p>Typical display: The Commission should consider the flag's visibility when it is displayed on a pole, without the full design visible, and the impact of weather elements when displayed (cloudiness, windiness, etc.)</p>
11/30/23 0:04	F29	
11/30/23 0:16	F29	This is the best of a weak set of candidate flags. I think you need to revise and liberalize the design criteria and then go back to the drawing board. Incidentally, Minnesota is better known as the land of 10000 Lakes rather than the North Star State. Even our license plates recognize that!
11/30/23 0:50	F29	Pretty
11/30/23 0:56	F29	What has always bothered me about this submission is that the white looks like it sits on top of the yellow which does not seem quite right. I have seen other variations of this flag that eliminate that distasteful aspect of it. Without that, it strikes me as a very strong finalist.
11/30/23 1:07	F29	This is the best flag of the finalist bunch as it is by far the most distinctive and memorable. It is reminiscent of the fantastic New Mexico state flag. I think the dot in the center is a design flaw, but this flag has the best foundation of the finalists.
11/30/23 1:27	F29	Snowflakes are hexagonal (six sided) not four/eight.
11/30/23 1:37	F29	I really appreciate the simplicity of this - it would make a great flag I think. Some concern differentiating the white from yellow at a distance, however.

11/30/23 1:59	F29	It leaves me feeling uninterested, with no connection, due to it looking like a generic logo for an app.
11/30/23 3:23	F29	Trash. It looks like a credit union logo.
11/30/23 5:03	F29	This is my favorite but I prefer the star from F29
11/30/23 5:20	F29	I'd be proud to have this flag represent our state. Its simple beauty compares to that of New Mexico and Tennessee. It would stand out from the others and is a vast improvement on our current flag.
11/30/23 5:29	F29	Doesn't represent our state well and too bland.
11/30/23 5:56	F29	These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever.
11/30/23 6:01	F29	This flag is boring and hard to draw. I also think the singular focus on the North Star is misguided- where I live in the twin cities I cannot even see the North Star due to light pollution, I don't feel like this flag represents me.
11/30/23 6:20	F29	Love the color of this flag more than all the other options. Feel it will hold up well from a distance. It gets my vote!
11/30/23 6:22	F29	sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.
11/30/23 6:33	F29	F29 is the only flag that is adequate for a state flag. The simplicity and symbolism makes for a subtle and instantly recognizable flag. I am very happy to NOT see green and blue as the primary colors as green and blue are not strong colors and are overdone. Green and blue also are the colors of the state government branding and logos. The state government branding does not represent all Minnesotans as a flag should, they are corporate and not based on heritage. Please select F29 without modifying the colors to be green and blue.
11/30/23 6:35	F29	I do not like this flag because it reminds me too much of snow. We don't have snow year round, and I don't think it represents Minnesota in the best way possible.
11/30/23 6:36	F29	This is my favorite as I like simple flags. It also matches my choice for the seal.
11/30/23 6:38	F29	Beautiful design!!
11/30/23 6:43	F29	All finalists are different versions of the same thing. Simple drawings that look like they were done by a small child. They are AWFUL!! Embarrassing. Scrap this entire project.
11/30/23 6:45	F29	A refreshed flag should be aspirational and convey values. A snowflake expresses no essential quality and possibly even conveys a 'wrong message' around specialness or whiteness.
11/30/23 6:47	F29	I will create the new Minnesota flag
11/30/23 6:52	F29	F29 is an elegant design but it brings forward an image that is particularly Scandinavian (the white shape) and I really thought we were trying to move away from colonialist representations.
11/30/23 7:00	F29	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:07	F29	My personal favorite. The "starflake" would be immediately recognizable as Minnesota, and could be put on many more things than just flags. Simple and distinctive. Please pick this one.
11/30/23 7:10	F29	No.Please No. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1.use this star as presented in F142 (so it includes other elements -- flow, green, water, snow) OR F235 (so I can imagine our Minnesota-shape in a nice notched-flag), and: 2.seal S6 shall NOT be used. Perception is that the committee is showing favoritism to this artist. AS IS: Negatives: - I've seen this before...barn quilt? winter festival? it's a geometric shape on a banner, not something kids will draw. Kids like to draw bugs and cars. Whose star is it? Can't tell with this flag. It needs some Minnesota flow. Positives: OK, it's not a five-point generic star.
11/30/23 7:18	F29	Do not like
11/30/23 7:27	F29	Love the meaning behind the design. Very beautiful" significance marries simplicity.
11/30/23 7:28	F29	This flag is minimalist and yet hits on what Minnesota is, it looks the best.
11/30/23 7:38	F29	My favorite, but they are all fabulous. So much better than the old flag. Agree with the idea of no animals. Kudos to the commission members. Great work!
11/30/23 7:40	F29	Excellent choice. Love the interplay between the star and snowflake. Good ratio of design to background.
11/30/23 7:43	F29	This one is my favorite
11/30/23 7:43	F29	All 6 finalists are no good. Too immature!
11/30/23 7:43	F29	What? Are you out of your mind? NO

11/30/23 7:47	F29	Getting close with this design concept.
11/30/23 7:47	F29	If change is needed then this one please
11/30/23 7:52	F29	This one
11/30/23 7:55	F29	A little too simple but of the flags I think this is the most iconic and has the most legs into the future
11/30/23 7:57	F29	This is clean, elegant, and symbolic. I'd wear it on a tshirt, put it on a sticker. It's simple iconography at it's finest!
11/30/23 8:02	F29	General comment: all of these flag designs look like they could belong to any state. Would like to see something on the flag that say 'that's the Minn flag' without needing an explanation of what everything on the flag represents. Thanks !
11/30/23 8:04	F29	I like this design. Classy and recognizable
11/30/23 8:06	F29	I don't care for this flag. I find it very blah. It makes me think of cold and snow and MN has more to offer than Winter.
11/30/23 8:08	F29	Don't Like. too blah. put some historic heritage into the design, or add some trees, wildlife, farming aspect. this is NOT a symbol of Minnesota!
11/30/23 8:11	F29	ALL of the submitted flags and seals are far from telling anything about MINNESOTA.. I vote NO on every one. I'm not doing each one separately, why waste any more time with this.
11/30/23 8:21	F29	General comment: the process of choosing the final design needs to include printing each design on an actual cloth flag. Nobody can make a good decision on this without the context in which it will be displayed, on actual material. Colors on a screen do not have the same impact as the real thing. Also the public might not hate all these so much if they could see them in reality.
11/30/23 8:28	F29	Not sure this will bring more people to the state
11/30/23 8:40	F29	This is a great flag which represents the State of Minnesota well, while fulfilling all of NAVA flag rules. This is the best submission and should be our new flag in 2024.
11/30/23 8:42	F29	This is a great flag. It feels familiar, the design is simple, and I like the color scheme.
11/30/23 8:46	F29	This is one of the better designs, in my opinion. I like its simplicity and it reminds me of the elegance of New Mexico's state flag. I'm especially fond of the snowflake. The 4-point star works in the context of this design, although I generally dislike the color yellow and favor the 8-point stars seen in some of the other flags.
11/30/23 8:46	F29	No
11/30/23 8:46	F29	This one is the best!!
11/30/23 8:48	F29	This is my least favorite. It looks like a quilt square.
11/30/23 8:48	F29	Most of these designs do not seem to convey much about Minnesota.
11/30/23 8:52	F29	I like F944...even better I would like to switch out the star in F944 with the star/snow flake in F29, keeping the blue/white swirl in F944.
11/30/23 8:56	F29	This would stand the test of time but it's kind boring.
11/30/23 8:58	F29	This is my favorite design out of the six flag finalists. I like how the the eight-pointed star forms an "M" for Minnesota with any two points.
11/30/23 8:58	F29	This is my favorite of the 6 finalists! I love the regal colors and the classic design of the star. Just beautiful!
11/30/23 8:59	F29	To me, this design is far too simple and reminiscent of a Wisconsin Amish Barn Quilt Star. ...something you see painted on the sides of old barns. At no point does it evoke anything innately "Minnesota".
11/30/23 8:59	F29	I like f29 and f2100 for the flag.
11/30/23 9:00	F29	LOVE this one. Simple and lovely
11/30/23 9:01	F29	Way too simplified. So much of our culture and heritage is lost in this design.
11/30/23 9:02	F29	This is by far the best flag design of the finalists. It's simple, great colors. If you don't use this flag, I recommend you use this star on another flag.
11/30/23 9:03	F29	Why are we wasting \$\$ on this? This flag looks like we support Israel which is good, but it doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. Keep old flag.
11/30/23 9:04	F29	Does nothing for me
11/30/23 9:09	F29	944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol;wrong. F29 is a bit too simple and over focuses on snow. 1435 is too Indian;why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom? 1953 is best, clear and open to interpretation and good friendly feelings. F2100 is also best, clear, more formal than friendly
11/30/23 9:10	F29	This design is pretty! I agree that the color and the design represent what our state is, and this flag is easy to look at. I hope this one wins <3

11/30/23 9:10	F29	I like this one;the colors are soft and nice to look at, and the design is very symmetrical
11/30/23 9:10	F29	This flag is most relevant and uncluttered design. Representing minnesota's location and climate. Simple and elegant. On the other hand, why not just update our current state flag to represent all people. Have both farmer and native American side by side working the field.
11/30/23 9:11	F29	F944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol;wrong. F29 is a bit too simple and over focuses on snow. F1435 is too Dakota/Ojibway textile;why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom? F1953 is best, clear and open to interpretation and good friendly feelings. F2100 is also best, clear, more formal than friendly1953
11/30/23 9:11	F29	The submissions I have viewed are all lacking in an idea. Very simplistic and the stars are too reminiscent of a religious symbol. It seems like a good time to step back and get it right. I am not against a new lag, just one that doesnâ€™t remind me of gift wrap
11/30/23 9:12	F29	Nope. Too plain and boring.
11/30/23 9:13	F29	it's not good
11/30/23 9:14	F29	its interesting
11/30/23 9:17	F29	good job
11/30/23 9:17	F29	Of the finalists, this is my favorite of the star designs, but I think the blue is too "Navy" rather than sky/water blue and I would like to have seen some green incorporated.
11/30/23 9:18	F29	I love this flag design because I feel its the simplest design that represents the state of Minnesota
11/30/23 9:18	F29	This is my second choice but it needs a little something more. The star is beautiful. I like that it is also in the rotunda of the Capitol. It just needs a little more to brighten it and make it look prettier when flying or when hanging down with no wind.
11/30/23 9:19	F29	This is by far the cleanest and best looking option
11/30/23 9:19	F29	This is a general comment. I am very disappointed in the choices. The missing piece for me is the Loon. It is what I think of when I think of MN. It is a symbol that brings us all together. I do like the reference to nature in this flag. I believe the flag should have the loon (most important) and Northstar (is a simple view not with a snowflake over it).
11/30/23 9:21	F29	Of the six this design and design # F2100 have the greatest appeal in representing Mn. Simple and clean and easily recognized. Make sure the state seal is the same design. Thank you for your hard work!
11/30/23 9:22	F29	First Choice. Love the simplicity and beauty.
11/30/23 9:24	F29	This is by far the best of the finalist flag submissions. Love the dark blue and the simplicity. Thank you for your work on this important representation of the great state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:25	F29	This one is great! the North Star and a snow flake!
11/30/23 9:26	F29	This flag would maybe be ok, but at a distance, yellow and white are identical. The lack of contrast just doesn't shine, probably even up close if I'm honest. And while "central logo" flags are all the craze right now, consider how similar this is to all the flags MN is trying to look *less* like. At a distance or in a group of state flags, it'll be indistinguishable from the "seal on a blue sheet" flags that states are trying to get away from. It renders the change pointless other than getting the racist seal off (which we can all agree is for the best, haha). Please reconsider the North Star Flag.
11/30/23 9:26	F29	This reminds me too much of the Spire Credit Union logo. The colors and the design are both a little too similar.
11/30/23 9:27	F29	Simple and elegant. I just think it would be better suited in the 80s. Still not bad.
11/30/23 9:30	F29	I think it is elegant. I rank it 3rd of the 6. Arguments against it: a) no green for summer growth, b) snowflakes have six sides, not eight;c) the snowflake will be hard for schoolchildren to reproduce.
11/30/23 9:31	F29	I like this flag a lot, one of my favorites. I think maybe adding green to the background in some sort of half / half or in vertical thirds will help make it stand out a bit better and I am for the idea of taking the other North Star designs and putting in this configuration. I like the dark blue.
11/30/23 9:32	F29	This one is ok. Not exactly something I can see when I think of the state of MN.
11/30/23 9:36	F29	Make the background maroon
11/30/23 9:37	F29	This design captures NOTHING of Minnesota's history and heritage. This design is like vanilla ice cream: Almost no one would pick it, because it is without distinction or significance. Put back some flavor by including items of historical significance to our flag. We are nothing if we do not celebrate our history and heritage. NONE of the new flag designs acknowledge ANYTHING of historical significance to Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:40	F29	All six finalist are lousy. Stay with the original Minnesota Flag!!!!. I get sick and tired of a small group of individuals with WOKE ideas, trying to make changes to our countries history.

11/30/23 9:40	F29	This along with all the others flags they shouldn't have to be explained. You should be able to look at our state flag and know it's MN. So sad. I don't like any of them!
11/30/23 9:42	F29	This my favorite as it encompasses two key elements of MN - the North Star and Winter, on a more traditional dark blue background, which does convey a richness and relationship to all the lakes of MN. Simple yet descriptive and identifiable with it's state.
11/30/23 9:46	F29	I really like the star, but the field is a bit too plain and dark for my tastes. If the field had a green component, as some do, this would be my choice.
		+ distinct from other states â€” looks more like a company logo or sports team logo
11/30/23 9:47	F29	Is the dominant winter motif really what you want the rest of the world to think of when they connect that this flag represents the state of Minnesota?
11/30/23 9:49	F29	The combination star-snowflake is really clever! I appreciate the simple starkness of this design. Nice tie-in to the rotunda, too.
11/30/23 9:50	F29	This is also one of my favorites - simple yet elegant, it captures MN right there at the heart. The colors are wonderful. This too would look great flowing in the wind, and I would wear it proudly on a ballcap, t-shirt, etc. to show my pride in being Minnesotan. This design can stand the test of time, instilling pride in future Minnesotans no matter our heritage - we share this state with so many wonderful people and our diverse backgrounds, and we all love our state and make it our home.
11/30/23 9:51	F29	Please, no. Looks just like cheap clip art, not the representation of a great state.
11/30/23 9:51	F29	This doesn't say Minnesota to me at all.
		ALL of these look like corporate logos created on PowerPoint.
11/30/23 9:52	F29	Disappointing lack of both thought about state identity and creativity. Cute computer graphics without soul.
11/30/23 9:57	F29	This presentation of possibilities is poorly organized and not well thought out. The first page of the possibilities should show every possibility on the same page, so people could automatically compare them and then later proceed to a full page of each possibility. Please share these comments with whomever made this poor decision. I also have a Masters of Fine Arts degree and taught full-time at the university level for 44 years.
11/30/23 10:00	F29	I have a really strong feeling about this flag because it reminds me of frozen 2. You should pick this flag because frozen is cold and Minnesota is cold too.
11/30/23 10:05	F29	Star represents Native American, quilt design of early White immigrants and North Star, all in one.
11/30/23 10:12	F29	KEEP THE OLD FLAG.
11/30/23 10:15	F29	It looks cold, without personality. Everything is a straight line. It speaks of rigidity, an unwavering mindset.
11/30/23 10:16	F29	I don't like the snowflake, it looks like a stencil. I am not in favor of embracing the snow flake, people think it is too cold and snowy here. I would embrace something people love about Minnesota like the trees and lakes.
11/30/23 10:18	F29	This is the best design.
11/30/23 10:22	F29	This is the clear choice
11/30/23 10:26	F29	This design is most favorable of the selected set. Personally I don't believe we need the enormous expense of changing our state flag when that money could be used for greater critical needs such as shelter and food for disadvantaged people, but here we are. So, if this money must be spent changing our flag, this is my choice.
11/30/23 10:27	F29	This flag pairs very well with S6 but I do not feel it fully embodies the goal of reflecting Minnesota's resources, at least without context provided by its creator.
11/30/23 10:31	F29	This us a fabulous design. All the other designs look too modern and computer generated or too complicated, but this is perfect and simple. I love it
11/30/23 10:32	F29	My first impression is that this would be something hanging from a lamppost in a small town at Christmas time or perhaps festooning the stairs at the Maplewood Mall. It does not carry the import of a design representing the history, people and place of Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:32	F29	This one, F29, gets my vote. Simple, easy to identify. I think the green & blue on some of the other entries is kind of jarring, clashes. I think this is a great project, you are doing good work, ignore the haters.
11/30/23 10:34	F29	Please vote no on this flag design. Thank you.
11/30/23 10:34	F29	Five Star Bank logo with a snowflake on it. Nice if they ever but a bank in the state. A can of Spam at each star point of the yellow star would tell me more that it is Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:35	F29	Do not like the yellow color as the base for the star, and Minnesota has better symbols to represent us than a snow flake.
11/30/23 10:38	F29	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them.

11/30/23 10:42	F29	Snow, blue, and a star. Pretty uninteresting.
11/30/23 10:43	F29	I do not like any of the finalist designs! I would not highlight snow, arguably the least popular to many of us, and snowflakes have six sides and not eight. I do not like the stencil designs, this is not a quilt project. I would like to see something simple but still smart and sophisticated. Our state is known for its natural beauty of lakes and trees as well as a smart and industrious population. There were some nice designs in the original submissions, I like F1005 with Minnesota on the flag. I also like F815 or F780.
11/30/23 10:46	F29	Your Commission did not give the citizens of Minnesota 5 different designs to choose from ---they gave us 1 design with 6 variations. Minnesota has a lot more to offer than just being the "North Star State". We have over 10,000 lakes, 4 beautiful seasons, the loon, plus many other great offers as is seen in the designs that were not chose. Please go back to the drawing board and offer us a choise of 5 different flags --- not 6 variations.
11/30/23 10:51	F29	Of the finalists, this design is by far my favorite. A bold and unique star design offers such a great opportunity for iconography that is distinctly Minnesotan. I understand that a flag is about more than what apparel can be made using the design -- but I hope the commission does think about this aspect as well. There is a TED talk by Roman Mars about flag design ( <a href="https://youtu.be/pnv5iKB2hI4?si=Qkr1wYqxwzB8oRik">https://youtu.be/pnv5iKB2hI4?si=Qkr1wYqxwzB8oRik</a> ) where he discusses how strong the Chicago city flag is and how that flags elements show up every where in the City of Chicago. I hope that we end up with iconography on our flag that gives Minnesotans something that they can also wear and display their pride with. I think this kind of single element to focus on would give Minnesotans that opportunity. When I think about the feelings I get listening to Roman Mars describe the pride with a good flag -- this submission is the one of the remaining 6 that I can form that connection with. If I were to make changes to this -- I would consider using blues and greens from the current State of Minnesota wordmark color schemes. They are bright and this blue feels a bit dark to me. I'd boost the size of the star a bit more. I could potentially see some edits to the star itself as long as it doesn't make the star more basic. Aim for unique! Minnesota's star!
11/30/23 10:54	F29	All flag finalists look like simple barn quilts, not a state flag. Find something professional and serious to represent our state. Perhaps a new state seal?
11/30/23 10:59	F29	I like this one best. Simple, bright, beautiful colors--nice shade of blue. No loon is fine with me. save the loon for the seal--maybe
11/30/23 11:00	F29	This one is not very evocative. And representing the rich resources of the land brings to mind extraction and exploitation.
11/30/23 11:08	F29	I like this one - it's pretty simple and classic
11/30/23 11:09	F29	F29 is by far the most beautiful and elegant of the bunch. Itâ€™s easy to see this on merchandise promoting our state and is so symbolic of the resiliency of our people in our northern climate. I think this represents what Minnesota is the most of all of them. f1154 is also a beautiful simpler rendition. F1435 is by far the worst, I look at it and I see frogs. F944 feels corporate. The others are neutral. I really hope to see something I can embrace, similar to how people celebrate the flag of Colorado or Chicago or New Mexico. Thanks!
11/30/23 11:11	F29	Donâ€™t care for it
11/30/23 11:11	F29	I submit F590 which features the state bird, the Loon, symbol of the importance of clean water and healthy wildlife habitat to the whole state.
11/30/23 11:12	F29	NOT submitting F29 which is repellent and boring as are the other state flag submissions offered at this site.
11/30/23 11:12	F29	very reminiscent of New Mexico's flag (MN & NM, together in graphic design?) which is not necessarily a bad thing.
11/30/23 11:12	F29	Too boring.
11/30/23 11:14	F29	I like this one best. Simple, bright, beautiful colors--nice shade of blue. No loon is fine with me. save the loon for the seal--maybe
11/30/23 11:18	F29	The best option.
11/30/23 11:28	F29	I like how the star/snowflake combo takes the star our of the religious/star of David realm.
11/30/23 11:30	F29	This flag is acceptable to me, and is my 2nd favorite of the finalist designs. It feels distinctive and moderately representative of our state.
11/30/23 11:31	F29	Very boring design. Looks like a fifth grader designed this with help of a parent. Donâ€™t know how this represents all of Minnesotans cultures. I donâ€™t see what was wrong with the original. A waste of tax dollars spent!
		It's ok. One of two that's ok
11/30/23 11:31	F29	No
11/30/23 11:38	F29	This design is bland and boring. It looks like a logo for store-brand paper napkins. Please reject all six finalists and start over.
11/30/23 11:43	F29	Of all the simpler, single-star designs, this one has the best color scheme

11/30/23 11:44	F29	I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color (too many the same). Make it lady slipper pink instead. We are the Barbiest state in the nation.
11/30/23 11:54	F29	I really appreciate this flag design. Although it's still a blue background, it's a much different shade than Minnesota's current color (and that of many Midwestern states), which would set this design apart. I also like the combination of shapes that carry meaning for the history and people of Minnesota.
11/30/23 11:59	F29	Do not like the snow flake. To many people from other states think was are a land of cold and snow but we are not
11/30/23 12:01	F29	Do not like the snow flake. To many people from other states think was are a land of cold and snow but we are not
11/30/23 12:04	F29	A very simple design but effective.
11/30/23 12:11	F29	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:11	F29	Simple, beautiful, and powerful. I would be proud to have this as my flag.
11/30/23 12:16	F29	I don't like this design as much as some others. The white looks like a snowflake but it doesn't have 6-point symmetry like a snowflake should. And even if you say it means something else, people will assume it is an incorrect snowflake. Minnesota of all places shouldn't have an incorrect snowflake on its flag.
11/30/23 12:16	F29	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:16	F29	Out of the six, this is the only one that visually appeals to me. I think it would make an elegant flag and symbol of the state.
11/30/23 12:21	F29	This finalist looks like the ornament on top of a christmas tree. There is nothing to explain that this is the north star or Minnesota. I strongly oppose this change. A version of the current flag was carried by Minnesota regiments into the battle of Gettysburg. History matters - efforts to modify and cleanse our history are WRONG. We should take pride in Minnesota's history - not shun it in favor of a boating pennant. If you have to modify the image of the Native American or the farmer - do so - but do not eliminate the flag that says L' Etoile Du Nord and says MINNESOTA.
11/30/23 12:22	F29	No. Perfect for a quilt square, but not for a state flag. Too simple, too plain, too minimalist. Thank you. Roberta
11/30/23 12:30	F29	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag.
11/30/23 12:30	F29	Boring. Looks like a cheap Christmas ornament that would be sold on heavy clearance at Target in January.
11/30/23 12:34	F29	Nothing about it makes people think of Minnesota!
11/30/23 12:36	F29	I like 2 of the flag designs out of the finals. This is one because it is incredibly simple, but not too simple. It llooks like the Northstar, and a snowflake, the only thing negative I have to say about it, is that it looks too scandanavian, which, don't get me wrong is cool, and I love my scandanavian heritage, but I feel like we are such a melting pot of humans of every background. I don't think it is right to subtly squeeze out any heritage.
11/30/23 12:37	F29	I like the snowflake/star combination, and in general I like this flag. However, I believe that the snowflake design could be improved. Right now, it is not very recognizable as a snowflake. I didn't know what is was until it was explained. I think a large reason for this is that this snowflake has 8 points, where real snowflakes have 6 points. I understand the desire to match that star in the rotunda, but being a more recongnizable snowflake (and more distinct, even if it is more complicated) would make this a better flag.
11/30/23 12:37	F29	This is the most graphically cohesive and striking of the designs;a strong symbol and a dramatic palette make for an easy-to-recognize yet deep connection to the great state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 12:40	F29	Looks like a Christmas card.
11/30/23 12:44	F29	Too plain and whether we like it of not, snow/winter has connotations of Christmas. The snowflake is also a symbol often used in Christmas decorations. It would be hard to see this flag without having at least a subconscious association with Christianity.
11/30/23 12:47	F29	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:47	F29	I don't think anyone would tie this design to MN
11/30/23 12:49	F29	This one is just BORING. It's just a star on a blue background. How many state flags in the US have a "symbol" on a blue background? The answer is 23. With this flag, it would just blend in the background with the rest. It will not be as memorable as other states. I believe people will look at it and think, "is that flag for Wisconsin? Michigan?"
11/30/23 12:49	F29	The flag is simple, however it's greatest flaw is how forgettable it is. It doesn't scream "MINNESOTA". People would look at it and take time to guess which state it could be for. It's far from iconic like the flags of Texas, California, Chicago, or DC. At the end of the day, we'd just be replacing an un-iconic blue flag with another un-iconic blue flag.
11/30/23 12:50	F29	the star and the middle peace really connect with the color
11/30/23 12:51	F29	Start over.
11/30/23 12:56	F29	simple and beautiful very good
11/30/23 13:01	F29	I like the colors and the star

11/30/23 13:02	F29	I believe this flag is the most aesthetically pleasing of the finalists, and should be the flag of Minnesota. I believe this succeeds where F944 fails, because its geometric nature and simplicity makes it easy to visualize and associate with the state of Minnesota. Additionally, its symbolic nature makes it less "corporate" (kitsch, in a sense, with a lack of a real connection to its symbolism) and more like an emblem for a state.
11/30/23 13:08	F29	I believe this (and the matching State Seal submission "S6") is the good overall choice that represents the State of Minnesota in an elegant simple and effective way.
11/30/23 13:09	F29	However, it should be noted that the yellow star and flag color are quite similar to the NATO flag. This will be a general comment about all the flags....First of all, I think I'm actually offended that this is the way we have to spend our hard earned tax dollars when most people are struggling to make ends meet, it just seems we are focusing on things that should not take priority over other issues that the state can spend their money on, Secondly, the designs look like quilt tops, and hopefully someone is taking the time to read public comments on social media, because I along with others seem to be saying the same thing about the designs. There is nothing that screams MN about these designs....nothing. Maybe the North Star, but I do not associate the North Star as being specific to MN and what sets this state apart. Please reconsider these options and have a design that says to others that THIS IS MINNESOTA and that it wouldn't take too much of an explanation to someone to "see" it. There are no explanations to me as to why this would represent this state. I would vote for absolutely NONE of these. Making an image of a 9x13 pan of tator tot hotdish would make more sense to me that any of these designs.
11/30/23 13:14	F29	I feel this is the best of all the new flag options. It's so distinct from other states in that it doesn't rely on stripes or lots of different colors. Blue is already in our flag which would make the transition easier. This flag is so distinct, simple and effective whereas some others seem like cheap replicas of other states. The worst is by far the one featuring grain or corn, it looks like a child in Minecraft built it.
11/30/23 13:14	F29	What happened to our lakes and trees .. bland
11/30/23 13:15	F29	Snowflakes are six points, we will look like we deserve the achievement test scores of the Mpls. Public Schools with this design.
11/30/23 13:19	F29	I don't want to be from the snowflake state.....
11/30/23 13:19	F29	F29. I like the design but do not know if this will stand out from the rest when put on a wall, or grid with all other nations/states. This flag gives off Frozen (movie) vibes.
11/30/23 13:20	F29	I like this one the best. What do people (especially from elsewhere) think of when they think of Minnesota? Lakes and winter. Check and check. Add in a representation of our state motto and something that mirrors a feature of our beautiful capital? What could be better.
11/30/23 13:24	F29	F29 would be my personal choice for our new MN state flag, however, all six flag design finalists are exceptional candidates.
11/30/23 13:26	F29	Although the loon is our state bird we most assuredly do NOT need a loon included in our state flag.
11/30/23 13:27	F29	the simplicity of this is cool because it says so much without being complex.
11/30/23 13:27	F29	I think this best represents our state and would be welcomed change from our current MN state flag.



		<p>Minnesota has the reputation of being the blue of the north (upsetting surrounding states of red). Minnesota is referred to as little Canada in some parts with great joy.</p> <p>Did you know that I was stood up by my Ramsey County representative 3 times? In 2021. This really happened. She doesn't actually care about her constituents.</p> <p>I live on Selby Ave in St Paul. Where a new light rail is being added. On a historic street. It will affect black business, local wildlife, and how safely children can cross the street. I wrote in, I called, I did my due diligence to say no. Nothing I did mattered.</p> <p>But why am I telling you this?</p> <p>Not once has my input mattered. Not once has Minnesota been the "Blue of the North" in my life. Not once has any elected official actually cared about MY existence. Just their own selfish thoughts.</p> <p>So I expect nothing when I say: This flag is the best of the worst options. Your options are a disappointment. The state I have lived in, and loved for so long... only seems to be letting me down.</p> <p>This commissions decision (based on these 6) won't last. After you pass on, after I pass on... our grandchildren will choose something far more superlative for the state flag. This will only be a blip in history for flags. Because the options are garbage.</p>
11/30/23 13:35	F29	Minnesota: where you have high expectations... and the commissions, employees, and representatives ONLY let you down.
11/30/23 13:37	F29	How does this represent Minnesota? Vague, bland, and non descript
11/30/23 13:38	F29	<p>A beautiful flag in general. I like the dark blue field back ground, the clear north star and the stylized snowflake symbolizing Minnesota's winters. I like that the design is memorable and significantly different from other submissions, and is significantly different from other existing state flags in America.</p> <p>My concerns for this flag is 1) will it look memorable/distinct/visible when hanging at rest on a flag pole? 2) Could an elementary school age student draw the flag?</p>
11/30/23 13:39	F29	<p>F29 although I love the one with the loon with the state seal surrounding it! The others look like loonies picked them!!!!</p> <p>The loon one for sure!</p>
11/30/23 13:46	F29	<p>The best/simplest design. As a marketing professional and avid lifetime Minnesotan, this design (F29) is clear, attractive, and simple, and has some historical significance to Minnesota (capital rotunda)</p> <p>The rest are too busy, asymmetrical, or garish.</p>
11/30/23 13:49	F29	This is hands down my favorite of all the flag designs. It's simple, iconic, bold, and will not look dated in 50 years. It reminds me of both the New Mexico, Arizona, and new Utah flags in the best ways possible. It really shows both us being the North Star State and our love and embrace of the winter. If any flag besides this one is selected it will be a shame.
11/30/23 13:54	F29	I really enjoy this flag, although I believe it would be great to combine and take this star/snow flake combo replace the white star on F1953 and have that be our State's flag and banner. It would be the best of both as the different design elements could serve who we are as Minnesotans as a brand and identity. Thank you for your consideration!
11/30/23 13:57	F29	<p>Specific: Totally boring</p> <p>General: lack of color, lack of meaning, lack of imagination, lack luster</p> <p>The flag "template" of what makes a good flag is contestable. The Committee has an obvious bias for pointy stars. Why not pick two with pointy stars and give us some more alternatives?</p>
11/30/23 13:57	F29	This is a very strong 2nd place winner for me, nearly tied for 1st. The design is clean and simple but still bright and appealing. The geometry appeals cross-culturally, reminding me both of the Swedish/Scandinavian cultures and of Native artwork, as well as others from around the world. I really like this flag!
11/30/23 13:58	F29	Simple yet beautiful and unique
11/30/23 13:58	F29	Poor colors white and yellow together!
11/30/23 14:01	F29	Every option is amateurish and a poor representation of Minnesota. Please do not choose any of these, they all look like they were made in Microsoft paint by middle schoolers. Or even worse ai generated
11/30/23 14:04	F29	This is one of two submissions that I like. A simple solid design with a good use of color and iconography.

11/30/23 14:07	F29	This design lacks pizzazz.
11/30/23 14:08	F29	Don't like it at all. Very plain. Says not much about this state.
11/30/23 14:09	F29	BORING BORING BORING
11/30/23 14:12	F29	This is not enough to express the breadth and richness of what Minnesota has to offer (Lakes, varied topography (3 biospheres), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine). Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:13	F29	Too simple, too abstract. Nothing to be proud of as a Minnesotan.
11/30/23 14:14	F29	This has got to be the worst choice possible for the MN state flag. It is so ugly, doesn't represent the state and I feel a child artist could do a better job. We are way more than a state of blue skies/water and an ugly snowflake. I wouldn't waste my time ever buying this flag.
11/30/23 14:20	F29	Really like this flag.
11/30/23 14:21	F29	I like the original Minnesota flag itâ€™s perfect please donâ€™t change it if you do lâ€™m leaving and lâ€™m a freshman and I donâ€™t want people to search up Minnesota and see this of any of those ones just the normal one please donâ€™t change it of lâ€™m going to Montana for college pleaseeeeeee sincerely makiata ðŸ˜ˆ~çðŸ˜ˆ~çðŸ˜ˆ~çðŸ˜ˆ~ç
11/30/23 14:22	F29	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:22	F29	Very nice. Clean design, instantly recognizable.
11/30/23 14:24	F29	Out of the 6 finalists this is my favorite design - iconic, simple, meaningful. The only design note I have is that the white and yellow could be hard to distinguish, what if the white was thinly outlined by the same dark blue as the background? I also like this one because of the matching seal.
11/30/23 14:25	F29	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project
11/30/23 14:28	F29	Looks like someone does too much quilting in their spare time.
11/30/23 14:31	F29	Has the exact same colors used by the Milwaukee Brewers, so that makes it a definite no
11/30/23 14:36	F29	This is my favorite of the ones you selected. My absolute favorite, though, is F408: the loon head. Nothing represents Minnesota better than a loon. I hope you reconsider that flag.
11/30/23 14:37	F29	I like this design. the colors are nice and calming to look at and it is simple and easy to replecate
11/30/23 14:38	F29	i like F29 because its simple, and if you looked at it you would know its MN's flag.
11/30/23 14:40	F29	i like this flag because it is very simple and easy to look at. I think it represents Minnesota a lot because of the snow and the north star which are really well known in minnesota. also i like that they made the background blue because minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes and the blue represents those lakes
11/30/23 14:41	F29	I like this flag a lot. The symbolism makes perfect sense as well as it not being too complicated in design. It is a good fit for representing Minnesota, and it looks beautiful too. Its minimalistic and not overly complicated, so its easier to redraw or recreate.
11/30/23 14:41	F29	its a good start with the colors, but it looks a little basic for our states flag. It doesn't represent our beloved state as much as I would like it to. It makes our state look like it only cares about snow. If it were me I would add a little more details a little bit more color and not just be blue with a snowflake, but I do think they used the right colors if they were only to use three, also if I were to grade it 1/10 I would give it a solid 4.87 because there is plenty room for improvement.
11/30/23 14:42	F29	This is the only design that doesn't look like cheap ad graphics or a knockoff of Cuban/Puerto Rican flags...
11/30/23 14:44	F29	It's a strong option. Less than 3 colors, distinct, symbolism represents Minnesota, children can draw it, can be observed from a distance. Not my favorite of the finalists, but I could be proud to have it over the capital.
11/30/23 14:45	F29	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:46	F29	This flag submission beautifully integrates many meaningful MN symbols into a simple, yet elegant, design. The embrace of Minnesota's rich waterways and natural resources, the North Star, and wonderful winters is a clear celebration of the state. The overlay of the snowflake and star also evoke a kind of Nordic art style, which (intentional or not) aligns well with the strong Scandinavian heritage in the state as well.
11/30/23 14:47	F29	I like F29. I like F29 because I love the meaning behind all of the symbols, but I also think that it could become a very recongizable flag and really put MN on the map, it is also really unique and different from other state flags which is really important.
11/30/23 14:55	F29	Again, this looks like a Swedish quilt. Not a good flag design. It looks too elementary and will be hard to be taken seriously
11/30/23 14:57	F29	Poor choice - looks like it was made by an etch-a-sketch. Nothing to see here...
11/30/23 15:00	F29	Pick this one!

11/30/23 15:01	F29	meh
11/30/23 15:02	F29	All the flag submissions are terrible. Maybe we all should quit being snowflakes and quit being offended by everything, especially flags and symbols. Come on people, grow up and pull your head out of your @@@. This has to be one of the dumbest things I have heard in a long time.
11/30/23 15:12	F29	I like the simplicity and boldness of this flag. Up there as one of my top two choices.
11/30/23 15:24	F29	This one is my favorite.ðŸˆ©
11/30/23 15:24	F29	Please start over. They're all terrible.
11/30/23 15:25	F29	BORING
11/30/23 15:27	F29	Solid design and my favorite among the finalists.
11/30/23 15:28	F29	I think the star/snowflake looks too much like a quilting pattern.
11/30/23 15:28	F29	I don't think this visually exemplifies MN without context
11/30/23 15:30	F29	Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state. This looks like a combination of a star and a snowflake. Boring.
11/30/23 15:34	F29	This one is good and is my second choice out of the finalists.
11/30/23 15:34	F29	The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.  Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:36	F29	I would not vote for this one. Ever. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:37	F29	Anemic, bland, totally nullifies settlers and native Americans from Minnesota. Is that the point settlers and native Americans make up Minnesota. This is from a native American who's affiliated with the white earth tribe. Horrible design. No connection to our history or are 10,000 lakes headwaters of the Mississippi North Star state etc . Totally generic and dismissive of our culture and state. Apparently a handful of sensitive people want to erase our history. Good or bad. Ridiculous
11/30/23 15:38	F29	Anemic, bland, totally nullifies settlers and native Americans from Minnesota. Is that the point settlers and native Americans make up Minnesota. This is from a native American who's affiliated with the white earth tribe. Horrible design. No connection to our history or are 10,000 lakes headwaters of the Mississippi North Star state etc . Totally generic and dismissive of our culture and state. Apparently a handful of sensitive people want to erase our history. Good or bad. Ridiculous
11/30/23 15:38	F29	I really like this simple design
11/30/23 15:45	F29	Make field a deep, dark violet. This would keep with the theme of a snowy winter night while adding some warmth, as well as serving as a nod to the state flower: violets
11/30/23 15:45	F29	It's disappointing to see how this design completely disregards Minnesota's rich history and fails to accurately represent our statehood. This new design is a disservice to fellow Minnesotans, as it offers no insight into our state's unique identity. In fact, it seems to have been needlessly simplified and lacks the depth and complexity that our state's history deserves.
11/30/23 15:49	F29	This is by far the best of the flag options. It is a simple and clean design, looking modern but not tastelessly so. The symbolism of the North Star and the winter snowflake is immediately obvious and a representation of the state. The colors are also very good. Perhaps most importantly, this is the only flag remaining that has a matching state seal. It would be a waste to redesign seal and flag together, and choose different designs for each.
11/30/23 15:52	F29	Too much Scandinavian influence
11/30/23 16:00	F29	How in the world are people in other states, as well as Minnesotans even have a clue about what our flag is about. They might get the snowflake or star but that would be about it! That's all I see in the flag. You will have to put signs on every flag pole so that people will understand...
11/30/23 16:01	F29	Really like the color and simple design of this. Maybe just another small touch of light blue somewhere for a more obvious water representation.
11/30/23 16:04	F29	F29 is my 3rd out of the six choices. I'm not a fan of the layered snow flake on top of a star. Though, this looks more like a snowflake to me as compared to other designs. The star gets kind of understated behind the flake to where I wouldn't have realized it was a star. I thought it was just an accent to the flake. The simplicity and colors of this one are very appealing. At first glance, I felt it had a strong Scandinavian feel, which I didn't like so much because the flag shouldn't represent any one demographic of MN.
11/30/23 16:07	F29	F29 - Not sure how gold represents our resources. We have 4 seasons - why just winter? Star is too complicated.
11/30/23 16:14	F29	This one is the best! Beautiful and simple.

11/30/23 16:15	F29	they all suck! start over
11/30/23 16:15	F29	As a Minnesotan I enjoy all 4 seasons but don't want to see a snowflake year-round. We have more than just water with lots of trees, northern lights and more. Could use the imagery from the license plates and MN tourism logo to tie it all together on a new flag. So many better flag designs were submitted.
11/30/23 16:22	F29	This is one of my favorites, it feels more timeless
11/30/23 16:29	F29	There is nothing offensive about the existing state flag. This is just more BS brought to us by the people that want to destroy our state and country. Keep our existing Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11/30/23 16:40	F29	This design is too compacted. The entire flag is blank with the exception of two symbols piled onto each other. There is plenty of space for each symbol - they do not have to be placed on top of each other.
11/30/23 16:46	F29	This is my favorite flag design, simple and still official-looking (unlike others). Would prefer to have more native imagery, but that's ok
11/30/23 16:52	F29	I love this flag design and I hope it's gets picked!
11/30/23 16:57	F29	I would not want any of these finalist for my state flag-
11/30/23 17:00	F29	This is my favorite, but the colors could use some adjusting. The yellow and white aren't contrasting enough. It has a sort of "Scandinavian" feel.
11/30/23 17:00	F29	I'm not a fan of any of the proposed flags. I feel the flag should contain a loon and something about the Mississippi -- headwaters drawing or something similar.
11/30/23 17:01	F29	This is my favorite, but the colors could use some adjusting. The yellow and white aren't contrasting enough. It has a sort of "Scandinavian" feel.
11/30/23 17:01	F29	This design is the strongest of the six finalists. The design is clean and the symbolism is clear. It seems to distinctly represent Minnesota.
11/30/23 17:02	F29	Snowflake needs to be refined to be more obvious as a snowflake. Currently looks more like a flower than a snowflake.
11/30/23 17:03	F29	F29: Snowflake needs to be refined to be more obvious as a snowflake. Currently looks more like a flower than a snowflake.
11/30/23 17:08	F29	Plain and says nothing, sorry
11/30/23 17:09	F29	Hate it
11/30/23 17:10	F29	We need to go through another round of submissions and find better options
11/30/23 17:10	F29	Good start, but it is too simplistic and doesn't look indicative of Minnesota
11/30/23 17:11	F29	F29 is the best design of the six finalists.
11/30/23 17:12	F29	nice - but a bit plain
11/30/23 17:12	F29	Beautiful flag with great representation of our state!
11/30/23 17:13	F29	There's™ more to the state than a star. Going to the opposite extreme when compared to previous flag.
11/30/23 17:14	F29	All of these designs are so alike don't™ like any of them where are our state features the loon, the northern lights, the lakes etc. The designs you currently have chosen all look Swedish and Finnish. Try again!!!!!!
11/30/23 17:15	F29	This one is the best!
11/30/23 17:17	F29	Maybe this one is the least bad but I had a nice design with a loon and a Timberwolf on it and I wasn't able to submit in time. I still think at least having a loon on the flag would be a lot better than just a star/snowflake logo. That seems basic and boring
11/30/23 17:17	F29	This comment applies to all six flags. Boring. Looks like something grade schoolers would paste together with construction paper. This is embarrassing. All should be rejected. Or randomly choose one so another commission can choose a new one in a few years.
11/30/23 17:17	F29	Clearly my first choice. Simple, well balanced and great star of the north symbolism.
11/30/23 17:18	F29	I vote for F29
11/30/23 17:18	F29	I think this flag has a good logo but would look too similar to other state flags from a distance.
11/30/23 17:20	F29	Blah. A four-pointed star seems more like children's building blocks rather than an astronomic reference, and I don't care for the notion of a snowflake on the flag.
11/30/23 17:21	F29	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:21	F29	F29 does not look like a star, but a flower. We are NOT the Lone Star State, in any event.
11/30/23 17:23	F29	I think the choices are all awful. I would be embarrassed to fly any of these flags. This is a waste of taxpayer money!
11/30/23 17:25	F29	I like this design as it is bold and dramatic. no loon but thats OK.

11/30/23 17:26	F29	I think the choices are all awful. I would be embarrassed to fly any of these flags. This is a waste of taxpayer money!
11/30/23 17:26	F29	This flag feels modern and reflects the time that it was created in. I love the simplicity, and I would be proud to see that hanging.
11/30/23 17:29	F29	Meh. Too simple. I get the star and snowflake but this is also used on a seal submission. Having this on both the flag and seal is too much of the same thing.
11/30/23 17:32	F29	I like this one best
11/30/23 17:34	F29	Too simple. lacks style, dull colors, needs more "alive" colors.
11/30/23 17:36	F29	I like this one, but I feel like it could be improved by adding an outline to the snowflake (maybe with the blue?) so it doesn't blend in too heavily with the yellow star, because as is I think it blends together too much.
11/30/23 17:38	F29	Simple and beautiful. Love the gold star. Well done!
11/30/23 17:40	F29	Awful. It looks like a decorative banner at the mall, not a state flag. I don't mean to offend the artist, but the simplistic design looks like it was done as part of an art project using photoshop clipart on an iPad.  I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it. You did a great disservice to the the State of Minnesota by not commissioning legitimate artists and designers to create a legitimate flag - and if you did pay some of them - Minnesotan's didn't get their money's worth.  Yes, Minnesota will now have one of the worst - if not THE worst - state flag of any state in the union. This is what you get when you task committees to make decisions and dumb everything down to the least common denominator. You end up with something less than mediocrity. Sorry, I cannot embrace this. I vote (G), none of the above.
11/30/23 17:41	F29	This to me does not represent our state. It does however represent a quilt square. I think the flag design should clearly identify which state it represents, and none of these flag designs do that. They are boring and make me want to sit at my sewing machine and start sewing. Is this seriously the best we can do? Sad!
11/30/23 17:44	F29	I like this design except for the fact that snowflakes have 6 points, not 8.
11/30/23 17:46	F29	I don't understand why we are wasting my tax money on a new flag. But if you are gonna waste it at least come up with something that doesn't look like a Starbucks Christmas cup!
11/30/23 17:47	F29	This design is interesting, identifiable and simple. Please choose this one. F29
11/30/23 17:47	F29	This is the most appealing flag in my opinion. I think a good addition could be made if the star was moved up a little and "Minnesota" in white lettering underneath. That would make the flag more identifiable.
11/30/23 17:52	F29	Busy symbol. Take one of the middle overlaid images out. Make this a three vertical pane with a white pane as backdrop for symbol. Very Canadian, yet simple and iconic.
11/30/23 17:58	F29	Overall I really like this design. It looks very neat and I appreciate the colors chosen. I think it would go well on a hat or t-shirt, also. My only complaint is that it's a little too minimalist and our flag could stand to be a little more exciting. That being said, I would still fly and wear this design proudly. Also, it looks a lot like the logo for Spire Credit Union, which is probably okay, but I feel it should be noted.
11/30/23 17:59	F29	I would also like to say that I appreciate all the work y'all are doing. ALL of these options are MILES better than the old flag. Don't listen to the haters.
11/30/23 17:59	F29	I like the simplicity of this but I think it would be better if it was just the blue background with the North Star. If the snowflake was removed, the star could be done differently or not.
11/30/23 18:02	F29	When I first saw this design, I said to myself, "No". After seeing the others, this one looks pretty good, but truly, I would not pick any of them, given the option.
11/30/23 18:04	F29	No; Looks More like a poinsettia and a north star, then an orchid and a north star, why didn't you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag? And why can't it have our state bird and flower etc? students won't even know what those are anymore.
11/30/23 18:06	F29	For some reason the diamond geometric shapes remind me of Scandinavian art. Prefer some that appears more inclusive.
11/30/23 18:06	F29	Flag F29 fits all the criteria of the commission, and yet still has unrivaled understated beauty.
11/30/23 18:08	F29	This is my second choice IF Seal Submission number: S6 is selected because these would coordinate with each other and provide continuity.
11/30/23 18:12	F29	Boring
11/30/23 18:14	F29	This is far and above the best design of the six options. The colors used to well together and the star is unique, recognizable, and not overly complex. It also looks to be the most timeless that will age well.
11/30/23 18:14	F29	The F29 flag need more in combination of what F2003 has in terms of background vertical colors with a nice three panel look with star in middle. Classic MN colors here.

11/30/23 18:15	F29	F29. This is far and above the best design of the six options. The colors used to well together and the star is unique, recognizable, and not overly complex. It also looks to be the most timeless that will age well.
11/30/23 18:15	F29	I like F944 with 2nd choice F1953
11/30/23 18:16	F29	I see nothing in this flag that would tell me it belongs to Minnesota. At least if it had the outline of the state. The state of MN is very recognizable.... If you have to explain it to a lifetime Minnesotan, than how do we explain it to the rest of the nation?
11/30/23 18:17	F29	Works vertically, too.
11/30/23 18:18	F29	No! Looks like a company logo, not a flag.
11/30/23 18:20	F29	Underwhelming, does MN have Winter, yes but we have a lot more to offer and should not be judged by one season.
11/30/23 18:22	F29	All of these flags are absolutely horrible. This is the best you all can come up with. What an Embarrassment to our great state. Keep the flag we have and stop with all this WOKE crap. How about we have a kindergarten class design a flag, it would be better than these!!! Your all should be ashamed to put forth these as options!
11/30/23 18:30	F29	I really like all of the finalists, especially after reading the artist's comments on each design. My favorite is probably F944, but I like them all. Please don't take the internet troll comments too seriously. I also agree with every single one of the vexillologist dude's tweaks for the 6 finalists mentioned in today's article in the Star Tribune--I see that he is working with the committee, so kudos again for enlisting an expert. I would proudly hang any of these flags on my porch.
11/30/23 18:31	F29	I vote for 1989 North Star flag. It is the only flag design that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 18:32	F29	Looks like a kid did it. None of them represent MN so childish.
11/30/23 18:33	F29	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OP MINNESOTA. Do not embarras us with thiese comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:33	F29	Has it been considered to take elements of multiple designs and combine them? I think this simple emblem is wonderful, but the addition of the while and yellow marks on the edges from F 1435 are a wonderful detail that includes the recognition of the indigenous nations. I am sure the permission of the artist who created that would be necessary, but I think thatâ€™s a detail that would fit well and be appropriate to include if this design were to win.
11/30/23 18:37	F29	I like this design best. The simplicity of a single star is the most attractive. I wouldnâ€™t have chosen this as the star. I thought other images were more uplifting. But this one is OK. What I donâ€™t like is the color choice. Not just of this flag but of all of them. The colors are drap to the point of depressing. On this flag, could we get a brighter blue as the background. The states vibrancy should be represented in its colors.
11/30/23 18:48	F29	Pick this one!!!!!!
11/30/23 18:48	F29	Seems really plain
11/30/23 18:49	F29	This is my favourite. Beautiful and simple. And a mix of the North Star and snow.
11/30/23 18:49	F29	I think all of the flag suggestions are terrible. Meaningless, no identifications, no reflections of state history and or purpose. Great disappointment.
11/30/23 18:49	F29	Clean and bright.
11/30/23 18:50	F29	The snowflake not having 6 points- just hard to see past. If itâ€™s representing Minnesota- a land with a familiarity with snow- I hate to see the symbol making Minnesota look like that they donâ€™t know how many points there are on a snowflake. The blue also feels too dark, weighing down the buoyancy and positive that Minnesota has to offer.
11/30/23 18:53	F29	This may be acceptable if you make the snowflake hexagonal. Snowflakes, contrary to how kindergarteners cut thme, are six pointed, not eight pointed.
11/30/23 18:54	F29	I love this design, it's iconic, simple, clean, and I feel connected to the imagery as a Minnesotan.
11/30/23 18:55	F29	No - too simple.
11/30/23 18:58	F29	this would be the worst flag ever
11/30/23 18:59	F29	Pick this one!!!!!!
11/30/23 19:01	F29	Nice star and snowflake, but the navy background is too formal/severe and does not accurately represent sky blue waters. I would change the background to a medium blue color to make the flag more optimistic and uplifting.
11/30/23 19:01	F29	This flag has beauty and simplicity going for it.
11/30/23 19:04	F29	All of these designs are a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE THE FLAG!!!

11/30/23 19:07	F29	This is my favorite of the finalists. If the North Star flag is not reconsidered, as it should be, this would be my runner up. It is clean and simple, has clear symbolism, and I would be happy with it. Constituent communities can also use the symbol but change colors to represent their groups! Some have said the white and gold blend at a distance, but I think this can be remedied by altering the yellow and blue slightly.
11/30/23 19:08	F29	F29 is my favorite of the finalists. If the North Star flag is not reconsidered, as it should be, this would be my runner up. It is clean and simple, has clear symbolism, and I would be happy with it. Constituent communities can also use the symbol but change colors to represent their groups! Some have said the white and gold blend at a distance, but I think this can be remedied by altering the yellow and blue slightly.
11/30/23 19:12	F29	Aside from the star, there is nothing specifically Minnesotan about this. With an image only in the center, your eye goes nowhere and you lose interest in it.
11/30/23 19:18	F29	I love the simplicity of this design. I worry however, that the white and yellow will blend together when it's outside. And I think there are other options that more holistically represent the state.
11/30/23 19:24	F29	Drop the snow flake.
11/30/23 19:26	F29	I still believe a Loon should be on since it is our state bird after all.
11/30/23 19:32	F29	I think it's good. It's probably my third favorite of the bunch. It may be a little too simple and the layered star and snowflake kind of just look like two stars layered onto each other.
11/30/23 19:33	F29	While this flag isn't my favorite, I appreciate the two different types of stars which echo the intertwined indigenous and newcomer symbols.
11/30/23 19:43	F29	While the sentiment that explains this symbol sounds nice, the design looks like a quilting pattern. Not a great look for the state.
11/30/23 19:46	F29	The flag does not say Minnesota on IT
11/30/23 19:47	F29	This design is bold, clear and clean. It is the best of the six designs.
11/30/23 19:51	F29	The symbolism of "L Etoile du Nord" on a banner of "mn sÅ³ta" is so well-focused.  In particular, some of the NAVA mock-up alterations seemed particularly bold and had a more timeless flag-like quality to them. The Yellow-4-Star behind a White-outlined-8-Star ("F29-SH-NAVA") looked quite clean and bold, and the Yellow-4-Star with a blue outline in front of a White-8-Star ("F29 SH Mod") looked particularly bold and eliminates the yellow/white blending together too much issue. The "F29 SH Mod" design in particular looks like it'd work even in 2-color which would work well not only on the seal, but also as a motif for Minnesota on licence-plates, state paperwork watermarks, etc.
11/30/23 20:05	F29	Maybe a slight color tweak to a more "sky-tinted" blue would be good, but overall it's my favorite Top-6 design because of it's very strong symbolism.
11/30/23 20:07	F29	This flag has no indication that MN is its state honoree. There are no water source indications, there are no green images to reflect our many forests. The star is with the white overleaf is a non-starter.
11/30/23 20:07	F29	Honestly this is the best one. The vast blueness surrounding the star is a great representation of the lakes that we are so blessed with. The star of the north center symbolizes the middle of the country that we live. The overlaid snowflake is a reminder of how much we embrace and have fun with our winters. The combination of all three represents the great state we live in. Our winter and our water is an important part of the Minnesota cultural identity.
11/30/23 20:07	F29	I don't hate the idea of having a North Star / snowflake design, but I think more thought needs to be put into choosing the RIGHT star and snowflake designs. I definitely was not getting a snowflake impression looking at this one blind;until I read the description I didn't realize it was intended to be a snowflake. Even the designer admits it is not even a snowflake, but an eight-pointed star design from the rotunda.  In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited;I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.
11/30/23 20:07	F29	I think this design would work better with some green. Maybe blue top half, green bottom half, with an improved gold/white star/snowflake design in the center.
11/30/23 20:07	F29	Looks like a knitted sweater - MN, the frumpy state! Yuk.

11/30/23 20:08	F29	Boring. I think the yellow would be hard to see.
11/30/23 20:10	F29	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!
11/30/23 20:11	F29	Not easily recognizable as "speaking Minnesota ". Very disappointed in the decision the state has chosen in this path to pursue a change.
11/30/23 20:12	F29	It's a bit too plain for me. I also prefer more asymmetric. It doesn't scream MN too me right away. However, it would look pretty cool on a hat. Other state flags have really spilled over into symbols people wear and that would be something neat.
11/30/23 20:20	F29	The 6 flags chosen are not high quality design. I think there are better choices that could be made. None of them represent our great state
11/30/23 20:20	F29	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.
11/30/23 20:20	F29	This is my favorite flag. It's futureproof, simple, and will put us among the relatively few states with a unique and visually pleasing flag. The symbol itself is also great as it can be put on merchandise easily. I can't say the same for the other flags.
11/30/23 20:23	F29	This design looks nice. I am of the opinion that the new flag should reflect the North Star theme. At a distance, or in poor light, the gold and the white will blend together into a single element. Not sure about the snowflake, however. My wife's initial comment upon seeing this design was that "A snowflake" is sometimes used as a derogatory term. And others have said that Minnesota is more than just winter.
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11/30/23 20:25	F29	This one is my favorite!! I absolutely see the North Star and the snowflake, I love the representation and the simplistic design and colors
11/30/23 20:34	F29	Way too plain. Very boring. Not enough meaning from looking at the flag. Aren't there any options with personality?
11/30/23 20:38	F29	Looks terrible. Too simplistic like a 2nd grader designed it
11/30/23 20:39	F29	We are more than just winter, we have 4 seasons not just the cold one and this star also seems to represent a religious symbol we don't follow. Please reject this flag as being totally unrepresentative of our state.
11/30/23 20:43	F29	F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in a six sided form this would become my second preference.
11/30/23 20:45	F29	This is one of maybe two real flag options left in the running for consideration and also the best. It combines many symbolic aspects in a design that captures the imagination and can be instantly and easily recognized. I believe it definitely passes the timelessness test. I would be happy to be represented by this flag.
11/30/23 20:54	F29	This is one of my top two favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 20:54	F29	Favorite. Love it a lot.
11/30/23 20:54	F29	I love this one. It is simple and memorable. Also as a math teacher the shapes and symmetry speak to me and can be used as a way to explore mathematics. Love the colors. It also reminds me a bit of my Scandinavian heritage in its design, but the design translates to many other peoples heritages as well. This is in my top 2 of designs.



11/30/23 20:56	F29	I love this one. It is simple and memorable. Also as a math teacher the shapes and symmetry speak to me and can be used as a way to explore mathematics. Love the colors. It also reminds me a bit of my Scandinavian heritage in its design, but the design translates to many other peoples heritages as well. This is in my top 2 of designs.
11/30/23 20:58	F29	If this is your best selections, you need.to.go hack to.the drawing board. None of these tell me anyting about Minnesota.
11/30/23 21:03	F29	Flag is simple but maybe a little too simple it doesn't really seem to have any connection to Minnesota.
11/30/23 21:04	F29	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858.
11/30/23 21:05	F29	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858.
11/30/23 21:05	F29	This is my favorite design. It could go on a coffee cup, or a sweatshirt as an easy logo. Love it.
11/30/23 21:05	F29	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858.
11/30/23 21:06	F29	Nothing about this says MINNESOTA. White and yellow hard to distinguish from a distance. Very weak option.
11/30/23 21:09	F29	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858.
11/30/23 21:09	F29	This flag design seems nice on the surface, but upon closer consideration, it doesn't just represent the North Star, but also a snowflake. I don't think the best choice to represent Minnesota to the world is a vivid reminder that we are a very cold place.
11/30/23 21:10	F29	Simply put... submission F29 should be the new Minnesota state flag. The simplicity of the colors and the design create a beautiful and yet easily recognizable flag. A flag that makes me feel proud to be a Minnesotan. If you were to give a random sampling of Americans flag F29 and were to ask them, "Which state is this flag for?" the vast majority would respond, "Minnesota".  It captures the essence of what makes Minnesota special. I truly believe that we are the best state in the country and we finally have the opportunity to have our flag reflect that. And unlike any of the other submissions, F29 has the versatility to be more than a flag. It can be a true "state brand" that could appear on hats, shirts, MN license plates, etc.
11/30/23 21:15	F29	Please pick F29 to become our new official state flag, because compared to all the other submissions F29 is clearly a cut above the rest. Thank you.
11/30/23 21:16	F29	No, leave the flag alone!!!
11/30/23 21:16	F29	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/anticipation), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or brownish-red (Pipestone).  F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference. Or maybe drop the snowflake imagery altogether and make it the star from the Capitol rotunda instead of many separate rhombuses. However, allowing the North Star to show through may be complicated.
11/30/23 21:17	F29	I don't see this and think, "Oh cool flag MN!" I look at it and see a business logo, and not a very good one at that. It's boring and ho-hum.
11/30/23 21:21	F29	Looks like a Christmas ornament. Hate it.
11/30/23 21:21	F29	Beautiful, simple design, and memorable. It really captures Minnesota's state motto. This is definitely my first choice.
11/30/23 21:23	F29	The reCaptcha didn't pop up the first time I submitted for this, so this might be a bit of repeat. We have 4 seasons in Minnesota and this flag only represents one, which I think is a huge missed opportunity. I really don't want to be represented by winter only.
11/30/23 21:24	F29	This flag has two symbols placed on top of one another and they look crowded. The entire rest of the flag is empty. There is plenty of room for the two symbols to be spread apart, not placed on top of each other.
11/30/23 21:26	F29	I love this design. It's certainly the best one out of all the others. The only alteration that I would heavily suggest would be to use a lighter shade of blue for the background. The image looks vastly better and more visually appealing with a lighter shade of blue.
11/30/23 21:27	F29	I greatly appreciate the thought and concepts the designer of this flag put into it. I feel this flag design is most representative of Minnesota and the people of the state. Good work!
11/30/23 21:30	F29	This design looks like a Christmas ornament. How is this representing our state of Minnesota? Where are the prairie parklands, the pines, savanna <sup>TM</sup> s, Lauren rain hills? Nothing here represents Minnesota. This design gets an F.
11/30/23 21:31	F29	My comments are not about this design specifically, but pertain to all of the finalists. I did not submit any designs so I don't have a horse in this race. But as a marketing professional with 40 years experience, I must say that these are all terrible, amateurish and are something anyone could come up with by spending a few minutes digging through websites offering clipart. If any of these gets selected, it will be an embarrassment to our state. Please reopen this competition and try to elicit some quality entries that reflect a greater degree of thoughtfulness and design ability.

11/30/23 21:34	F29	why don't you guys read the law that was passed in 1983 describing the changes that were made to the seal in the flag to address the Native American concerns. The native American replaced a white man on the horse and this was done to honor the Native Americans. This is just another attempt to push a false narrative that we're all racists. how much tax money is being wasted for this nonsense! Leave the flag the way it is! all of these new designs are terrible.
11/30/23 21:37	F29	This looks too plain;I like the colors though.
11/30/23 21:38	F29	Out of the flag finalists, F29 is my #2 choice: I like what the designer says the colors represent. The snowflake makes me think of Minnesota--also the rest of the country thinks of snow when they think of Minnesota. The North Star for our state motto is included. The only thing I would suggest is for the blue to be lighter so looks more like water of the 10,000 Lakes than the night sky. I like that the star is yellow. #2 because no green for our trees and beautiful scenery.
11/30/23 21:38	F29	Unless you have the designer statement, one wouldn't understand this design.
11/30/23 21:40	F29	Flag sucks
11/30/23 21:43	F29	This flag is too simplistic and looks too similar to the spire bank logo. I think the layering of the two shapes does not read well.
11/30/23 21:45	F29	Snow flakes are six sided crystals. This doesn't look like a snow flake.
11/30/23 21:46	F29	The blue does not remind me of "sky-blue waters." Stars are typically iconified with five points, not four. Snow flakes are crystalized around 6 arms, not eight. All three representations are unsuccessful in this design. As with the rest of the finalist designs, too minimalist, in my opinion.
11/30/23 21:55	F29	I think this is the best out of the finalists. I saw a video that showed an example of this flag being flown and it looked spectacular. It was recognizable, symbolic of Minnesota, and overall looked cool (winter pun). I would fly this in my front yard. I think the snowflake is a bit odd (It's not always snow and cold in Minnesota), but I think it helps the flag stand out and it does match the rotunda in the capital. It would make for a great symbol of the State of Minnesota. Please choose this one.
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11/30/23 21:56	F29	This one is my top choice. I love how simple it is.
11/30/23 21:57	F29	This is my preferred flag design.
11/30/23 21:59	F29	I am very disappointed in the flags the committee chose as finalists. There were many more options that were much better. Of the finalists left, F29 is the only one that is mediocre. The rest are horrible. I'd choose F29 to move forward if needed, but I encourage the committee to go back and reconsider different finalists.
11/30/23 21:59	F29	The design is simple, instantly recognizable, and quintessentially Minnesotan.
11/30/23 22:00	F29	My first choice
11/30/23 22:02	F29	When I first saw this design, I instantly connected with it as a Minnesotan. I believe this flag best represents us as Minnesotans, while maintaining a simple, aesthetically pleasing image. This flag, combined with the matching state seal, would give Minnesotans a new, simple symbol to rally behind and have pride in.
11/30/23 22:04	F29	The state flag final 6 are severely lacking in substance. None of the designs speak of MN as a whole. They are overly simplistic to the point of having no representation of Mn.
11/30/23 22:06	F29	Best one.
11/30/23 22:08	F29	The white looks more like a flower than a snowflake. Otherwise, it's great.
11/30/23 22:10	F29	Of the 6 designs, this is the only one someone from out of state would easily identify as MN. In case this goes into general comments, I am talking about submission 2100
11/30/23 22:11	F29	Of the six, this is the best. The others have bad colors, look like Texas, or have too much going on.
11/30/23 22:13	F29	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible.
11/30/23 22:14	F29	REJECT: Nothing proclaims Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:14	F29	None of the above
11/30/23 22:16	F29	This would be my 1st choice. Like the design, color and shape of the star at the capital.
11/30/23 22:17	F29	Too abstract. Absolutely zero connection to what MN is or who we are Looks like some foreign country's flag. Horrible.
11/30/23 22:18	F29	Has the North Star, but nothing else. Could be much better.
11/30/23 22:19	F29	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.

11/30/23 22:19	F29	Beautiful graphic, but unfortunately uninspiring for a state flag
11/30/23 22:19	F29	The star & snowflake characterize MN simply & perfectly.
11/30/23 22:20	F29	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:20	F29	My favorite f
11/30/23 22:20	F29	This design is the least objectionable of a craptacular bunch.
11/30/23 22:21	F29	Please correct the snowflake to six points or say itâ€™s a star.
11/30/23 22:21	F29	Looks like a quilt square
11/30/23 22:22	F29	Definitely the best available design. Blue, star, snow. Simple concepts and recognizable imagery for Minnesotans to identify with and feel proud of. Hard for kids to color, though, with that white flake. Not sure why it can't just be a blue field with a yellow star that doesn't look like a quilt design.
11/30/23 22:22	F29	No. Donâ€™t see any Minnesota is this design. (Only one â€œkind ofâ€ North Star design with nothing else that is Minnesota distinctive).
11/30/23 22:24	F29	I appreciate the hard work of the Redesign Commission, but I do not support any of the finalists. They all appear to be generic, something youâ€™d see at Disneyland. Minnesotans may come to recognize the chosen flag, but I canâ€™t imagine people from other parts of the country or world recognizing it as symbolizing Minnesota.  The principles you used are great, but they donâ€™t result in a distinctive flag. California has â€œCaliforniaâ€ on the flag with the bear. It is universally recognized!!  So what if the loon doesnâ€™t inhabit every square inch of Minnesota. It is absolutely associated with Minnesota. If you want something that fits that criterion, use a mosquito.
11/30/23 22:24	F29	Thanks for considering my opinion. Again, thanks for your work!!
11/30/23 22:25	F29	My 2nd choice, but a bit too plain. Doesnâ€™t tell a story or evoke â€œMinnesota.â€ Itâ€™s almost like a # symbol or @ symbol on a canvas in an art gallery, but not as a living, moving, waving flag.
11/30/23 22:28	F29	I'm not too excited about any of the choices. If it takes 100s of words to explain that it is a Minnesota flag then the design failed.
11/30/23 22:29	F29	None of the above
11/30/23 22:33	F29	I like the simplicity.
11/30/23 22:34	F29	Don't like it. I don't feel like any of the designs have alot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:36	F29	North Star perfectly symbolized
11/30/23 22:37	F29	This is a fantastic flag with a lot of meaning to the state of Minnesota. I enjoy the simple colors and design, and the logo can be used in other aspects easily as well.
11/30/23 22:38	F29	While I understand the significance of the north star, the particular snowflake used here represents Scandinavian ethnic heritage for many, and as a professor of Norwegian, I believe the state flag should not emphasize the heritage of one particular immigrant group to Minnesota. Rather, it should embrace all cultural heritages.
11/30/23 22:40	F29	I like this one but fear that its reliance on the color of the star and the snowflake will sometimes cause its meaning to be lost. For example, it may not translate when viewed at a distance or in black-and white images.
11/30/23 22:43	F29	As a lifelong Minnesotan, I think this is by far the best design for a new Minnesota state flag. I think, however, it should be combined with F1953, specifically the elements of the blue, green, and white stripes to make the design more "finished." If that is done, I think we should have the star symbol on the left side (and it should be a rectangle without the triangular cutout), with the stripes in the order of green on the bottom, white in the middle, and the cyan on top.
11/30/23 22:44	F29	This design would be better if it also contained things MN is known for like a loon, walleye or lady slipper flower?
11/30/23 22:47	F29	I feel if winter is represented, the other seasons should be too. Yes, some of us embrace winter, but others struggle with it, and our winters have not earned us a positive reputation. We have 4 great seasons.
11/30/23 22:47	F29	No. Snowflake does not represent us

To see this message in a more readable format with links to the images of my examples, please check out this Reddit post I made:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/comments/18837h2/a\\_serious\\_case\\_for\\_f29\\_as\\_our\\_new\\_state\\_flag/](https://www.reddit.com/r/minnesota/comments/18837h2/a_serious_case_for_f29_as_our_new_state_flag/)

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The Starflake Design: This motif is extremely simple, versatile, symmetrical, bold, and unique - all while containing a good amount of inclusive symbolism, for being such a simple geometric image. The two elements are essentially: 1) a 4-pointed star, overlaid with 2) an 8-pointed star of diamonds.

The four pointed star has elongated points, and is meant to evoke (but not necessarily depict) a compass. The dependable directionality of a compass goes hand-in-hand with its linkage to the Polaris, the North Star. There is a long history of depicting Polaris as 4-pointed to distinguish it from the many other more traditionally drawn 5-pointed stars in sky, within paintings, star-charts, etc. This is a well-established Minnesota symbol.

The 8-pointed star is made of eight diamonds and is meant to evoke (but not necessarily depict) a snowflake. The 8-pointed star has deep roots in a variety of cultures and artistic traditions of peoples residing in Minnesota today. It's been well noted that just such an 8-pointed star is hewn into the stone floor of the capitol rotunda already. In addition, the 32 points on the eight diamonds (four each) symbolize our place as the 32nd state in the Union; and meaningful symbolism without added visual complexity is worth its weight in gold within a design such as this, where simplicity is at a premium. This portion of the design is also a well-established (if unofficial) motif in our state - from countless quilts made by countless Minnesota grandmothers, to a million knitted winter hats with 8-pointed stars and snowflakes, to the aforementioned rotunda floor.

Combined as it is here, we have two elements that should scream "Minnesota" to Minnesotans and non-Minnesotans alike: a snowy North Star against a cold, dark winter's night sky... if any other state tried to claim that imagery, we'd be upset about it. Anybody who's lived in any part of Minnesota at any point in time, should relate to looking up into the cold night's sky and seeing a star or two - even in brightly-lit Minneapolis or St. Paul. This scene, even in symbolic form, should evoke a feeling from Minnesotans - and a feeling that transcends anything that might otherwise divide us. I oppose the suggestion of lightening the shade of blue, because it ruins this familiar "scene" for me - a star against a daytime sky? Nope. Plus the lighter colors of the design will naturally "pop" more against a darker field.

I love that the design feels "quilty" - I really do. We're a folksy people - just because many of our forbears were pragmatic and sensible, it never stopped them from weaving beautiful designs into their tools and products at work and home. Quilts have always been part of how we keep warm on these cold, clear nights, which the flag evokes. I love that we have an 8-pointed "snowflake" star element - this is a symbol, not a science class - just do an image search for snowflake knitted or quilted pattern, and you'll get at least as many 8-pointed snowflakes as you do 6-pointed ones. But you're free to think of it in any terms you like; if it helps to think of it as a star that merely resembles a snowflake, then go ahead. I got a chuckle when talking with family on Thanksgiving about the snowflake, and an aunt of mine said "other places may have regular old 6-sided snowflakes, but Minnesota snowflakes aren't messing around; they go up to 8!"

Kidding aside, the symbol itself is ridiculously remixable, adaptable, and versatile. The primary reason is that the silhouette is so unique that the motif is still applicable in any color scheme and can still read as "Minnesota".

If this design is selected you're going to potentially see any/all of our sports teams use it: Vikings, Twins, Wild (2), Timberwolves, MNUFC (2), etc. could display it on their uniforms or within their branding and marketing however they see fit. This naturally applies to each of our universities as well: the UofM, St. Cloud State, Mankato, Bemidji, etc. And let's not kid ourselves, the symbol would belong to everybody to use for whatever cause they like: here's a couple Pride flags, but this has unlimited applicability: political, cultural, civic, recreational, and other types of groups or organizations can put their own spin on it.

The state itself can easily use such a simple, bold motif on whatever imagery it wants. There would never be a need to pay for everyone to get new MN State Highway signs, or license plates, or state park entrance signs, but as the old ones inevitably need replacing, they can be done so with updated symbolism. This goes for long-standing important institutions like the State Fair as well.

I was feeling cheeky, so I totally broke the US Flag Code, and made a US Flag where the 32nd star is replaced with our Starflake - use this flag to remind folks that Minnesota is unique among equals. Also just to prove a point, and not because I support vandalism, but if I can crudely deface a public surface in 10 seconds using my phone's image editor and still get a clear message across, I think this is a symbol with potential - try that with any of the other flag's designs!

Speaking of phones, the proportions of the image, and its minimal colors and geometric design make for a Minnesota official digital app icon - it passes the emoji test: if developed, could fit within a

11/30/23 22:50	F29	Far too simple. Absolutely need other aspects of our great state - lakes, rivers, loons, forests, etc. Our state has so much to offer - we could do better!
11/30/23 22:51	F29	Too simple, too graphic, too modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state! Also, a star (ok) but a snowflake??? What happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 22:53	F29	I appreciate the spirit this flag brings forth, but I believe it to be lackluster in representing what Minnesota is. The only thing that's truly represented is our state motto. I don't think that's enough for someone not from Minnesota to look at the flag, and recognize it as representing Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:55	F29	Star/snowflake is too complex, and nothing else to offer.
11/30/23 22:55	F29	I believe the residents of MN should be picking the new designs not a committee
11/30/23 22:56	F29	This design is in my top three for sure (I don't have one favorite). It is clean, simple, bold, unique and artistic. It creates a strong sense of identity that is immediately obvious.
11/30/23 22:56	F29	This design (F29) is the design I like best. It's simple, unique, and is quintessentially Minnesotan. The central design is fantastic. It shows prominently the themes of the North Star and our cold winters, yet the gold in the background alludes to the hope of the warmth of summer. The snowflake design is general enough to all Minnesotans to share, yet also is similar enough to several cultures with prominent ties to Minnesota (Sioux, Ojibwe, Scandinavian, Slavic) to find a bit of particular affinity without resorting to picking favorites by using a specific cultural symbol. This is the design I hope the committee selects as the new flag. I have also seen the design recolored according to the color schemes of Minnesota sports teams, and it works very well. The only criticism I could give it is that at the end of the day, it still is a design on a blue background, which is part of the reason the old flag was bad. If we used this star design on the F1953 submission, I think we'd have the perfect flag. Thank you to the committee for your hard work on this project!
11/30/23 22:57	F29	Love this! It's simple, classy, feels fresh but will stay classic. Gorgeous.
11/30/23 22:58	F29	This is the one. It's elegant and iconic. Beautiful yet simple. Truly a timeless choice for the star of the north!
11/30/23 22:59	F29	I love this flag. It's simple, has meaningful symbolism, and it has a classic, timeless look.
11/30/23 22:59	F29	F29 is far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much.
11/30/23 23:01	F29	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
11/30/23 23:02	F29	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
11/30/23 23:02	F29	There is nothing about this flag that says Minnesota. The white and yellow colors wash each other out from a distance, therefore nobody will know what the symbols are. This flag is a NO.
11/30/23 23:05	F29	This is BY FAR the best flag in the selection. I still wish loons were included in some way, but I would be a happy Minnesotan if this flag was chosen. The others look too corporate or half designed. Not trying to have my state flag look like a company or sports team.
11/30/23 23:08	F29	Too simple, too graphic, too modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state! Also, a star (ok) but a snowflake??? What happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 23:12	F29	Lifelong Minnesotan. Big fan of redesign project. This is my favorite: clean, simple, recognizable. Focused entirely on the North Star. Snowflake pattern is a good and simple complement to the star, also reminiscent of textile pattern found in many cultures, including my own (Norwegian).
11/30/23 23:18	F29	Could support
11/30/23 23:21	F29	F29 looks nice maybe a brighter blue and star/snowflake off center.

<p>11/30/23 23:24</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status.</p> <p>But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. The website user awkward and unaccepting of the most popular image file types. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>Entry F29 would be best suited for a doormat or a quilt. Its chief emblem originates from Scandinavia and is a quilting pattern that can also be seen on hand-woven baskets and other antiques. The Amish use it extensively in mosaics on the walls of barns. It violates the guideline for ethnic neutrality quite clearly. The pattern is best suited for stationary use as is it graphically too concentrated to be used in motion as a flag would. The central splatter is indescribable to someone who has never seen it. Having never seen it before, what would you describe it as? A good flag should also be easily described verbally. One can describe F29 as a Geometry homework assignment gone awry. What a congress of rhombuses and polyhedrons! The North Star Flag has the top two-thirds a royal blue bearing a large golden star towards the hoist, beneath it is a full-length wavy white stripe and at the bottom quarter is a full-length green stripe. See it? I bet you can.</p> <p>The snowmobile maker Polaris would possibly be flattered to see the four-pointed star, integral to their logo, upon the state flag. At what point in Minnesota's history did a four-pointed star have any significance? The twelfth of never.</p> <p>L'Étoile du Nord, Star of the North. Read the word "étoile". What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. The public will too. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. They attract us innately. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The Four-pointed star on the flag of Aruba stands for the island's four main languages. This is an example of historical significance behind the use of a different star style. Five pointed stars are universal for depictions of "independence", "liberty" and so on. Minnesota has no connection to a four-pointed star and thus arbitrary usage of it would be most unprofessional negligence of the commission's due diligence.</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative who's had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F29, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation. If the commission seeks to have carried out its duties to the utmost effectiveness, it has taken the most difficult route to the worst outcome by neglecting to include the North Star Flag, the most popular successor to the current Minnesota flag for the last 3 ½ decades!</p> <p>I do not insist that F29 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian "survival of the fittest" race between it and The North Star flag begin;and may the best flag win. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F29 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the deeply popular North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
<p>11/30/23 23:27</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>I've never had more confidence in saying that this flag is the best by far;it's incredibly meaningful without being in your face and if still preserves the blue background most US state flags have (including ours). However what I love most about it is its simple design that allows children to draw and marketability is even easier. I understand if you wouldn't pick this one as the top three as the others are also fantastic. As a citizen of Minnesota I prefer this flag.</p>
<p>11/30/23 23:28</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>F29 looks like a Christmas flag. Maybe it'd be better without the snowflake?</p>
<p>11/30/23 23:28</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>Beautiful graphic, but unfortunately very uninspiring for a state flag. Does not embrace Minnesota.</p>
<p>11/30/23 23:31</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>No. There needs to be inclusion of Dakota and Ojibwe imagery as with F1435.</p>
<p>11/30/23 23:36</p>	<p>F29</p>	<p>Please read the Opinion page in the Wednesday, November 29, 2023 edition of the Saint Paul Pioneer Press - the two authors express the majority of Minnesota's thoughts on the computer generated "simplistic" designs that DO NOT incorporate any historical elements (i.e., indigenous people, fishing hunting farming) and treasured icons (i.e., the Loon) of Minnesota. While updated and politically correct elements should be incorporated, the total shift to simple, computer generated graphics is way off the mark!</p>

11/30/23 23:37	F29	I would not choose this one. I do not like the diamond shaped points on the star. I reminds me of the symbols painted on old barns. The shapes are too harsh and while it is somewhat like our Scandinavian heritage, it really does not represent the whole state. I don't buy the gold means resources. It's just gold, and really the white stuff that's supposed to be a snowflake looks more like it's part of the star, and it's too prominent. We are way more than snow (even after last year)
11/30/23 23:37	F29	F29 is by far my favorite. It nicely captures our position as a the north star of the us and the snow is also a center focus. And obviously mn needs some blue in its flag. Hope one actually gets approved. Can't possibly draw our current one.
11/30/23 23:40	F29	No. It's too plain and the last thing we want is to emphasize winter.
11/30/23 23:44	F29	I like F29 because it has a corresponding seal.
11/30/23 23:45	F29	I like the simplicity of this design. Very good
11/30/23 23:46	F29	Please read the article in the November 30 STrib (pages B1+5). I agree so much with those commentators. How would this design look if the snowflake were above the North Star (or vice versa)? I like having both designs as they are "so Minnesota."
11/30/23 23:46	F29	This is a general comment to whomever chooses the final flag design. If you analyze the great flags of the United States, they signify their state as a brand. Colorado and South Carolina. They put their flag on all kinds of merchandise etc. Colorado has probably more different representations of their "C" than any State. What a great way to advertise your State! Take that into consideration in the final selection.
11/30/23 23:48	F29	The version of this with the yellow star in the corner was far bolder and aesthetically pleasing. Disappointing the other version ins not among the options. F29 is likely the most iconic but very disappointed that among all of the choices submitted these are the finalist. I keep hearing from community members how disappointed they are in the choices.
11/30/23 23:50	F29	F29 should be the new state flag because of its simplicity. I believe that the symbol, while contrasting with the dark background, would be a great symbol for Minnesota natives and residents to wear and display with pride. It greatly represents Minnesota's snowy landscape and its association with the North Star. I highly recommend that this be chosen as the new state flag.
11/30/23 23:52	F29	we are a state of lakes, farms, state parks and forests. How can we have a MN state flag with no green !? A Gold Star is not a symbol the rich resources of our state.
11/30/23 23:57	F29	A snow flake is one of the 4 great seasons in MN. 10,000 lakes and forests and state parks are enjoyed by MN folks and tourists year round. Poor , weak design. Fine for a corporate or sports logo.
12/1/23 0:09	F29	I think this is an elegantly simple design. The combination of the North Star and the snowflake is brilliant, set on the blue background representing all our lakes. Yes! Yes! Yes!
		This is my favorite flag because I like the star designs and colors but it should also have a loon or something
		Yes to blue background although it seems a bit dark.
12/1/23 0:13	F29	The North Star is good, but the design is otherwise boring and incorrect. Snowflakes have six (6) points and/or sides. This snowflake has 8 points. For these reasons it's a definite "No" for me.
12/1/23 0:28	F29	This is my favorite of the 6 listed, it's simple while still being distinct
12/1/23 0:35	F29	This is a flag I can be proud to hang, its simplicity and symbolic design are perfect. In my opinion it will do a good job representing us
12/1/23 0:40	F29	I prefer this flag over the others. It has a very clean design that is easily recognizable and honestly just very pretty. It's really as good as a flag can get.
12/1/23 1:12	F29	This is the clear winner. It's simple, iconic, and a great, simplified representation of our state. The color scheme is good, and it feels like Minnesota to me: warm (gold) in summer, cold (white) in winter. It seems easy enough for people to remember and draw, but distinctive enough that people won't confuse it with another state's flag.
12/1/23 1:23	F29	No. No. No. Way too simple and boring. Does not signify the native people of this land and leaves out too much of what MN really is. I do not think "MN" when I look at it, at all. I am not a fan. No.
12/1/23 1:47	F29	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?
12/1/23 2:21	F29	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible
12/1/23 2:24	F29	I urge the commission to reconsider the North Star flag (F22). The fact that it was disregarded despite organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans was very disappointing. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag.
12/1/23 2:34	F29	This is the best option by far. It is simple but beautiful. It represents the north star and the winter, while have a distinctive blue background. New Mexico currently has the best flag in the US and this would follow in their footsteps of creating beautiful and simple designs that capture the state's essence.

12/1/23 2:48	F29	<p>I really like the star/combination of stars on a blue field idea. I really like the dark/navy blue, white and gold as colors. The more I think about all this, the less I miss green as one of the colors. I do like this 4-pointed compass rose style star and 8-pointed snowflake style star.</p> <p>I do think there's some other flag submissions that have some really interesting star combo ideas. I really like the idea of an 5-pointed star inside an 8-pointed star representing the year of our statehood, 1858. I also like that the 5-pointed star references the 5-pointed stars on the US flag. F1093 exemplifies this.</p> <p>I also really like when the 8-pointed star is outlined. I think that really brings out the M shape it makes all the way around.</p> <p>F1139 is a good example of this. It also has the same blue, white and gold colors as this flag finalist. I wonder what F1139 might look like with a white 5-pointed star in the center like F1093.</p> <p>This could solve the problem brought up by vexillologists about this design where they are concerned that the white and yellow won't contrast enough and at a distance the two stars may be indistinguishable because there would be blue in between them.</p>
12/1/23 3:21	F29	<p>Dear State Emblems Redesign Commission,</p> <p>I have been looking at the finalists for the new state flag over the past few days, and while I do like some of the designs (e.g., F1953, F944) I find it strange that the original North Star Flag (F3) is absent. I saw that it almost made the finalists but was rejected at the last minute. So, I am writing to reconsider bringing back F3 to the final vote, and I have a few reasons why.</p> <p>First off, many of the submissions are clearly inspired by F3, by its color palette, symbolism, and overall design. I think that shows how well-designed F3 is. Knowing it can create so many variations just from one flag is a testament to how iconic its design is. It represents the state perfectly even with its simplicity. It has a design that can be recognized far away, and it's easy to remember.</p> <p>Next, it's already stood the test of time, being over 30 years old and still being a very popular contender for the new state flag. And I feel it'll continue to be a great design even in the far future.</p> <p>My final reason I think it should be added back is that I feel like the main reason this whole new flag movement started is BECAUSE of this flag. I think that alone should be enough of a reason to have it be on the final vote. It has history behind it and a lot of fans, including myself. And if it loses the final vote, then that's okay; at least it had a chance to be chosen. I really, really hope you reconsider. But if that is absolutely not an option, then going over the current finalists,</p> <p>I would like to see F1953 with the star of F29. I feel like F29 alone looks way too much like the other state flags that have a dark blue background with a random symbol in the center. In the distance, you wouldn't be able to tell what state flag you're even looking at. I also like F944 a lot with the reflected water paying homage to Minnesota's name, but if I had to pick one, I would pick F1953. I like the Minnesota shape and the colors of it.</p>
12/1/23 3:45	F29	Thank you for reading and taking this into consideration.
	F29	Third best.
12/1/23 4:14	F29	F29: In ways I like this, and in ways I feel it's busy and not doing enough at the same time for a state flag, F2100 again stronger. The snowflake/star over star seems too much, and I miss the green of earth and vegetation for Minnesota--too much blue and wanting some simple bit for the more that could be to represent our state. But maybe other good use could be made of this as well, decor with some other state function.
12/1/23 4:19	F29	Looks too much like a cross from far away. I don't like it
12/1/23 5:11	F29	No
12/1/23 5:11	F29	No
12/1/23 5:14	F29	No. We will be flying the old flag.
12/1/23 6:04	F29	This is my 3rd choice.
12/1/23 6:21	F29	This is a favorite flag design of mine because of its simplicity but distinct design choice. It also looks like it slightly pays homage to the original flag. It would be a top choice for myself.



12/1/23 6:31	F29	This flag emblem is very strong. I like the representation of snow, which is synonymous with Minnesota, as well as our North Star State motto. The style is reminiscent of both traditional quilting patterns and the Ojibwe loom style which blends Minnesota cultures. Its strength is in its simplicity. This would be a perfect state flag for Minnesota.
12/1/23 6:33	F29	3rd Choice
12/1/23 6:34	F29	I like the simplicity but would like to see more of MN represented than just North Star and snow. 3rd favorite.
12/1/23 6:45	F29	ALL of these designs are just simple designs that say NOTHING about our beautiful state. They all look like they are done by the same person. I like our current flag that speaks to what Minnesota is and our history. To look at any of these designs, no one would guess they are for the State of Minnesota. I vote NO to all! Keep our flag! Or if youâ€™re going to come up with a new seal for our state, incorporate that into the flag.
12/1/23 6:50	F29	First, thanks to all to submitted an entry. Second, come on this is MN we can do so much better than these designs. As a homeschooling mother, we spent lots of time studying our great state of MN and the current flag. The submissions chosen to be finalists have NO depth, they are superficial, almost fake if you will. If one of these 6 finalists are chosen there is nothing to studying on the new flag. I wouldn't even waste the time showing it to young people. The submission of the blue background with a star and snowflake is the absolute worst. It DOES NOT represent the state entirely. We're more that snow, a blue background to represent the water (terrible idea) and the star. It appears to be done in 2 seconds by machine. Not worthy of being a finalist at all.
12/1/23 6:50	F29	So what happens when you put the state seal on the flag? It covers up the ugly star. Hopefully the seal isn't one of the ugly star ones. At least the loon is representing Minnesota as it is our state bird. Rather have that in the middle of the flag than any of the ugly stars.
12/1/23 6:50	F29	I like the overlay of the flake and star. Color selection is overall nice, though the blue is a bit dark. It really just feels like it's missing elements and doesn't fully represent Minnesota. Would love to see green elements that represent our forests, for example, would love to see a nod to our tribal nations, but I'm not sure how you'd tweak this design to get there. This feels like it's in the middle of the lack when looking at the six flags options.
12/1/23 6:55	F29	The state flag final 6 are severely lacking in substance. None of the designs speak of MN as a whole. They are overly simplistic to the point of having no representation of Mn.
12/1/23 6:57	F29	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
12/1/23 6:58	F29	This is my vote!
12/1/23 7:04	F29	I prefer designs that incorporate green & blue - like so many MN departments already do. Also, I am not a fan of the Scandinavian star, as it is not as inclusive of all immigrants or residents of MN.
12/1/23 7:06	F29	Far and away the best choice of these. Simple and classic, doesn't look like a sports team flag.
12/1/23 7:09	F29	A simple but striking representation of the North Star
12/1/23 7:12	F29	Your finalists are Terrible designs of a child! These to not represent our state. Please include our state bird! the loon!!
12/1/23 7:12	F29	Too basic. Lacks warmth, not really thought provoking as old flag was
12/1/23 7:13	F29	My first choice - I like the simplicity, the North Star and Snowflake of course are symbols of MN AND together they look like the compass rose.....
12/1/23 7:15	F29	2nd favorite. Pretty star and snow combo. Blue color doesn't depict water enough.
12/1/23 7:16	F29	In my opinion, this selection is too simplistic. It doesn't speak to me or make me feel proud of my state flag.
12/1/23 7:23	F29	This is the best one!
12/1/23 7:26	F29	No green, star is obscured by a snowflake
12/1/23 7:28	F29	I don't like the flag designs that resemble patch work/quilts. The quilt reminds me of Minnesota's Nordic history. Since the founding of MN, the state has become much more diverse, housing many cultures. The diversity of MN should be reflected rather than focusing on one culture (colonizing).
12/1/23 7:35	F29	Easily my favorite of the finalists and always has been one of my favorite Minnesota flag redesigns. This flag is striking, distinct, and timeless.
12/1/23 7:36	F29	State Flags should have the state's name included in the design so that everyone knows the flag represents the state.
12/1/23 7:38	F29	No. Simplistic rendering of a Scandinavian Christmas ornament.
12/1/23 7:42	F29	This design has the most impact and is visually appealing.
12/1/23 7:45	F29	These finalists submissions lack creativity. There were many amazing submissions that were creative and ties in mn in a meaningful and recognizable way. These do not deliver that.
12/1/23 7:46	F29	Star of the north? Looks like snowflake. Whole family hates it. At least colors are better.
12/1/23 7:49	F29	This design is good, but I can't get behind it. It would be crazy to go through this entire process only to end up with another "seal on a blue bedsheet" style flag, like so many other states (tragically) have.

12/1/23 7:51	F29	Boring. And snowflakes have 6 points, not 8.
12/1/23 7:53	F29	F29 is the best flag to represent the Great State of Minnesota!
12/1/23 7:55	F29	Simple, yet recognizable and elegant! Love this one!
12/1/23 7:57	F29	This is a simple, clean design and is by far the only one I would prefer to see flying outside daily!
12/1/23 7:58	F29	While strong, this design has a strong resemblance to the Indiana state flag. I believe we should use this opportunity to be distinct from other state flags within the union
12/1/23 8:04	F29	are you guys kidding! all of the flags look like they should be at a Kids camp up north. this is embarrassing. this is the best you can get. drop them all and start over.
12/1/23 8:06	F29	Too simple, and looks specifically like a Scandanavian sweater design I have seen. Where is the reference to what makes MN special... water, clear and cloudy.
12/1/23 8:08	F29	No
12/1/23 8:08	F29	I like the simplicity of the design and the colors.
12/1/23 8:09	F29	Beautiful. The North Star. Simple and clean with hints of the scandinavian heritage of so many Minnesotans.
12/1/23 8:09	F29	You need to go pick another designs, the 6 finalists do not represent the entire state, it looks like you are not interested in out state minnesota.
12/1/23 8:09	F29	This is by far the best of the finalists!
12/1/23 8:10	F29	Of the finalists, this is the design I like best. Clean and elegant.
12/1/23 8:10	F29	This is by far the best of the finalists!
12/1/23 8:10	F29	This is by far the best of the finalists!
12/1/23 8:11	F29	Yuk, no style, looks like a cheap snip off the internet!
12/1/23 8:11	F29	Yuk, no style, looks like a cheap snip off the internet!
12/1/23 8:13	F29	This is the most boring and least desirable of the 6 choices. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:14	F29	Ok but looks computer generated Looks like a flag for a festival- not for a state
12/1/23 8:15	F29	Blue, star and snowflake design stands out as Minnesota 's new flag!
12/1/23 8:16	F29	This one is the best! Represents the snow and the stars and the MN blue sky.
12/1/23 8:17	F29	Keep the design we've had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:19	F29	This is probably my 3rd favorite of the finalists Its a really nice symbol. Its sleek and cool looking but it is a little too complicated in my opinion to be a great flag design. A flag should be easily replicated by a 3rd grader and I think this one would be a little difficult for the proverbial 3rd grader to pull off. It also is reminiscent of the logo of a tech company or something like that, which is to say it seems sleek and modern which makes me worried that it would end up being dated in the future.
12/1/23 8:22	F29	This looks like a communist flag.
12/1/23 8:22	F29	None of these look like a state flag, more like a soccer team flag. Try again.
12/1/23 8:23	F29	Terrible, doesn't represent MN
12/1/23 8:26	F29	How do any of these new designs represent Minnesota? What do they even mean? And why do we need a new flag and seal? Just a HUGE waste of our taxpayer's money! Keep the flag and seal we currently have;there is nothing wrong with them.
12/1/23 8:27	F29	F29- Looks unfinished with so much background blue.
12/1/23 8:27	F29	This is my favorite flag submission. It is simple, distinct, incorporates meaningful symbols, and has a lovely color scheme.
12/1/23 8:28	F29	The symbolism represents MN in a very generic way. Though I understand the flag experts say flags should be simple, this is much too simple. I have concerns that when the wind is at rest and so is the flag, that it will appear as nothing more than a bland blue strip.
12/1/23 8:30	F29	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:32	F29	Awful. Why are you concentrating so much on the star? Put it in a corner then put lakes with boats and loons and fishermen, Paul bunyon. Anything but a huge north star with nothing else on the flag. All Six designs are terrible. The people of Minnesota should have voted to decide the new design, not some commission

12/1/23 8:34	F29	This flag does nothing to denote, instruct, or profess anything exceptional or exemplary of MN except a few land features which are not exclusive to the State.
12/1/23 8:35	F29	This flag does nothing to denote, instruct, or profess anything exceptional or exemplary of MN except a few land features which are not exclusive to the State.
12/1/23 8:37	F29	I like this general design, but the star/snowflake combination is not very clear when scaled down or viewed from further away. I would consider outlining each shape with the dark blue background color. Also, I think this would look really neat if the symbol was shifted further right and the left side of the flag had the simplified MN outline/inverse triangle in a dark green.
12/1/23 8:39	F29	All of the "chosen" flags will only represent Minnesota for its "Love" of Hotdishes.... Plain and uninteresting, just as you would see a bland can of Cream of Mushroom soup.....
12/1/23 8:40	F29	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:40	F29	Not bad
12/1/23 8:42	F29	No to all of them. Our state flag is ok as is. Stop the wasteful spending.
12/1/23 8:44	F29	I am not fond of the snowflake. Along with many residents I do not embrace Minnesota winters, I tolerate them. I enjoy living in Minnesota for other reasons.
12/1/23 8:44	F29	This is definitely my favorite! Simple and effective. Love the winter and north star themes.
12/1/23 8:44	F29	It's terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. It screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:44	F29	Probably the pick of the litter, would like to see some green though to balance the blue.
12/1/23 8:45	F29	It would be nice if the blue actually looked like water. I like the snowflake, but some here is even more awesome and that doesn't show up because the blue just looks like a background.
12/1/23 8:47	F29	These comments apply to all your choices for state flag. All of the flag entries chosen are boring, too simplistic and mean nothing to speak to the uniqueness to MN. Where are the loons? They are our state bird and there are some lovely designs submitted with loons. I am very disappointed in all you have chosen. I have not heard any positive comments on any of the choices. Please re-think your choices There are so many much more appropriate and lovely submissions! Please choose different options with loons. Thank you, Mary Carlson
12/1/23 8:47	F29	This is fine but boring
12/1/23 8:48	F29	I see a star but nothing else. Color interpretations are in the eye of the designer and not apparent to people looking at the flag.
12/1/23 8:48	F29	This is perfect. Simple design.
12/1/23 8:50	F29	Boring. No vibrancy or excitement. Blue is to represent water and sky but using only one darker shade doesn't convey it well.
12/1/23 8:54	F29	If these are our only choices, then this design is my favorite. Re: the star...also reminiscent of barn quilt stars/farming. Overall, though, I'm old. Change is hard (lol)...but, really--though these submissions are fine on their design/artistry/etc, they seem more like upstart small business logos---smushed out by computer-aided graphic design software. Where is the TRUE art in these? Oh well. As for the submission F1953.....NO! This looks too much like a 'foreign country's flag. I live in MINNESOTA, U.S.A.
12/1/23 8:55	F29	I vote NO for this. My first thought is it reminds me of a snowflake which doesn't fully embody Minnesota. It is too basic.
12/1/23 8:57	F29	I think it's a simple drawing so I like it. It is a good flag to represent MN!
12/1/23 8:58	F29	I like it and think it would be perfect for putting on a hat and easy to see the design. -Everett
12/1/23 8:58	F29	Nope
12/1/23 9:00	F29	This design is OK. Relatively simple and clean. I agree that we embrace winter here, I just don't know if it makes sense to highlight snow as one of our primary defining elements, considering people who don't live here probably see that as a negative of ours, not a positive. This design doesn't scream "Minnesota" to me. Just seems a little generic.
12/1/23 9:01	F29	I think this looks the nicest out of the ones selected. A simple, yet distinct design with nice colors.
12/1/23 9:02	F29	I love this design and feel it's the winning one, hands down. It conveys both the "star of the north" concept and snow. And it does so in one elegantly designed combination symbol. Perhaps best of all, it's simple and strikingly so. The other 5 finalists I find too busy, and the symbolism doesn't always seem clear.
12/1/23 9:03	F29	The snowflake is too prominent. I love winter but our summers are also amazing. the snowflake flag would just further associate us with snow and decrease tourism in the summer.
12/1/23 9:03	F29	This is an attractive design, but I wish we had a living thing (tree or loon) in one of the 6 finalists. I disagree with those who say "we can't have a loon because it doesn't represent the whole state." When an image is iconic, it doesn't matter if it touches all four corners of the state. If our state had the nation's tallest peak, would we say the mountain couldn't be depicted on the flag because it sits only in one spot? The loon is our tallest peak and should be represented in our state flag.
12/1/23 9:03	F29	My 2nd favorite after F1953. Reproducible, simple, and stately. Definitely a better looking "starflake" than F1154.
12/1/23 9:05	F29	Strong graphics, clear. Well-balanced design. Feels like it is missing something - one more accent.

12/1/23 9:06	F29	Best design of the finalists. Striking, strong, simple, with a clear message and identification with Minnesota. I teach geography and have long hoped Minnesota would distinguish itself among the states as northern -- from our bracing, extraordinary cold to the Norwest Angle: farthest north location in the Lower 48.. The unambiguous snowflake does just that. Other designs don't do this. The design will stand the test of time.
12/1/23 9:06	F29	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:09	F29	I love this one!
12/1/23 9:13	F29	This simple yet meaningful design best represents our state. It is beautiful.
12/1/23 9:13	F29	This is a nice design. I like the starkness of the star on the blue field. However, it feels like it's missing some elements. I would much rather select F767 than this one.
12/1/23 9:13	F29	Of all the flag finalists, this design is the cleanest and provides the most clear visual summary of Minnesota. L'etoile du Nord, and a snowflake displayed with pride, both in the center of a field of blue. While I do think there is an opportunity to explore whether different hues may make the design even more perfect, it is the best of the finalists.
12/1/23 9:16	F29	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology. Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded.
12/1/23 9:16	F29	This design is clean and eye catching. The overlay of the snowflake with the star clearly indicates "Star of the North" rather than just any star, and the ode to Indigenous designs is appropriate but doesn't hit you over the head.
12/1/23 9:17	F29	This should be our flag
12/1/23 9:17	F29	It's Simple and represents the state
12/1/23 9:17	F29	This flag is excellent. Simple design, easily recognizable, and endlessly replicable. Unique and something to be proud of. Watch out Colorado!
12/1/23 9:18	F29	In my opinion, this is the best design of all the choices, and I think it has promise if there were some depth/detail/design added to it. all of the rest of them look like someone spent 5 minutes cutting shapes out of craft paper and gluing them together for their 3rd grade art class. This is the official flag of Minnesota.. it feels like it needs more than what have been submitted. Maybe work with a graphic designer or local artist to refine these choices and add character to them.
12/1/23 9:20	F29	I really like the star and snowflake symbol, but otherwise it seems a bit too simplistic.
12/1/23 9:22	F29	This flag basically says Minnesota is cold, north, has natural resources and bodies of water. These traits are not unique to Minnesota and thus do not make us stand out from the rest of the states. The flag doesn't say anything about the people who live here either. The flag should incorporate both the land of Minnesota and its people.
12/1/23 9:23	F29	I like this flag a lot. It really represents our state well.
12/1/23 9:23	F29	I like this star design but think it would look better on background of the flag design 2100
12/1/23 9:25	F29	I like the simplicity.  I like the callout to the importance of water in the state;though I think a lighter color would better represent water.  I'm disappointed that this design (all of them, really) seems to miss an opportunity to conjure anything related to the indigenous experience, history, or naming of the land. I don't think it's enough to make things right by simply remove the offensive imagery in the current flag.
12/1/23 9:27	F29	Yes, go with this one please. Runner-up is 29.
12/1/23 9:27	F29	Clean, good looking simple design. Easily recognizable, immediate understanding of what it represents. The best of all choices.
12/1/23 9:30	F29	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.
12/1/23 9:32	F29	We might understand the symbolism but no one else will.
12/1/23 9:33	F29	Beautiful. Simple. Clean.
12/1/23 9:42	F29	I like this combination star an snowflake, but there needs to be additional symbolism...and also missing green.
12/1/23 9:45	F29	Design is very nice! But I would choose different colors, for example different shades of blue and yellow, since I associate these colors with the University of Michigan ...
12/1/23 9:46	F29	I think the idea of a snowflake atop a north star is creative and clever, but the entire flag lacks something. It seems a little simple. Personally, I think replacing the north star from submission in finalist F1953 with the snowflake/north star from this submission (F29) would be pretty great looking! :)
12/1/23 9:47	F29	Yes. Still a blue bedsheet. But yes overall.

12/1/23 9:50	F29	I don't like any of the 6 final designs. They are all really boring. I also feel like this whole redesign idea is a bunch of baloney and a waste of my taxpayer money. Pretty soon all of our past history will be erased because someone was offended by something,
12/1/23 9:51	F29	This one is decent. A little plain for our Minnesota state flag, but out of all the other finalists, this is my second choice and would rather have this one over some of the other designs that were selected for finalists.
12/1/23 9:52	F29	Comments from 4th grade class - Looks like a snowflake.
12/1/23 9:52	F29	Looks like an abstract Christmas card. Go back to the drawing board!
12/1/23 9:57	F29	Out of the six finalists, this is my favorite by far. It's simple and iconic enough to stand the test of time.
12/1/23 10:00	F29	There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!
12/1/23 10:00	F29	This is the only great example of a flag that would truly represent Minnesota of the remaining six options. If this is not the final choice, it would be a disservice to the citizens and the state itself. No changes are required to make this a perfect flag.
12/1/23 10:02	F29	All of these flags are absolutely horrible. This is the best you all can come up with. What an Embarrassment to our great state. Keep the flag we have and stop with all this WOKE crap. How about we have a kindergarten class design a flag, it would be better than these!!! You all should be ashamed to put forth these as options!
12/1/23 10:03	F29	Don't like any of the flag entries.
12/1/23 10:07	F29	The biggest problem here is that the white design on this is not a snowflake. Snowflakes have six sides... this has either 4 or 8 depending on how you count. This design also seems to have a lot of potential symbology, but apparently none of it means anything.
12/1/23 10:07	F29	This flag needs something that really says Minnesota included on it. Perhaps the word Minnesota or a loon, pine tree, lady slipper, outline of the state, etc.
12/1/23 10:07	F29	Start over, ick.
12/1/23 10:07	F29	This entire list of finalists is despicable. There were many more appropriate that did not get selected. In my opinion the current state emblems are just fine. They are light years better than any of the finalists. NEW FLAG DECISION BY THE LEGISLATURE IS DEFINATELY POLITICAL AND REDUCES OUR HERITAGE OF OUR FOREFATHERS (FOREFATHERS IS PROBABLY NO LONGER AN ACCEPTABLE WORD).
12/1/23 10:11	F29	Goes well as a set with S6. Straight-forward. Does not feel terribly unique or identifying as "Minnesota"
12/1/23 10:11	F29	Hello SERC, I'm the designer of F29. I've compiled my thoughts on feedback I've been receiving into a slide deck. I hope this is helpful to you. Thank you!  <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iVnP3sxO8hVdVeFESgu15bTy7WY58KTmpI5EVF9sm4/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iVnP3sxO8hVdVeFESgu15bTy7WY58KTmpI5EVF9sm4/edit?usp=sharing</a>
12/1/23 10:12	F29	Given that the flag competition has gathered national attention for it's ignominious submissions of a wooden board, a yellow lab, laser loons and China's flag, you might think the board would avoid further embarrassment by not choosing such awful designs. How did these get past a 13 member board over 13 meetings.
12/1/23 10:12	F29	This is, to me, the cleanest, most stunning, and most iconic design. It's simple but powerful, and I think Minnesotans would all feel pride in seeing themselves represented by the North Star.
12/1/23 10:13	F29	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks t realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.
12/1/23 10:14	F29	No. Too plain. Looks like a barn quilt.
12/1/23 10:19	F29	This is my favorite of the six finalists. The symbology is simple and clear, the colors stand out, and the flag looks great in both vertical and horizontal alignments. I would be proud to fly this flag outside my home.
12/1/23 10:21	F29	All options are awful. It feels like we are in an episode of the Handmaid's Tale picking a new flag for Gilead. Let's put some real thought and artistic aspect into designing a new flag if that truly is needed.
12/1/23 10:22	F29	This feels like the most honest of all the flag designs. Some of the others have odd design flow, and the green feels like too far of a departure from the original design. The geometry reminds me of the Swedish barn art you'll see in the rural parts of the state, and the star/snowflake combo feels very Minnesotan. A good design.

		<p>I don't like the color scheme in any of the finalists. It seems like the people who chose the finalists decided on a single color scheme and then picked six flags that were the color scheme that they liked. The same is true of the geometric nature of all of the finalists.</p> <p>It's been a long time since the North Stars were playing hockey for Minnesota yet again, a star is predominant in all of the finalists.</p> <p>Was there a true artist on the evaluation panel???? If there were no true artists on the panel perhaps it would be best to establish a panel of artists to help with the selection. Six finalists all close to alike from thousands of entries seems like a narrow minded approach.</p>
12/1/23 10:24	F29	
12/1/23 10:25	F29	This has to do with all of the flag designs. Why do they have to have a design so simple a child could draw it from memory? None of them make me think of the state of Minnesota when I look at them. They all need to have something more to indicate they are a flag of Minnesota.
12/1/23 10:26	F29	Not bad but there is more to Minnesota than a north star and a snowflake. F944 includes much more Minnesota symbolism with a still relatively simple design.
12/1/23 10:28	F29	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:31	F29	This is my favorite of the remaining flag designs! Simple, unique, can easily be adapted to other formats and shapes! I love it!!!
12/1/23 10:33	F29	Too simple, looks like a quilt pattern. It would be hard to love with this flag as representing our state. Rate at 1/10 ten is high.
12/1/23 10:34	F29	These are all dull and unimaginative. Not everyone in California sees bears! If SO many people want a loon letâ€™s DO it. We didnâ€™t agree with any of the comments by the â€œexpertâ€ in the Star Tribune. Whatâ€™s wrong with water, a loon and the north star?
12/1/23 10:35	F29	Love it! Bold, iconic.
12/1/23 10:41	F29	this is one is nice and simple !
12/1/23 10:46	F29	This design is thoughtful, yet meh .... to much focus on WinTER. MN has FOUR blissful seasons.
12/1/23 10:46	F29	This is the best design of the finalists. It better satisfies the design requirements of the "Good" Flag, "Bad" Flag principles than the other finalists. Of the six designs, this one is immediately cleaner and stronger in delivering a concise symbol of our state. I appreciate the design's reference to the broad connections to climate and geography. The clear North Star image is a nice continuation of the state motto and I particularly think the reference to the star on the floor in the rotunda of the Capitol building is a meaningful and wonderful connection to other state symbols.
12/1/23 10:50	F29	This is visually stunning, but seriously flawed. First, give the snowflake 6 points to be accurate. Second, give the star 6 or 8 points. The only 4-pointed "star" I know of is a car logo.
12/1/23 10:50	F29	I think that we should select this flag design because it represents the importance of nature to Minnesotans. Winter is a big deal in Minnesota, and the snowflake demonstrates this. The flag also shows the directional star and uses the gold to represent the value of the land. Minnesota also has a rich farming history.
12/1/23 10:50	F29	ALL OF THESE FINAL CHOICES ARE AWFULL! THEY LOOK LIKE COUNTRY FLAGS NOT STATE FLAGS! WHERE IS OUR LOON, LADY SLIPPER OR ANY OTHER SYMBOLS!? WHERE IS "THE LAND OF 10,000 LAKES"!? SHAME ON ANY OF YOU FOR NOT TAKING THOSE INTO CONSIDERATION!!
12/1/23 10:51	F29	This design is too plain for me. The directional star is nice, however, considering all the design submissions this is one that would benefit if elements from other submissions were combined. I would prefer we not move forward with any of the submissions and have another round to generate designs based on these six finalists. None on their own would be my choice.
12/1/23 10:51	F29	Great submission. Clean, good color choices, great flag composition, and symbolism matches the state well.
12/1/23 10:52	F29	This is the best design of the finalists. It better satisfies the design requirements of the "Good" Flag, "Bad" Flag principles than the other finalists. Of the six designs, this one is immediately cleaner and stronger in delivering a concise symbol of our state. I appreciate the design's reference to the broad connections to climate and geography. The clear North Star image is a nice continuation of the state motto and I particularly think the reference to the star on the floor in the rotunda of the Capitol building is a meaningful and wonderful connection to other state symbols.
12/1/23 10:53	F29	This flag looks like a bad corporate committee choice. Our old flag honored Native Americans and our settlers. Why do you want to erase Native Americans? Do you hate them so much? Shame on you and anyone trying to erase our history. You still honor The Vikings, and they were slave traders and murderers. Shame!
12/1/23 10:55	F29	Boring, too plain
12/1/23 10:56	F29	I hate to say no so Nyet
12/1/23 10:58	F29	While this design is nice, this flag is still a symbol centered on a blue field and looks like several other state flags thus not achieving the objective of creating a unique flag.
12/1/23 11:00	F29	"First year Graphic Design major" level design. Safe but uninspiring. Simple to the point of lacking. You could have told me it was a logo to a new Minneapolis microbrewery and I'd believe you.
12/1/23 11:05	F29	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design

12/1/23 11:08	F29	This star is good, but it's too boring by itself. I feel strongly about wanting a loon on the flag.
		I like this design overall. However, the star/snowflake combination needs to be revisited. The layered white-and-yellow don't contrast enough so they kind of blend together at a distance. The whole thing together is a bit too complex (cf guideline that it should be easy to draw or at least create a recognizable approximation of). If the layers are maintained, the gaps between the snowflake elements should be reduced. As it is, they're far enough apart as to look like 8 separate shards of something, not a unified element.  I would propose simplifying this star OR simply using the star pattern found on F1435.
12/1/23 11:09	F29	Other than the star, I love this flag for its simplicity and I think it says "Minnesota" at a glance.
12/1/23 11:13	F29	This is a very good representation of symbols that represent our state. It's simple and meaningful and I think it's a great option for a flag.
		Hello! I represent FairVote Minnesota, an organization dedicated to advancing and educating in support of ranked choice voting in Minnesota. Using RCV, we have conducted an unofficial poll of our audience and social media users, who chose design F29 as a consensus favorite!
12/1/23 11:13	F29	12,165 votes were cast in the poll, and no design received an initial majority. But after multiple rounds of tabulation, F29 emerged as a winner over second-place F944 with 6,541 (55%) final round votes. For the full results and round-by-round tabulation, please see <a href="http://www.fairvotemn.org/flagresults!">www.fairvotemn.org/flagresults!</a>
12/1/23 11:16	F29	This is a good looking north star Now it needs an out line of a loon
12/1/23 11:17	F29	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:17	F29	Not a fan. It's too similar to other state flags and is not representative of what makes MN unique other than the north star, which is not exclusive to MN.
12/1/23 11:18	F29	A little boring...
12/1/23 11:18	F29	This one is the best of the six options. It's striking and elegant in its simplicity, which still symbolizes so much of what makes Minnesota special.
		This flag is an okay design, and it reminds me of the New Mexico flag, with the simple icon in the middle of the flag. But the snowflake seems to be a bit much. There were many better tweaks to this flag in Aaron Wittenbel's google galley of the tweaks. The gold star laid over the flake works much, much better, along with revision B inspired by Kaye, and the Hybrid, both of which appear at the bottom of the gallery.
12/1/23 11:19	F29	While a decent graphic symbol, it doesn't feel like it is very strong on the flag. And all of the top 6 designs were really a let down to the people of Minnesota, as so many good designs were passed on. I would like to ask the committee to reconsider their choice to remove the North Star Flag from the top 6. Open it up to the top 7, and see what Minnesotans have to say. It was a design that was already well beloved, and it should not have been passed on.
12/1/23 11:20	F29	I'm not a big fan of the "Snowflake" star.
12/1/23 11:20	F29	I'm sorry to be pessimistic. I usually feel that if a comment is made it should be constructive and suggest a solution BUT, in this case I think all the designs are terrible. They look like toy flags that should be flown over a Lego building. Also, they are all stylized in the same way. There isn't much difference between them so no real variety to chose from.
12/1/23 11:20	F29	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:23	F29	I've been looking over the finalists for a few weeks (since they were first revealed) and this is the one I keep coming back to. I would be happy to wave this flag!
12/1/23 11:23	F29	I dislike the extreme simplicity and over symbolism of most of the choices, including this one (my comment will be repeated for other flag options). Is it a crime to proudly include our state name? Or to help advertise some of the huge attributes of our state?
12/1/23 11:24	F29	This flag design looks like a quilt square to me. The colors remind me of the state of Michigan. Despite the explanation of the design, which I appreciate, I do not like this submission at all.
12/1/23 11:25	F29	Awful. I look at the flag and there is nothing that would tell me it is the Minnesota flag. Looks like something religious.
12/1/23 11:26	F29	I like this one
12/1/23 11:27	F29	Terrible design. Looks like a flag for a bush league soccer team. Not a good representation of our statehood.
12/1/23 11:29	F29	Great symbol maybe better coupled with one of the other designs

12/1/23 11:29	F29	I feel 944 is the best of the flag finalists. It is simple and invokes snow and water more instantly than the representative color bands in the other flags such as 2100, which is also designed well. I also feel 1953 is original with all design aspects. 29 doesn't say Minnesota, it says star on a flag. 1154, I dunno, something is off...it doesn't excite me. As far as 1435, I like the idea of an Ojibwe design, but unfortunately looks like it was designed and/or printed using 1980s technology and will instantly look dated.
12/1/23 11:29	F29	Unless the wind is blowing you only see blue. But I love the star and Snowflake combo
12/1/23 11:31	F29	As an artist and resident I think these are terrible choices. I would have no idea this belongs to MN nor does it represent our state. I thought they were Scandinavian quilts until I put on my glasses and saw that it was flag options. The colors and designs aren't pleasing to the eye either. There is no sense of cohesiveness in any of the designs which is essential.
12/1/23 11:34	F29	I really feel these choices are all so shallow. It is too simple and doesn't have any depth. Minnesota is so much more than just snowflakes and a star. How on earth does a huge state like California or Texas choose something that includes every single person? We have always been represented by our state bird, flower, motto etc. now we are reduced to just two things that are neither unique or representative of Minnesota. At least the submissions with northern lights would be slightly unique. But then...I suppose they don't see them in Southern Minnesota as often as Northern so that isn't acceptable.
12/1/23 11:35	F29	While I think the symbol in the flag would make for a really solid state seal, I don't think this should be the next state flag. This flag would have the same problem with memorability as our current flag, as it is just a seal (or a seal-like symbol) on a blue background.
12/1/23 11:37	F29	I like stars and snowflakes, but there is more to Minnesota than that. Please do not choose this design.
12/1/23 11:39	F29	The star is too "busy." Shares a problem w. all but 1 of designs - lack of living nature, like plants & animals.
12/1/23 11:40	F29	While this flag is an improvement on the current design, I do not think that it has done enough to differentiate itself from the current flag and all the other mainly solid blue flags throughout the country.
12/1/23 11:40	F29	I like the simplicity of this flag. Of all the flags up for consideration this is the one that I think will stand out the most when waving overhead.
12/1/23 11:41	F29	This is the best of the finalist designs. It is clean, recognizable, and visually appealing. The central icons are meaningful and appropriate;at the same time, they are not obscure or overly busy. It would instantly be among the best of the 50 state flags. I would fly it often and proudly at my own home.
12/1/23 11:42	F29	A state flag that is both beautiful and everything you could hope for. Absolutely passes the vexillology test.
12/1/23 11:43	F29	The North Star Flag by Lee Herold should be considered.
12/1/23 11:55	F29	This flag and the other flags make a mockery of the states rich history. It is cartoonish. It has no real encompassing meaning. This exercise could have been fruitful. The commission has failed in its attempt by relation heavily on cartoon representations. Not a fan. Redo this exercise if the flag must be changed.
12/1/23 11:56	F29	This is a beautiful and truly Minnesotan design! It makes me feel connected to my community.
12/1/23 12:01	F29	Where are the loons? Prefer F29 of the flag finalists.



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11/22/23 14:34	F944	This is cool, but it has the feel of a soccer/FC logo. I don't hate it, I just don't think it feels like a state flag.
11/22/23 14:43	F944	F944 is my least favorite. Too trendy. Hard too draw.
11/22/23 14:56	F944	The design is too modern for a state flag. This looks way too corporate and I'm surprised it was a finalist.
11/22/23 15:09	F944	F944: trendy but do we want trendy for something that is going to be around for a long time? also, a bit cartoony, like the Jetsons cartoon
11/22/23 15:11	F944	What is it supposed to represent? One of those paper cups from the 90's?
11/22/23 15:37	F944	This could be the Marijuana Smoke Gets In Your Eyes flag. It could be a logo for a pot store, with lit joint facing you. It doesn't remind me of sacred river confluences. It could be wildfire smoke, or maybe a tornado. If I were to note a positive, the two swirly sections sort of resemble birds. However it's way too trendy, too gimmicky. It may wave nicely, but it's not official or timeless enough.
11/22/23 15:44	F944	Cartoonish. Do not like this one.
11/22/23 16:03	F944	I don't see this aging very well. Also, when it comes to flags, Keep It Simple. This is a bit too loud for a flag design.
11/22/23 16:43	F944	I do not like this one, and I don't see why so many people on the internet do. I hope this is a case where the internet does not reflect reality. While the rivers are unique design elements, I can already tell that this design is going to feel dated by the end of the decade, if it isn't already -- it reminds me of those 90s blue swoosh cups. I also don't like how this one is weighted. Something just feels off about where everything is, probably due to the rivers stretching from bottom left to top right. The star also just doesn't feel like it fits here.
11/22/23 17:04	F944	F29. Interesting but I am not sure people would get that the white is snow.
11/22/23 17:33	F944	This is one of three finalists that I favor. F2100 is my first choice.
11/22/23 17:35	F944	I do not support this design.
11/22/23 17:38	F944	MEH.
11/22/23 18:03	F944	I do Like this one, but feel it is a little busy and will feel dated in a few years.
11/22/23 18:13	F944	i like this design, my favorite. there is movement of sky and water, the north star.
11/22/23 18:25	F944	This design is the only one that depicts water! All the final designs are way too similar and don't seem to represent Minnesota! They look more like Middle East flags. Where's the MN wildlife, water, Native American, state bird, state flower? I'm very disappointed in this selection.
11/22/23 18:33	F944	Perhaps. It is the best of the six finalists. Negatives: - the star...something is not quite right. Positives: - love the flow. love the colors. love the design. and it looks great on a flag blowing in the wind. IF it is selected: - do NOT add colors to the river or sky flow (i heard a suggestion to add green to represent agriculture -- do NOT do this. Ag should not be near our waterways). - the only change would be to use the star design of F1496.
11/22/23 19:12	F944	By far my favorite. I understand keep it simple but the North Star needs to pop and we need a tree. We are Minnesota and we are known for our forests. The other designs are way too abstract and boring.  PLEASE choose this one and add a tree.
11/22/23 19:14	F944	F944 is by far my favorite. I understand keep it simple but the North Star needs to pop and we need a tree. We are Minnesota and we are known for our forests. The other designs are way too abstract and boring and do not represent us in any way.
11/22/23 19:14	F944	PLEASE choose this one and add a tree.
11/22/23 19:47	F944	This is the second best flag design. It's a unique design that will stand out when compared to other flags.
11/22/23 19:51	F944	No!! Looks like a corporate logo! Ugh.

11/22/23 20:32	F944	It too a minute to see the loons. When I did, it clinched it!
11/22/23 20:42	F944	<p>Awful</p> <p>A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:</p> <p>(1) Loon/Star combo â€œ F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409,</p> <p>(2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo â€œ F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073,</p> <p>(3) Star Only â€œ F318, F1472,</p> <p>(4) Loon Only â€œ F959</p> <p>(5) MN and Star combo â€œ F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650</p>
11/22/23 20:52	F944	This should not be in the contest - It looks like a state seal improvement study for South Dakota. Wandering river with smoke stacks. Plus: There is NO symmetry in this swirl design. Marks out of ten = ZERO.
11/22/23 20:58	F944	This is impossible to sew. You're gonna bankrupt the state buying flags, or they'll be screenprinted and gross like a mite hockey jersey.
11/22/23 21:11	F944	I like this flag. It is the most distinctive among all the entries,. In fact, it would be the most distinctive among all the state flags, with no straight lines anywhere. But the star is puny. You should replace the star with the star from one of the other submissions that has 8 points (4 big points and 4 small ones).
11/22/23 21:17	F944	I love how this one.
11/22/23 21:41	F944	F944. I donâ€™t even â€œgetâ€œ the meaning of this design.
11/22/23 22:04	F944	Too trendy and not timeless
11/22/23 22:06	F944	This at least has some creativity. Still nothing recognizable relating to MN.
11/22/23 22:23	F944	<p>This design has a smooth and peaceful flow.</p> <p>That said, of the 6 final candidate designs, this one looks least likely to stand the test of time. It has the feeling of a logo designed for a pleasant retirement community -- one that would require â€œrebrandingâ€œ every 10-15 years.</p> <p>Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.</p>
11/22/23 23:50	F944	Love it
11/23/23 0:52	F944	Is it a river, a lake, a freeway, a gust of wind, a loon? No green.
11/23/23 0:59	F944	I think this one is the best of the 6. We are the land of lakes and the start of the Mississippi, we should have water represented on the flag
11/23/23 2:09	F944	The star is kinda corny, but i like this one.
11/23/23 3:20	F944	As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for its strong focus on the golden star. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, the waves are very complex and would require a lot of effort to distinguish, remember and construct. This detracts from the flag design principle "make it so simple a child could draw it". Secondly, there are major contrast issues between the two shades of blue that break the "rule of tincture" that Ted Kaye mentioned to you and that would limit visibility for colour-blind individuals, limiting its inclusiveness (a major consideration for your commission). Thirdly, the waves are very modern in style and make the design less timeless. There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 4:43	F944	This submission is easy on the eyes and easy to understand it's symbolism. Great entry.
11/23/23 5:21	F944	I don't think this one will age well.
11/23/23 8:16	F944	This one is my favorite, and symbolizes Minnesota. The design is elegant, and yet simplistic. Next to the other designs, I think this one stands out the most and is beautiful.

11/23/23 8:21	F944	Good Grief! Another golden star for minerals again! Someone is trying to pull a fast one on us. No significant gold deposits have ever been found in Minnesota. If any color should represent Minnesota's mineral history it's the color gray for iron ore or taconite. Heck even rust orange or maroon would be better than gold. Just ask any iron range miner or anyone who has collected Lake Superior agates. This design will not endure the test of time because it also looks like a trendy corporate badging.
11/23/23 8:27	F944	F944 - This one is my favorite, and symbolizes Minnesota. The design is elegant, and yet simplistic. Next to the other designs, I think this one stands out the most and is beautiful.
11/23/23 8:31	F944	F944 is a wonderful piece of art!
11/23/23 9:10	F944	This is my favorite finalist, however I'd replace the star with the 1435 star, and flip it left to right, so the star is away from the flag pole
11/23/23 9:14	F944	F944 is my favorite finalist, however I'd replace the star with the 1435 star, and flip it left to right, so the star is away from the flag pole. F2100 is pretty good, but I'd move the star to the upper right corner.
11/23/23 9:19	F944	I strongly recommend against using this design. it already looks very dated and amateur. It is much better suited as a municipal flag, and does not properly represent our state
11/23/23 9:51	F944	This one is the clear winner in my book. This is a stunning design that looks like no other state's flag. It represents our state well. It draws the eye around the flag without being cluttered. This is so good it could inspire other states to change their flags.
11/23/23 10:29	F944	Dope
11/23/23 10:40	F944	I love this one, the motion in the design and that it is open to different interpretations.
11/23/23 11:07	F944	This design is my favorite, organically tying its elements together. It makes a bold, but not jarring, statement.
11/23/23 11:08	F944	F944 This design is my favorite, organically tying its elements together. It makes a bold, but not jarring, statement.
11/23/23 11:15	F944	This is my favorite of the finalists. I like that it has loons while not offending southern Minnesota. Also the star should be white and switched to an 8 pointed North Star.
11/23/23 12:00	F944	F944 is my favorite flag design among the (mostly bland and boring) final designs. This design evokes movement, and appropriately highlights Minnesota as the headwaters state (key natural feature) and the beauty of northern lights, together with a simple, bright North Star.
11/23/23 12:16	F944	Each of these flags looks childish. Pick a design that puts forth our decendants both ingenious and immigrants in the beat light.
11/23/23 12:48	F944	This is my second favorite. It is bold and unlike any other state flag. It will immediately stand out from the crowd. I love the North Star and representation of the Mississippi and clouds/Northern Lights. It is very distinctive and I urge the committee to strongly consider this too.
11/23/23 13:25	F944	F944 looks like an already outdated sports team logo from the early 2000s. I have found the final six flag submissions to be exceptionally underwhelming, uninspiring, and unbefitting of the symbol that will represent our great state.
11/23/23 13:36	F944	Best of the six
11/23/23 13:51	F944	Strong design uniquely Minnesota. Distinct from other states.
11/23/23 14:22	F944	I don't think this design will age well. The graphics look very 2023 and the swoosh design is a bit complicated but also not very distinctive. It can't be replicated well by other artists and graphic designers (let alone 5 year olds trying to draw it from memory).
11/23/23 14:55	F944	good looking flag, but not sure it represents our state accurately
11/23/23 16:01	F944	No
11/23/23 16:51	F944	Love the North Star
11/23/23 17:37	F944	Best design. Love how it incorporates Ojibwe star knowledge and Bdote, as well as the loon.
11/23/23 18:20	F944	This star looks like a reference to the Steelers. This feels like the icon for a sports team, not anything related to Minnesota.
11/23/23 18:26	F944	This one is nice
11/23/23 19:01	F944	It's clear that a star is a prominent element of all of the designs, but the star in this one is the weakest. I also feel like this one seems more of a cartoon than it does a flag
11/23/23 19:14	F944	Voting for this flag, thanks.
11/23/23 21:47	F944	I love the river meets northern lights plus the star. Doesn't look like a quilt pattern like the other finalists.
11/23/23 22:19	F944	This design has my vote. Captures North Star State;the feeling of waves and Aurora lights and the feel of nature, wind, flow. Lovely! Blue and green and white are good colors. True North! Maybe add a subtle compass pointing North to the Star.

		F944 is by far my favorite. I understand keep it simple but the North Star needs to pop and we need a tree. We are Minnesota and we are known for our forests. The other designs are way to abstract and boring and do not represent us in any way.
11/23/23 22:27	F944	PLEASE choose this one and add a tree.
11/23/23 23:05	F944	This is by far my favorite! I love it! The North Star - the flowing water!
11/23/23 23:25	F944	I really like the design of this flag, but I really wish it included the color green! It is probably my 4th favorite design.
11/24/23 0:11	F944	I thought the rules said a child should be able to draw it. It is a little strange. I definitely like the star, not sure about the loons.
11/24/23 0:48	F944	Awesome!
11/24/23 4:11	F944	This is terrible, it looks like the logo of a failed roller derby team. GTF! The commission that choose these finalists must've been high.
11/24/23 8:13	F944	As a graphic designer, I view all of the six finalist designs as extremely juvenile and amateurish. I really think there should be another round of submissions. However, some may work with some variations. This one might do well to have the upper white part of the design a light green so it represents the northern lights. The star would look better with six points and the vertical and horizontal points being longer to look like the star is shining and I think it would look better white rather than yellow.
11/24/23 8:13	F944	F944 was the top vote getter at our Thanksgiving gathering, with 9 votes. F29 got 3 votes, F2100 got 4, F1953 got 1, F1435 got 3 and F1154 1.
11/24/23 8:23	F944	This does not look very professional. Modern, yes, but that doesn't mean professional. Put this on a graphical tee, not the state's flag. You don't look at this and think, that must be Minnesota. It is an interesting design but nobody will see that as Minnesota.
11/24/23 8:38	F944	Part of the stated reason for the flag redesign was the existing one had parts offensive to the state's Native population. However, none of these designs give any recognition to the tribes. When one looks at the tribal seals many feature the black, red, yellow and white circles symbolic of many things including seasons. Perhaps worth inquiring if the tribes would like this somehow represented in the state flag i.e. in the center of the star or each color along one of the four borders.  For this design, really like the abstract blue and white that almost looks like a loon or clouds reflecting on rivers or plowed fields. Could the white portion be drawn out a little more so the dark blue on the left side is reminiscent of the shape of the state? Would love to see a green pine trees added perhaps small green triangle border for each of the states counties? Or one tree behind the star with a branch for each county?
11/24/23 8:56	F944	Part of the stated reason for the flag redesign was the existing one had parts offensive to the state's Native population. However, none of these designs give any recognition to the tribes. When one looks at the tribal seals many feature the black, red, yellow and white circles symbolic of many things including seasons or directions. Perhaps worth inquiring if the tribes would like this somehow represented in the state flag i.e. in the center of the star or each color along one of the four borders. Or use a star that looks like a compass wheel and have the four colors in each quadrant. With a small star indicating north at the top point. Would be really cool to include constellation of the big dipper in so people knew how to find north star. Also the 7 stars could represent 7 generations for protecting the land.  For this design, really like the abstract blue and white that almost looks like a loon or clouds reflecting on rivers or plowed fields. Could the white portion be drawn out a little more so the dark blue on the left side is reminiscent of the shape of the state? Would love to see a green pine trees added perhaps small green triangle border for each of the states counties? Or one tree behind the star with a branch for each county?
11/24/23 8:58	F944	This flag is way too modern to be timeless. I admit it is a very nice graphic, but for a logo or even the seal. Not the flag.
11/24/23 9:13	F944	This is a wonderful flag design for Minnesota!
11/24/23 10:19	F944	I like the river with reflection in the sky similar to northern lights.
11/24/23 10:22	F944	I like this one the best
11/24/23 11:42	F944	I love how dynamic this design is, and the colors are distinct and strong. The colors and logo are a bit too close to the mn soccer team though - if you decide to use this design and other colors just be careful that they be as clear and distinct as these colors are.
11/24/23 12:09	F944	Looks cartoony. Is that a ghost?
11/24/23 13:06	F944	I am very disappointed in all the flags chosen. They are all very flat and lacking distinctives.
11/24/23 13:18	F944	This looks like toothpaste entrails.
11/24/23 13:33	F944	This is a nice-looking design, but it's far too complex to be considered a flag. I don't think an adult could draw this let alone a 4th grader. I don't think F944 should be considered for our state flag.

11/24/23 13:41	F944	I really like the concept overall design theme of this flag, but if adopted as our new flag it would need changes. Compared to the other finalists the star is the weakest of the 6 and the colors do not match the overall state colors as outlined in the commission's design document.
11/24/23 14:00	F944	My least favorite. It would be difficult to sketch or describe from memory. It looks vaguely meandering, practically a symbol of indecision. The only redeeming feature is a near-reminder that the Minnesota River itself has a name I've heard translated as "cloudy", a more romantic "cloud-reflected", or just muddy. Meh.
11/24/23 14:15	F944	What does this have to do with Minnesota?
11/24/23 14:43	F944	Out of the choices Youve managed to narrow it down to ones that are truely awful, but this one is the least awful flag
11/24/23 14:49	F944	People are stupid, no matter what flag you pick if it dosent have the word MINNESOTA on it people wont have any clue what it means
11/24/23 16:11	F944	No
11/24/23 16:31	F944	I like this one the best.
11/24/23 16:55	F944	Beautiful design, but wondering if it is a bit contemporary and may look dated quickly.
11/24/23 16:58	F944	This is the best flag.
11/24/23 17:00	F944	Looks like a hockey team jersey
11/24/23 17:11	F944	I like this one because the swirls remind me of water, and we are the land of 10,000 lakes.
11/24/23 17:12	F944	I like this one because the swirls remind me of water, and we are the land of 10,000 lakes.
11/24/23 17:24	F944	Best by far, but doesn't include L'etoile du Nord or Minnesota
11/24/23 17:31	F944	Itâ€™s beautiful and reflects the spirit of MN!
11/24/23 17:35	F944	I am from Duluth, Minnesota and this is my favorite flag F944
11/24/23 17:36	F944	Nothing about this design says Minnesota
11/24/23 18:06	F944	Please donâ€™t use any of these 6 for the flag. They donâ€™t measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:12	F944	Looks like a design by an 8 hear old
11/24/23 18:25	F944	It looks like a banner for a company. Not something I would want my state flag to look like.
11/24/23 18:51	F944	This flag represents all of Minnesota. Love it.
11/24/23 19:01	F944	This one is ugly
11/24/23 19:26	F944	This design is too odd and busy, the imagery on the right looks childish and cartoonish. Please do not move this one forward, it would be a disservice to our state.
11/24/23 19:34	F944	This is by far my favorite one I have seen. This one has the best color connotations plus it is a cool design. The star looks vintage but modern at the same time. The river which I would think is the Mississippi looks amazing.
11/24/23 19:52	F944	I prefer this one because the star is not alone annd itâ€™s simple while the blue could be either a river or lake water and the white could be clouds or snow.
11/24/23 19:58	F944	I think this is one of the best ones! Maybe tweak the colors a little.
11/24/23 20:02	F944	If the goal is to make a memorable, recognizable flag, this is the only good one out of the 5 options.
11/24/23 20:03	F944	Awful. Unimaginative, dull, and meaningless. In no way does this represent Minnesota.
11/24/23 20:08	F944	This is a perfect, modern and appropriate, flag design. Itâ€™s beautiful.
11/24/23 20:19	F944	Very blah why change it? Makes zero sense.
11/24/23 20:40	F944	This design is fair at best. The star is terrible. Why can't we have the founding date and our state name on any of the designs?
11/24/23 20:41	F944	These are the finalists out of hundreds? Each one is worse than the previous... I'm speechless!
11/24/23 20:42	F944	I like the idea behind this one, but it lacks personality. It looks like a car dealership logo.
11/24/23 20:44	F944	I like F944 best. It is the clearest communicator of the 6.
11/24/23 20:44	F944	Best of the six designs, as it has movement. I can see the Mississippi River, and the northern lights reflected in the sky, or maybe it's a frozen river or ski trail. I feel like a person could travel along it, like we're going places... North Star is clean and doesn't look Pennsylvanian like some of the others. Colors work well together. Elements are simple but in this arrangement, don't look like they were created by a logo generator.

11/24/23 21:40	F944	F944 What is that thing in the upper left? A star? Does not look like a star. And what are those curvy lines all about? Three lane highways going hither and yon? I don't get it.
11/24/23 21:46	F944	Choose This One
11/24/23 21:51	F944	If we have to have one of these designs, this is my favorite. It's very modern and looks like no other flags. I assume the swirl is suppose to represent the Mississippi River. The river does start here and we should be proud of that.
11/24/23 21:55	F944	This is pure silliness. Keep our current flag.
11/24/23 22:04	F944	Best one out of the finalists but I think the loon/tree/wheat seal is the best of finalists, all together
11/24/23 22:04	F944	Submission F944 is my favorite of these designs by far. The way it reflects the state's name origin (sky tinted water) is beautiful and I love the way it represents the coming together of our rivers, the lengths of which largely shape our borders and whose flows dictate the bulk of our settlement patterns. That we're the origin of the Mississippi is one of our great claims to fame and this design reflects that well. None of the other flags come close to being as richly symbolic or as reflective of our history and geography.
11/24/23 22:12	F944	I'm an amateur vexillologist from Kentucky with some experience in designing for fiction and real life, and F944 is absolutely the most aesthetically pleasing flag you have on offer. The two swirls with a perspective, the deep blue field, and the excellently affixed star are all so geometrically harmonious. I feel like oftentimes flag redesign commissions get overdesigned or suffer from an "internet vexillology" brain disease, but I think this one would fit the cast of the current (good) American flags so very well, and is orders of magnitude better than the old flag.
11/24/23 22:20	F944	If we have to have one of these designs, this is my favorite. It's very modern and looks like no other flags. I assume the swirl is suppose to represent the Mississippi River. The river does start here and we should be proud of that.
11/24/23 22:31	F944	This flag with the star/snowflake design from F29 would be ideal
11/24/23 23:19	F944	This strikes a beautiful balance of color (diverse but not busy), movement (it moves the eye without being aggressive) and simplicity (streamlined without being boring). The only question of caution would be how it would look when flying - would the white in the upper R drown out the rest when hanging on a pole? Regardless, I like this design a lot!
11/24/23 23:42	F944	I enjoy how the swooshes of color on the right side can be interpreted as a river and the aurora.
11/25/23 0:04	F944	Hands down, I love F944 the best! The colors, the style, the symbolism. Love it!
11/25/23 0:13	F944	By far the best of the finalist designs. Beautiful and evocative.
11/25/23 0:23	F944	It's a beautiful flag, but it's giving strong sport team vibes which I don't think is appropriate in this context
11/25/23 0:26	F944	This is by far the best one.
11/25/23 1:30	F944	F944 looks more like a professional sports team flag than a state flag. I do not think it has the timeless quality that the other finalists have.
11/25/23 5:18	F944	F944 Simpler is not better. You've managed to narrow it down to bland and more bland. I'm pretty shocked that these are the finals out of so many cool meaningful designs! This is a contender for the best one because it actually gives us something to look at.
11/25/23 5:33	F944	This is my favorite of the choices. I wish there was a strip of green above the river. Sad that it is a river and not a lake.
11/25/23 5:53	F944	This flag may not look great on a flagpole.
11/25/23 6:34	F944	Reminds me of the design on Styrofoam cups.
11/25/23 6:51	F944	Too complex with the swooping lines and specific placement
11/25/23 7:18	F944	Better be this one!
11/25/23 7:20	F944	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:28	F944	Clean design, shows resources, movement reminds me of water, Mississippi River, action, progression, and blue and white colors join together.. Star could be enhanced and possibly some green added to represent our forests. I think this design will be appreciated in years to come.
11/25/23 7:32	F944	This is not what I would call a design.
11/25/23 7:42	F944	It sucks
11/25/23 7:53	F944	This looks like a bank logo. Difficult to draw and manufacture. The star is not a good shape and should not appear to the left, especially considering that the swirls might suggest a big dipper.
11/25/23 7:54	F944	This is the best flag. It is simple and unique and instantly recognizable. And the way the shapes of the water and the sky reflect each other is beautifully symbolic of what the name Minnesota means. Hope this one is chosen!
11/25/23 7:58	F944	This is my third place choice. It does not have very concerning imagery but is a bit too whimsical and a bit too busy for me.

		No question, F944 is the way to roll. It's got flow, movement, that sweep into the universe and, of course, the star of the north. And, there;'s nothing offensive or to take a pot shot at.  I like the getting away from clutter, also.
11/25/23 8:02	F944	The remaining designs are linear, fixed, predictable, unexciting, no flow;although F2100 has some flow, but it's got a middle eastern vibe to it (get away from that!- we're mid west).
11/25/23 8:04	F944	I like this one the most. Only change I'd like would be a green edge to the blue "oeswoosh".
11/25/23 8:05	F944	Best one of the finalists
11/25/23 8:13	F944	This flag design looks like bad clip art or the jazz solo styrofoam cups from the 90s.
11/25/23 8:18	F944	Of the finalists, F944 has the most of something for everyone. The star of course, but the other part is just abstract enough it can be two rivers meeting, the water reflecting in the sky, aurora borealis, even two loons. It's also beautiful with its colors.
11/25/23 8:22	F944	This reminds me to much of Michigan. They have something very close to to say "pure michigan".
11/25/23 8:22	F944	No, I wouldn't associate this with MN.
11/25/23 8:23	F944	This is a simple design but feels like it represents Minnesota. First impression of it is the star above the 2 biggest assets of MN, water and snow which represents the many sports and hobbies popular in MN.
11/25/23 8:23	F944	F944 is refreshing, but will it feel that way in 50 years?
11/25/23 8:26	F944	All flags are horrible
11/25/23 8:34	F944	The river reference is nice, but this uses design language that will quickly look dated
11/25/23 8:36	F944	I like the star. And I like the blue curvy shape that I perceive as water. I'd like to see something green and i'm not sure what the white curvy shape is representative.
11/25/23 8:39	F944	This is by far my favorite. The water gives the feeling of movement. I also like that it is not just water represented by a color like other designs. To me this is clear that we are depicting water and the north star. If someone outside of Minnesota looked at other options I feel like they wouldn't understand.
11/25/23 8:41	F944	This design is eye catching and catches the essence of Minnesota with the design and colors.
11/25/23 8:48	F944	Won't be able to see it from far away. 5 pointed star works better. Child can't recreate it.
11/25/23 8:48	F944	Another first grade project on a Microsoft art program. Not Minnesota.
11/25/23 8:53	F944	Underwhelming. Boring. We can do better.
11/25/23 8:53	F944	I like this design, it's very flowing and simple. The top left corner over to the middle almost looks like it could be the top of the shape of the state. Could almost be revised to depict an outline of the state by moving the blue and white
		By far the best. Most pleasing and your eye flows where it doesn't on the other. Sounds like I'm wrong but I also thought the end of the river and beginning of the lights were shaped like a loon head. Can we pretend?
11/25/23 9:02	F944	That's why I like that one
11/25/23 9:10	F944	I appreciate that F994 is different;it is my THIRD choice of the six finalists. It has the North Star, lakes/river, and Northern Lights. Of the stars on all the finalists, it has the easiest star for a 5-year-old to draw. It does give the feeling of a professional sports team flag . . . I'm not sure if that is a pro or a con.
11/25/23 9:19	F944	Could work if it was more simple i.e. take the dark lines out of the blue and white
11/25/23 9:19	F944	This would be my number 3 choice
11/25/23 9:31	F944	This F944 flag design is waaay to busy. It looks like a cool design for a trendy sneaker or basketball jersey, but not for a state flag. It will not age well.
11/25/23 9:37	F944	This flag is both simple and very repetitive of our state. The North Star, and the nod of being where the Mississippi River begins! This is the flag that should be chosen
11/25/23 9:45	F944	Symbolism is good. Remove lines in the light blue and white portions of the flag.
11/25/23 9:49	F944	This is bland and awful
11/25/23 9:52	F944	I vote for this flag. Clean design and no conflict with the star shape/points. Please choose this flag

11/25/23 10:08	F944	The flowing colors are a nice connection to all the waters of the state with a point of the north star. Star itself leaves a little for want, but this is by far the best overall design.
11/25/23 10:14	F944	I am excited by the flag change and appreciate the work being done! I just want to comment I think this flag seems a bit too much like a sports team flag and I think that some of the other designs are a better fit. Thanks for considering.
11/25/23 10:22	F944	IThis flag is very appealing with the swirled that can suggest the loon. I like the blue swirl for our lakes, the white for our snow. Miss some green, but like the star. This flag as it is gives me a good feeling when I see it. It flows. Ice, water, sky, North Star, snow, and movement like water. Love it.
11/25/23 10:24	F944	Best of a mediocre bunch.
11/25/23 10:24	F944	F944 is in my Top 2 design finalists (F29 is the other). This one has a quality of uniqueness, with the dark blue/almost black field and the waves of the river/northern lights. I cannot think of any other flag which takes this approach. It is a really interesting design. My one comment is the representation of the Northern Star in the upper left corner is a little flat, and gets lost in the rest of the flag. Would the Commission consider changing the star in this flag to be more like the star from the seal finalist S27? Having a star with more points and slightly larger will help overcome this, I think. Thank you for taking this feedback into consideration!
11/25/23 10:26	F944	I prefer this one Iâ€™ve the other 5 as it depicts much if what makes Minnesota specialâ€™ .. lakes and rivers, the star of the north and northern lights. These truly represent Minnesotaâ€™s unique place within the natural beauty of our country.
		<p>This flag has a good idea behind it, with the water and sky reflecting each other, but it feels like a modern design. That was something that this committee mentioned a lot while discussing all of the submissions, is that you didn't want to choose a flag that would feel dated in 20 years. This flag feels like a flag that could only have been made in 2023. The swooping lines give off a modern design, which won't be so modern by 2045. I feel like many of the committee members mentioned how this flag caught their eye, and while a very striking design now, I don't think it will in the future.</p> <p>But it has good bones. The Star is very nice, one of the best renderings of the North Star out of all the submissions. But the rest of the flag is really too modern to last long as a flag. Straighter, cleaner-cut, lines would be better here, and those would be simpler to draw than this current design. And the current proposed tweaks, of making the in-fill lines on the water and sky, different colors, wouldn't really improve this design either, it might only make it worse.</p> <p>Once again, I would like to propose that this committee would reconsider your decision to not include the North Star Flag, and to add it back into the finalists for the flag. Because while there are a variety of issues that the final 6 have, the North Star doesn't really have any design or symbolism issues, unlike your finalists. I hope you all do understand the true weight of choosing this new flag, and just how disappointed we as the public are in these finalists. They truly could have been something great, but all of these flags are let downs. It feels like this committee chose a couple of flags for themselves, rather than really considering what the public thought, what other Minnesotans thought. Because the North Star Flag has long been very popular, and for some unknown reasons, you guys decided to exclude it. The way that this committee is headed with a decision like that, is to have whichever flag you picked, just be vetoed by the Minnesota Legislature, because it's an extremely unpopular flag anyways. The North Star Flag should have been considered solely on it's popularity, and it should be added back for the same reason. The North Star flag was also designed extremely well, fitting the NAVA principles, and using striking colors that represent the lakes and natural resources of Minnesota. It's not like it was the dog flag, or the bayg flag, or any other kind of meme flag, it is well designed, and has long been in the hopes of becoming the flag.</p>
11/25/23 10:32	F944	The 6 that you have chosen fall short of the mark in many ways, and I, along with many other Minnesotans, are extremely disappointed in the results. Please consider adding the North Star Flag into the finalists, and hear what the public has to say about it.
11/25/23 10:33	F944	These are all very underwhelming! However this one would be my top pick as it seems to represent the North Star AND Land of 10,000 lakes with the moving water better then just color representation.
11/25/23 10:34	F944	This design depicts our Star of the North along with our abundant water and sky. It's smooth flow feels unifying, not divisive.
11/25/23 10:37	F944	THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL! It makes me love Minnesota for its coursing rivers and shining stars!
11/25/23 10:43	F944	I really like the flow of this design. It is simple, yet eye-catching and uses the space well. The colors are perfect. This should be the one.
11/25/23 11:03	F944	Please do not pick this one. It looks like a company logo
11/25/23 11:05	F944	This one and the last finalist are my favorites. Polaris with representation of our rivers and snow/northern lights are perfect for the state.
11/25/23 11:06	F944	This flag looks like a computer start-up logo. I think the waves will look dated before long.
11/25/23 11:07	F944	Love this



11/25/23 11:08	F944	I like this design very much. Yes! Although I would liked a loon or pine to have been invluded.
11/25/23 11:14	F944	A nice look with a strong design, but feels more like a marketing design than a state flag.
11/25/23 11:18	F944	WHERE ARE THE LOONS AND FISH AND LAKES AND SKY BLUE WATER - I DON'T LIKE ANY OF THEM BUT THIS IS THE BEST OF THE WORST
11/25/23 11:21	F944	I like this flag design. It could go with seal S224. The colors could change to match the seal if the background was blue, the bottom shape black, the star white and the upper shape to gold or green.
11/25/23 11:34	F944	I like the colors, I like the flow of the rivers and the north star.
11/25/23 11:39	F944	This is in my top 2! I love the colors. It's simple, yet has movement.
11/25/23 11:53	F944	A very interesting design but it looks more like a contemporary coperate or marketing logo then ab official state flag
11/25/23 12:22	F944	This finalist (F944) has a unique concept that I appreciate, but its design style is hard to consider timeless, which is important in a flag. I would say the style already feels dated, unfortunately.
11/25/23 12:30	F944	This looks like a sports team logo, not a state flag.
11/25/23 13:11	F944	This says, "Minnesota has water". I think there's more to Minnesota than lakes.
11/25/23 13:56	F944	Flag F994 seems most like Minnesota with river/water represented. I don't love it though. The others give off too much of Amish quilt vibe. They are all a bit took vauge and don't really capture Minnesota. But, this one is the closest in my opinion.
11/25/23 14:01	F944	I love this design as it includes both the north star and a nod to our lakes and rivers
11/25/23 14:13	F944	Makes zero sense. No.
11/25/23 14:20	F944	nope
11/25/23 14:26	F944	This is the best of the finalists but falls short of the richness and beauty if our state.
11/25/23 14:29	F944	Fine. If fine is the best we can do, I guess thatâ€™s fine.
11/25/23 14:41	F944	Good onr
11/25/23 14:53	F944	This should be the winner! Looks like the North Star and 2 loons to me!
11/25/23 15:11	F944	This is the winner
11/25/23 15:23	F944	F944. I really dislike this flag. The star is overly simplistic and boring and the river shapes seem too modern and not classic to withstand the test of time. My first impression was it looks like an amateur sports team logo, not something to represent our state.
11/25/23 15:36	F944	F944 is the only one that is in the smallest way pleasing to the eye. All the other choices look like weâ€™re making a barn quilt. Iâ€™m sad to see that many of the things MN is known for weâ€™re just pushed away. Do you know how rare it is to see a lady slipper, and how many people have never seen one? Maybe by placing our state flower on our state flag, perhaps we can educate people about them.
11/25/23 15:44	F944	This sort of feels like Minnesota, but isnâ€™t perfect.
11/25/23 15:49	F944	This design looks so much more exciting than the other five! I love the "swishes," which could be waves on our 10,000 lakes or the aurora borealis - the sense of movement is so dynamic. The star could perhaps be redesigned, but otherwise I'd say it's a perfect flag that I'd be proud to fly.
11/25/23 16:02	F944	This is my favorite because it is super unique. I can't think any state or country flag in the world that it reminds me of.
11/25/23 16:33	F944	F944 is my second or third favorite. It is modern and feels like it reflects our state well.
11/25/23 16:36	F944	This one would be nice with the Star from F29.
11/25/23 16:39	F944	This flag immediately reminds me of a sports team logo. It feels trendy and designy and corporate, not stable or dignified.
11/25/23 16:53	F944	Definitely dislike this one a lot but at least the north star doesn't look like a scandanavian mitten design. The design itself is nice but just not meant for a state flag.
11/25/23 17:22	F944	This flag best represents Minnesota's beauty and culture, with symbols for our lakes and the northern star.
11/25/23 17:35	F944	Best option available
11/25/23 17:53	F944	This isn't ugly like some of the other ones but it doesn't look like a state flag it looks more like a corporate logo for a prescription sleep medicine.
11/25/23 18:16	F944	Horrible
11/25/23 18:40	F944	Looks like a sport team logo. Not good
11/25/23 18:55	F944	Love this one

11/25/23 19:02	F944	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the submissions to redesign the Minnesota state flag. Submission F944 would make a very good state flag. If the commission chooses this entry, please consider a revision. I would suggest making the star either an M star, star of the north, or dakota/nordic star to replace the current star in the design.
11/25/23 19:45	F944	I feel like this particular submission. Focus is too much on the river and not enough on all of our many lakes and the lake life that we all enjoy. It just doesn't resonate with me.
11/25/23 19:47	F944	I think this would be a great choice.
11/25/23 20:17	F944	This one is by far the best out of the six options. Please pick this one!
11/25/23 20:31	F944	This design has strong contrast - but I understand it may have been borrowed from another designer. No
11/25/23 20:38	F944	this flag design is gorgeous but gives pure michigan vibes. I wouldn't chose this one
11/25/23 20:43	F944	Who designed these? Where are the submissions from Minneapolis's best designers? Little& Co, Sharon Werner, Duffy???
11/25/23 20:57	F944	I like this one
11/25/23 21:02	F944	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:24	F944	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 21:26	F944	From all the 6 design this one is more modern and better looking.
11/25/23 21:32	F944	Please no, how does the white swirl represent Minnesota?
11/25/23 22:11	F944	This is my favorite flag design.
11/25/23 22:14	F944	This picture both details Minnesota a land of 10.000 lakes and the North Star. My #1 pick!
11/25/23 22:15	F944	I love the colors of this flag and it's perfect for our state
11/25/23 22:16	F944	I don't like the finalists chosen. But this tge tge best of those selected. We need the water element in our flag, along with the North Star si this works best. This is my choice!
11/25/23 22:17	F944	Ugh
11/25/23 22:19	F944	My favorite!
11/25/23 22:21	F944	Thus is a great design. The blue swirl can represent our rivers and water resources;the white swirl sniw and even the northern lights. Very eye catching.
11/25/23 22:21	F944	I love this one, it is my favorite.
11/25/23 22:27	F944	You can change the Flag no one cares if you drive around and look at Home you will see more Gopher flags ...red white and blue flags is what people want and are proud of .....
11/25/23 22:30	F944	I LOVE this flag design!! It is much more interesting than the others. My vote!!
11/25/23 23:22	F944	The star kinda looks like a Subaru commercial. Not terrible but I tend to like the other designs better
11/25/23 23:26	F944	This flag is bold and represents what we as Minnesotans see when we look up in the northern sky. No we can see both during the day fly high on our flag.
11/25/23 23:34	F944	My favorite of the 5
11/26/23 0:20	F944	Ugh. Yuck. Looks like a way or a pipeline.
11/26/23 0:50	F944	Love that the star design representing Polaris is unique. I also like that it doesn't connote a religious depiction of the star of Bethlehem, nor the Texas/Vietnam flag's star, nor like an indigenous symbol -- it's more inclusive being unique.
11/26/23 0:59	F944	F944 looks like an AI generated corporate logo - no thanks.
		For me this flag doesn't give me any reaction that makes me want this as a state flag, however it could be a good "Twin Cities" flag.
		The design of seemingly two rivers, being Minnesota and Mississippi, converging at a point off to the right-center is a decent homage to roughly where they meet but that gives this design a bit of regional bias that was slated in other rejected designs. I also don't like the idea of having a wavy design in a flag that is meant to be outside in the wind waving itself, that wouldn't contribute anything other than a complex design added without thought.
		I do like the basic design of the north star used in this flag and think it could be supplanted elsewhere.
11/26/23 2:21	F944	Overall this flag feels like a minus for me as a state flag because the only things it targets are the north star and the rivers which can't really contribute much on their own in an overly complex design that appears simple.

11/26/23 3:42	F944	This is the best design of the six finalists. Pick this one!
11/26/23 4:54	F944	I like this flag the best. The star says North Star to me. I like the blue that represents water and the white represents the sky to me. Beautiful flag design!
11/26/23 4:54	F944	As a recent transplant to Minnesota (2019), This flag aptly represents the two biggest geographic features of the state. The start of the North and the lakes;all found all around the state. I hardly know of any state that has lakes represented on its flag. My only suggestion is that the the colorâ€™s should be changed to reflect the already recognizable colors of the state of Minnesota I.e the green and blue. Those colors are already widely used by the state on its letter heads, vehicles etc.
11/26/23 6:22	F944	This is the only one I like but they all look like kindergarteners did them. They all look so boring. They should look like something MN is known for. You should be able to look at the flag and know what it means without an explanation. None of these are like that. So sad.
11/26/23 6:25	F944	Another to disgrace! Absolutely disgusting! Where is the relevance to our state and the bounty of our natural resources? You've bastardized our old flag by approving a piece of abstract art.
11/26/23 6:44	F944	This looks like a corporate logo for an energy company.
11/26/23 6:46	F944	I like this one best. It reminds me of a river with clouds above.
11/26/23 6:47	F944	I like the movement of the design. Flowing. Best star of all entries. Also reminds me of northern lights which we can see from time to time in central Minnesota.
11/26/23 6:49	F944	I saw a news story quoting a committee member saying said something like, "What are we if not the North Star?" I totally agree with that. Minnesota is a leader in so many ways " health care, how we treat people, technology, etc. BUT, because our name means "clear blue water", this is my favorite flag submission;it incorporates both elements. Our lakes are part of our fiber and peopleâ€™s experience of our state. In addition, the swirls to me imply forward progress, which I think is key to what makes Minnesota so great " we are always striving to make things better and contribute more.
11/26/23 7:03	F944	Thanks for the opportunity for input! Great idea to redo the flag to something that better represents us.
11/26/23 7:03	F944	Hello, Lakeville resident. I think we have a chance to truly stand out with something striking and unique with this flag. The hidden appearance of Loons in the center of the waves is terrific for all the folks who wanted a Loon so badly, but mostly, those meeting wave designs can be marketed. Other states make money hand over fist selling the iconography of their state flag, like Colorado and Wyoming. Those meeting wave designs would be on hats and bags and clothing and would be ubiquitous. Itâ€™s a beautiful, unique design, and perhaps any concerns about it could be allayed by the council making some minor edits to it. Thank you!
11/26/23 7:31	F944	I like this best of the 6 finalists. Please vote for this one
11/26/23 7:43	F944	Looks like a generic seasonal banner from Home Goods.
11/26/23 7:48	F944	It moves gently even when stationary, captures a native spirit essence. The flow is kind and welcoming yet the pointed north star symbolizes strength and direction.
11/26/23 8:05	F944	I like this best of the 6 final choices.
11/26/23 8:13	F944	Voting for this one!
11/26/23 8:14	F944	The swirls of water are too busy. I donâ€™t like the yellow star.
11/26/23 8:17	F944	Although Flag Design F2100 is my first choice, F944 would be my 2nd. It shows movement of the skies and water in addition to the North star. Please do not simply have only one star or a generic flower as our state flag.
11/26/23 8:36	F944	How about we put Minnesota on it somewhere. Actually why not start over and let the public pick which I think would be none of them.
11/26/23 8:48	F944	Of the finalists, this is the most inspiring but I fear itâ€™s too contemporary. Could this be redrawn by a child or sewn? Iâ€™m doubtful. Still, I think itâ€™s the most memorable and looks good with the loon seal, if thatâ€™s chosen. Is there a way to incorporate loons in the design, even abstractly? Can it be simplified?
11/26/23 9:11	F944	This flag would be my second choice. To be first, I would switch the dark blue and the light blue, and the star should be white with 5 corners.
11/26/23 9:12	F944	Of all the flag options, this is probably the better one. Theyâ€™re all terrible. We need a loon on the water.
11/26/23 9:19	F944	I think this design is inappropriate for a flag. It would be a gorgeous art piece or design, but the visual language here is like a logo than a flag. Everything reeks of modern Web UI design, of present social-media minimalist design. I strongly suspect this will look outdated in 5-10 years - but Minnesota will not be able pick a new flag when it is. I do like the colors, and the uniqueness, but nothing about this should be a flag. What does it represent? North Star sure, but squiggly lines? Rorschach test ofâ€¦. Ribbons? River and snow? A tornado? Oddly-shaped "Sâ€™s? The language is just not simplistic enough nor repeatable enough for a flag design. I strongly believe this choice would be a mistake.

11/26/23 9:26	F944	F944 is the best by far! The North Star, our point of reference and touchstone, existed long before our time. The flowing rivers of ice and water remind us of our uniquely beautiful mid-continental location (our waters flow to Hudson Bay, the North Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico), varied topography, and distinctive biomes. Waving in summer breezes and wintry winds, our new flag beautifully highlights a civic culture of openness, and our commitments to inclusivity and excellence.
11/26/23 9:28	F944	My second preferred of the submissions. Only critique is that the design looks a bit 2023, not sure it will age well.
11/26/23 9:40	F944	This, in my opinion, the best choice. The wavy blue indicates water in its liquid form while the wavy white is water in snow or ice form. Minnesota's name come from the Dakota word for water such as the Mississippi which is important for recreation, commerce, history, and beauty. The wave motion itself indicates upward motion which is the ideal for this whole state.
11/26/23 9:52	F944	I like this.
11/26/23 9:54	F944	Make the star white with more points like on the other flags and make the top swirl green. Then I think it'll represent Minnesota well.
11/26/23 9:55	F944	I think this flag design is the most eye catching and unique of the finalists.
11/26/23 10:17	F944	F944 is the best representation of the land, water, and sky of Minnesota with the lovely north star.
11/26/23 10:24	F944	This is by far my favorite flag design. It is simple and uncluttered, and reflects the North Star, the blue of our sky and northern lights, and the flowing waters are a reminder that we are the source of the Mighty Mississippi.
11/26/23 10:39	F944	Water, the North Star. Simple. The star could be more obviously a star, but otherwise very good.
11/26/23 10:41	F944	This design looks likes like a team logo, not a state flag
11/26/23 10:50	F944	No thanks. Too dark.
11/26/23 10:55	F944	I love this design. The symbolism in it is wonderful. It has a leftward biased north star, a blue waved stripe representing the Mississippi headwaters, and the white stripe representing either snow or aurora borealis. The shape of the stripes vaguely form loons as well. By far my favorite of the designs.
11/26/23 10:57	F944	This beautiful design represents our state so well!
11/26/23 10:57	F944	One of my top three. Simple, but maybe not timeless.
11/26/23 10:58	F944	My favorite because the movement symbolizes both lakes and the MN and Mississippi rivers and the northern lights.
11/26/23 11:00	F944	I taught Minnesota History for 34.5 years. Never once did any of the Ojibwe students in my classes feel our state flag and seal was offensive. We discussed it at length in my classes. I think the original flag's current interpretation and symbolism is very much misinterpreted like so many things are these days. Our old flag was unique and distinguished. These new six (6) finalists appear way to be "abstract expressionism, nonrepresentational art." They really don't represent our state motto;and not ANY of the history of our state. I could go on, but I am no doubt commenting to the same people that believe the new flag will be an improvement. I will continue to fly the old one in my yard. NONE of the six (6) finalists are at all unique enough to represent our fine state AND its long and distinguished history. Sincerely, Steven Cummings. 34.5 year history teacher and MEd.
11/26/23 11:02	F944	I like the colors and attempt to incorporate a loon. But it is too abstract and dynamic and looks more like a sports logo than a state flag.
11/26/23 11:42	F944	Beautiful and simple
11/26/23 11:42	F944	This is by far the best flag out of the other options. It's a smooth and simple design but it says a lot!
11/26/23 12:03	F944	I like this design. Many of the others look very quilt pattern like or Scandinavian.
11/26/23 12:08	F944	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 48
11/26/23 12:20	F944	This is visually impressive. It is unique and the design that pays homage to our water, the North Star and northern lights as well as hinting at the state bird the loon. It's a stand out among plain and confusing designs
11/26/23 12:21	F944	Looks like a sports logo, not a flag.
11/26/23 12:26	F944	It's beautiful colorful, (submission F944) you can look at it and see Minnesota in it. Others are so ambiguous I don't know what the artist may have been thinking about.
11/26/23 12:43	F944	I like this a lot, but it kind of reminds me of the CO Avalanche
11/26/23 12:50	F944	There is nothiing on this design that shows this is Minnesotan. All the designs are horrible!
11/26/23 13:22	F944	We showed the options to our girls (10, 8, & 5). They liked this option (F944, they called it the "rivers" flag) the best.
11/26/23 13:36	F944	F944 I wish there was more of an indigenous aspect to any of them.

11/26/23 13:38	F944	This is my favorite flag of the bunch. I like the flowing blue water meeting the clouds in the sky. I do think it looks a little like the Colorado Avalance's logo, so maybe something could be done to alter it a little bit.
11/26/23 14:00	F944	The North Star on this one looks like an eye that's staring at me ominously.
11/26/23 14:01	F944	The North Star on F844 looks like an eye that's staring at me ominously.
11/26/23 14:13	F944	F944 looks a bit like a logo for a sports team. It does not feel timeless.
11/26/23 14:13	F944	My first choice - like the colors and flowing lines.
11/26/23 14:13	F944	This design is a nice one, but is not a good flag design. Would not be the easiest to replicate in physical production, and also would not be the easiest for a child to draw. The star just looks off the way that it is stylized. I am fine with using a 4 point star, which is much better than a common 5 point star seen all the time, but this one just does not look the best aesthetically. The light blue 'river' and white 'northern lights' above look nice, but I feel it might look dated in the future sooner than wanted. Also, based on comments I have seen online, it is not clear to everyone what they are supposed to represent. Overall this is a design that is better suited for a poster rather than a state flag, and therefore, if feel this one is 4th of the final 6 designs.
11/26/23 14:21	F944	This might make a good logo, but does not look like a serious flag. Too much white bleeding off the corner might make that part disappear under many ski conditions. The dynamic, swishing elements will conflict with a moving piece of cloth.
11/26/23 15:31	F944	This is my favorite finalist design. A suggestion is that the white swoosh on the top could be changed to purple and green to represent the Northern Lights that our states knows and loves. Thanks for consideration
11/26/23 15:48	F944	This is the worst of the finalists. It looks like a RV design.
11/26/23 15:49	F944	Best option left, though worse than "North Star Flag"
11/26/23 16:23	F944	put the star from F29 on this flag
11/26/23 16:58	F944	We are a state of lakes not rivers. I do not feel this represents the entire state of MN very well.
11/26/23 17:39	F944	This looks like a poster
11/26/23 17:59	F944	The design of F944 evokes the image of a flushing toilet. Please don't use this one. It is not timeless and will quickly look dated.
11/26/23 18:39	F944	Like the depiction of the North Star & water which represent our state.
11/26/23 18:56	F944	I dislike this design as it feels more like a sports team logo than a state flag.
11/26/23 19:39	F944	There are some interesting design elements, but I don't think this would represent an improvement on the current flag.
11/26/23 19:50	F944	I can believe you blew this. Unbelievable. None of these submissions are memorable. I wouldn't fly one of them. The Canadian Mpleleaf is arguably the best flag around even though maple trees are not found in more than half the county. To say the loon isn't acceptable because it doesn't haunt the southwest of the state is a canard. My God. Get a loon on the flag and it will be recognized around the world. People from everywhere will make the link when they see the flag or hear Minnesota. Government has a chance to instill some pride back to our state. Instead these submissions speak to nothing. They all look like the cutting room floor after making a Seattle Seahawk costume.
11/26/23 21:10	F944	Best design"water meets the sky with silhouette of loons with northern star. Great way to represent MN!
11/26/23 21:12	F944	This is the best one.
11/26/23 21:48	F944	This is the flag I feel most compelled to comment on. First, I'll say that I think the colors and the contrast on this flag are the strongest out of the finalists. I also think that the energy and character of the lines is expressive in an appealing way. That being said, I find the actual shape of the wavy lines on this flag to be very off-putting. I love the general direction that the artist is going, but the shapes that the lines make, both in positive and negative space, are strange. Looking at the shapes created in the dark background color, it seems like a confusing mess to me. I also think that the tapered lines within the white and light blue stripes are not a good choice. For these stripes, I would recommend something more akin to the curvy lines on the flag of the Hyogo prefecture of Japan, but with more flare. I would also like to see more points on the star.
		Great, distinct design. The white part is hard to understand. Is it supposed to be the Aurora? Could it be multicolored to resemble the Aurora?
		The extreme curvature of the river and Aurora (?) also looks a bit like a modern corporate logo. I'm worried it might become dated. Maybe less curve?
11/26/23 21:54	F944	Otherwise, I think it is excellent
11/26/23 21:58	F944	Ugly

11/26/23 22:53	F944	To me, this represents MN and our change in season and would be a nice change. I think the others are too drab.
11/26/23 23:00	F944	F944. Too "busy" as-is. For this to work, it needs two modifications: 1) eliminate the white wave image which reads "northern lights" and extend the blue wave, which appropriately reads "water" and "rivers" all the way to the edge of the field, and 2) convert the four-pointed star which reads as too "simple" into a six- or eight-pointed star with a circular hub and rays of alternating lengths.
11/27/23 1:02	F944	This flag has a bizarre look and it takes a pretty good look to see that the loons aren't just a bunch of squiggly lines a problem that would certainly be exacerbated when the flag is flapping in the breeze
11/27/23 2:41	F944	This will not age well. It looks like a ranch bottle and 90s paper cup drsign. Sorry, it hsd to be said.
11/27/23 5:03	F944	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:25	F944	I like this design if we could change out the star with the one on F2100. Thank you
11/27/23 8:35	F944	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:37	F944	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 9:00	F944	Probably the best option of those selected. The star in this one should be used for whatever final flag is designed.
11/27/23 9:01	F944	This is my favorite of the finalist flag options. I love the swirl of the lake and snow against a deep dark blue with the north star.
11/27/23 9:09	F944	This flag is perfect
11/27/23 9:31	F944	The North Star Flag has already been adopted by so many Minnesotans, so thatâ€™s your winner.
11/27/23 9:34	F944	1989 North Star flag deserves to be the state flag
11/27/23 9:43	F944	This flag leaves so much to be desired. The swish shape seems vague and unclear what it is trying to represent. Additionally, the light blue colors on top of dark blue seems random. This flag also provides very limited marketability for Minnesota in terms of using a flag or symbol on future licensing, which is a lost revenue opportunity for the state.
11/27/23 10:00	F944	Way too corporate looking.
11/27/23 10:02	F944	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:07	F944	My favorite is no longer in the running but this one stands out among the remaining .
11/27/23 10:10	F944	PLEASE CHOOSE THIS FLAG!! The colors are bold and balanced. The composition is dynamic and meaningful. The iconography is unique and stark. AND it's very unique compared to the other US state flags. By far the best design that I think would make the most Minnesotans pleased and proud
11/27/23 10:11	F944	perfect
11/27/23 10:12	F944	Best design by far IMO. Gives me strong minnesota vibes.
11/27/23 10:14	F944	Too plain and simple. No creativity. The original had to change, but could have saved/improved non-offensive parts of design.
11/27/23 10:14	F944	This is my favorite design. It incorporates the North Star, and is simple and evocative with a river and clouds that are also birds.
11/27/23 10:15	F944	I appreciate the design of this flag, but it will quickly look dated.
11/27/23 10:15	F944	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and lacks any identity to anything. It is simple. Simply terrible.
11/27/23 10:16	F944	This one is kinda OK but the star could be in a more 'star like' shape. This one could be on if some lakefront was added. Bring back the one showing a lakefront.
11/27/23 10:16	F944	Best one by far!
11/27/23 10:16	F944	This flag is simple (as it should be);however I think it will soon look "dated". Plus not sure about how curved lines like this will look on a waving flag.
11/27/23 10:19	F944	The swirls will look really dated in a few years and are better suited for a sports team than a state flag.
11/27/23 10:20	F944	This flag has my vote.
11/27/23 10:25	F944	Kind of interesting design. Make the white swoop green to improve it.
11/27/23 10:25	F944	Don't like that it's changing, but this one is the best of what you picked.
11/27/23 10:26	F944	I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.

11/27/23 10:26	F944	I love this design especially for the element of movement and representation of water (rivers and lakes). I also like the simplicity of the star design. To be honest, I also like the absence of green. Although Minnesota has a beautiful green season, the flags with green remind me too much of the old Norwest Bank and North Stars logos.
11/27/23 10:28	F944	I am disappointed my tax dollars are spent on choosing what looks like bad 1990s clip art or a rejected quilt design to be our state flag. If a new flag was needed it seems like public input early in the process, instead of having a small unelected group of people decide on this for all of us, might have been the way to go. I suggest we start back with the full list and let votes from the public narrow it down. The finalists are all terrible and look like bad sports team logos.
11/27/23 10:29	F944	Please pick this one, I love the flows that to me visualize Minnesota's flowing water with the north star holding our position as the North Star State!  Thanks, Kali Lentz
11/27/23 10:31	F944	Well, you can sort of see that the big blue 'K' is meant to be a kindergarten version of the shape of Minnesota. It's not self evident though. But where is our State bird? The seals of MN look so beautiful. Any one of the seals on the flag would be beautiful, intelligent, and identifiable immediately as 'this is Minnesota! The State that we love!'  I guess I have more to say. Minnesota IS the 'etole de nord'! So say it out loud! Write it out! A stylized snow flake and a Star are meaningless. It could be the flag of Texas. And I really don't understand the underlying meaning of the 2 'rivers(? -is that what they are?) What was the Artist trying to mean?  No, none of these versions are acceptable. Period. Use any of the beautiful 'great Seal of Minnesota' and you would have a beautiful, meaningful outstanding flag.  Thank you for listening
11/27/23 10:37	F944	Not particularly good: This looks very trendy in a way that might end up looking very dated in 10-20 years time. I like the idea of incorporating the aurora borealis, but this has ended up looking more like a sports team logo than a state flag.
11/27/23 10:42	F944	I think this looks like a sports team logo and I do not like it. Specifically the curved blue and white parts look sporty and undignified for a state flag.
11/27/23 10:44	F944	Love it. river, sky, northstar, go with the flow
11/27/23 10:45	F944	Looks like streams and northern lights
11/27/23 10:47	F944	IF I HAD TO CHOOSE THIS IS THE ONE THAT REPRESENTS MINNESOTA THE BEST. I DONT KNOW WHY WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE FLAG, WE'VE HAD IT FOR YEARS AND THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE OLD FLAG.
11/27/23 10:47	F944	I like this one the best because it easily States Minnesota as being the Land of 10,000 lakes and shows the North Star. It is simple and easy enough for a child to identify. Besides that it is beautiful, beautiful and self-explanatory.
11/27/23 10:49	F944	Out of the ones selected this is the one I like best F944. There were other ones I liked better than the final ones. I wish the public could vote on these instead of having a committee selected by the governor.
11/27/23 10:50	F944	F944 is the best flag in its core concept. The loons and the M shape work well. I think it would benefit from one of the better-designed stars from one of the other designs. Also it should incorporate the 87 lines on the outer border from the other designs somehow.
11/27/23 10:54	F944	This looks like a sports team logo and not in a good way.
11/27/23 10:55	F944	I really like this design- makes me think of the North Star and flowing water
11/27/23 10:55	F944	Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
11/27/23 10:58	F944	Plain- looks copied from another country - no MN theme
11/27/23 11:00	F944	My opinion is, you shouldn't change the flag at all but if you were to choose a design, this is the best one you got. Please don't change the flag.
11/27/23 11:00	F944	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:01	F944	My 1st choice, recognizable in the wind.

11/27/23 11:06	F944	This is the one that I would say is the best
11/27/23 11:06	F944	Add a loon.
11/27/23 11:06	F944	F944 is my least favorite design here. If you simulate it on a flagpole on a non-windy day, it is confusing and unclear;the swoops are confusing in identity and all in all...it feels like a bank. The two shades of blue also reduce clarity and I'd be curious to see a version with some green. All in all it feels a bit..trendy, like a bank logo. Don't feel like the swoops would stand the test of time.
11/27/23 11:07	F944	Personally I think the waviness of this design distracts from what it might be trying to portray. When a flag waves it will implicitly be wavy. It's not obvious to me if the blue, river-like design is also supposed to represent some type of bird. I'm not sure what the white wave is trying to symbolize. Is there something about the 3 different lines coming together that represent something in particular?
11/27/23 11:07	F944	This is the one that I would say is the best
11/27/23 11:08	F944	This design is unique and modern which will allow it to stand out amongst other states.
11/27/23 11:10	F944	This one looks a little cartoonish and too busy. Feels like it would look dated almost immediately
11/27/23 11:11	F944	Inspired modern design with all necessary elements of star, water, sky or can be interpreted as Aurora - simply beautiful!
11/27/23 11:11	F944	This is my choice. It flows like our Mississippi River, lakes and other bodies of water. The colors are perfect. I love everything about it. It's the one that struck me the most representative of our state, our land of sky blue waters.
11/27/23 11:12	F944	F944 is too complicated to be a flag, the arcs the waves in the water are all difficult to represent in a sewn format, and likely will look odd when draped on a flagpole. Really like the star and the shade of blue on the field. This is my least favorite of the group.
11/27/23 11:12	F944	I love this design. The swirls evoke the aurora borealis and/or rivers/water - more and more valuable in the era of climate change. Wondering if the snowflake overlay on the star on flag F29 could be incorporated on this star. Just a thought - it's a beautiful symbol of the snow we have in "L'etoile du Nord".
11/27/23 11:15	F944	I love that this evokes the water that makes our state so special
11/27/23 11:15	F944	This isn't a good design either. This would be what you would find on the cover of a book, not on a flag. For those who don't live here they would have no idea what any of this means.
11/27/23 11:16	F944	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. How does this remotely reflect Minnesota? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:16	F944	Love this one. The loons are great
11/27/23 11:17	F944	My choice for final design.
11/27/23 11:17	F944	No, will not stand the test of time.
11/27/23 11:20	F944	Do not pick this. The curves are tacky and will age poorly
11/27/23 11:21	F944	F944 is by far the best design! :)
11/27/23 11:21	F944	Looks like a child made this entry, I don't think it has anything special to do with our beautiful state. Every state has stars and many have snow!!!!
11/27/23 11:24	F944	This one is my favorite. The star, the swoosh, the birds, reminds me of water, snow, wind and night time. It's beautiful.
11/27/23 11:24	F944	I like this one the best out of the choices
11/27/23 11:25	F944	What does this flag say about our great state?
11/27/23 11:26	F944	I can't tell if I'm only allowed one comment in general or if I can comment on each one, but F944 started to look outdated when you started reading this sentence, so don't pick that one. F2100 looks like it should be for a bank and we don't want to look like a bank, so we? F29 is the best of the bunch by far, imo. F1953 is my second choice. any of the others would be a poor choice.



		<p>None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water</p> <p>Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")</p> <p>You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?</p> <p>Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.</p>
11/27/23 11:26	F944	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:29	F944	All of flag finalists look like a graphic designer AI created them and will look dated in 10 years. But this is the least of the terrible.
11/27/23 11:32	F944	This flag looks more like a corporate logo than a flag. The "swoopy" elements will be hard to sew and will get muddled when actually flying it.
11/27/23 11:37	F944	This is the best of all of them.
11/27/23 11:37	F944	love this design if the star were white rather than yellow.
11/27/23 11:38	F944	Very unique, eye-catching design representing the Mississippiâ€™s start in MN (also the Minnesota and St Croix Rivers ru. Ing through our state) and Minnesotaâ€™s status as the âœNorth Star Stateâœ.
11/27/23 11:40	F944	This looks like it belongs on a sports jersey.
11/27/23 11:40	F944	this one pls thx
11/27/23 11:41	F944	Simple, yet elegant.
11/27/23 11:41	F944	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?
11/27/23 11:42	F944	I hate this one. It looks like a tornado or a big fire down by a river, with a random star. This looks really dated.
11/27/23 11:42	F944	I like this, reminds me of the aoura borealis.
11/27/23 11:43	F944	This is far and away my favorite of the finalists. I have asked friends and family about what it symbolizes and have received many different positive answers. It is art.
11/27/23 11:45	F944	My 2nd choice.
11/27/23 11:46	F944	my favorite but I'd like the artist to consider adding a loon image to the water and pine tree images below the north star.
11/27/23 11:46	F944	i like the water theme, colors and simplicit
11/27/23 11:47	F944	I like this one the best. It evokes the north star and the blue represents the Mississippi and blue and white together evokes the northern lights
11/27/23 11:50	F944	too drastic, poor proportion and more like a sports logo. I see the colors as too bold to be appreciated by the general population. The design interplay of the colors is poor...white represents nothing to me and the star is too simplistic
11/27/23 11:51	F944	the star here looks rather soviet-inspired
11/27/23 11:52	F944	Better
11/27/23 11:54	F944	Love the clean lines and river images
11/27/23 11:55	F944	Horrible ,childlike
11/27/23 11:56	F944	Not much better than the first one. Go back to original and stop wasting our money.
11/27/23 11:57	F944	yes... riverway even looks a bit like loon or Viking ship
11/27/23 11:58	F944	The background blue is unoriginal and looks the color of every other state flag. Also, why is the second loon upside down? This river/loon image is pretentious. The designer is obviously trying too hard to appease the niche graphic design community.
11/27/23 11:58	F944	Of the Final designs, this is the one that speaks the most. It is simple, but elegant. It will also look great and relevant 500 years from now. It will be easy for people to remember that this is the MN Flag. It is also one that ANYONE can draw.
11/27/23 12:00	F944	Star design reminds me of Pittsburgh PA. football / clouds or river. My initial reaction MN passed legal Marijuana/smoke/vape
11/27/23 12:01	F944	If I have to pick a new flag (even though I think the old one was just fine), I would pick this one.

11/27/23 12:01	F944	This one for sure
11/27/23 12:03	F944	Horrible and trendy;too modern.
11/27/23 12:04	F944	maybe but I think it would get old fast
11/27/23 12:08	F944	Makes me think of Mississippi River that starts in Minnesota. The white could have green streaks for the Northern lights.
11/27/23 12:09	F944	This is the only okay submission. They are all too simple including this one. We need some depth to the artwork.
11/27/23 12:09	F944	Please consider incorporating the star/snowflake design from F29 into the four pointed star on this flag. Otherwise, this flag is perfect.
11/27/23 12:11	F944	This is the least objectionable of your choices. Your choices are awful.
11/27/23 12:11	F944	This flag is too complicated it should be simple enough that every grade schooler can draw it with confidence.
11/27/23 12:13	F944	Love this one visually
11/27/23 12:14	F944	This finalist captures the symbolism and feel of Minnesota in an elegance not found in others. It is simplistic in design but stands apart from other state flags, even those that have undergone revisions.
11/27/23 12:14	F944	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:14	F944	I like this design a lot, but I think a wavy color of green needs to be added to the white and blue waves.
11/27/23 12:14	F944	Hands-down the best representation of MN. The colors, the water & stream along with the Northstar is excellent.
11/27/23 12:15	F944	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:16	F944	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:16	F944	This flag has more of a sports feel in my opinion. It's nice, but not sure how "flag like" it is...
11/27/23 12:17	F944	Please anything but this.
11/27/23 12:18	F944	I guess this is the best flag if I have to pick one. Can you explain what the colors and stars etc on the flags represent? These are so plain without the seal.
11/27/23 12:18	F944	Sadly I do not like any of the designs picked.You have gone from detail to blah. None of them represent our state.
11/27/23 12:18	F944	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:19	F944	F944: This one is bold and different. I can see why some people don't like it, but I like it and it kind of grows on you. I like that the star is a unique shape and not a standard star.
11/27/23 12:20	F944	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota. It will not last the test of time.
11/27/23 12:20	F944	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:21	F944	I appreciate the colors here and the accidental loons/rivers/auroras. However, the design feels dated. It reminds me of the Olympics or a design from the early '00s.
11/27/23 12:21	F944	Not at all inspiring.
11/27/23 12:21	F944	I like the star on F29, but perhaps it can be incorporated in 1953 or 2100, otherwise I like 1953 and 2100
11/27/23 12:25	F944	This design is an ok concept, but it's tacky and amateurish.
11/27/23 12:25	F944	This is a strong contender, but I agree that it's very 2023. I worry about the longevity of this design. It looks like a soccer team's flag. It's odd to me that the inside cutout curves of the river & sky are not bent to match the outside lines. I also think the white sky shape should be smaller or further offset to help balance the elements.
11/27/23 12:26	F944	This is one of my top picks because it represents a few things that people associate with Minnesota: blue waters, north star, aurora, and a nod to our state bird, the loon.
11/27/23 12:26	F944	This is terrible. They are all just bad.
11/27/23 12:28	F944	This is the best flag out of them and the most easily understandable design out of them all.
11/27/23 12:28	F944	A star with highways? No
11/27/23 12:29	F944	This one has my vote
11/27/23 12:32	F944	This is my favorite design. It has "style" and is memorable because of the "swirls" of blue (rivers) and white.
11/27/23 12:33	F944	How would this design look in practice? the curved lines might lose their meaning when flag is waving in the wind.
11/27/23 12:34	F944	Dark blue not relatable, like the blue and white swish and star, good!

11/27/23 12:35	F944	I like this one the most. It gives me north star, and the waters so important to our land. And winter with the white streak, which could also be the northern lights. Over all my vote
11/27/23 12:37	F944	I vote for this design to serve as the new state flag.
11/27/23 12:37	F944	My pick is F944
11/27/23 12:37	F944	I vote no on all 6 options.
11/27/23 12:38	F944	My favorite design - incorporating a north star, images of rivers and northern lights, the suggestion of a loon. Could it be modified to make the background green to represent agriculture and forests? The hashmarks on flag 1534 are also great reminders of the history of all the people - if this background is green could the hashmarks be added in the dark blue?
11/27/23 12:40	F944	I like this one, simple but elegant.
11/27/23 12:40	F944	The best of the bunch, it at least hints at the states waters and a suggestion of a bird/ loon perhaps.
11/27/23 12:40	F944	Too corporate
11/27/23 12:40	F944	This flag is beautiful and shows tributes to the north star plus our water.
11/27/23 12:41	F944	This is the only design that reflects my idea of Minnesota. At least it has what appears to be a river and possibly the north star
11/27/23 12:41	F944	My first thought of this flag design is, it looks like a marching band flag. Too much going on. I don't care for the star shape. I give this flag a grade "D".
11/27/23 12:42	F944	love it. depicts all that is minnestan-water and ice-north star
11/27/23 12:43	F944	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:44	F944	Out of all the choices this one I don't HATE as I can see a north star and maybe those are loons? or rivers? But I still don't like it. It looks too corporate logo-ish.
11/27/23 12:45	F944	F944: I like the northern lights and lake imagery, which also look somewhat loon- shaped.
11/27/23 12:45	F944	I hate all the designs! They're all stupid, but if I had a choice this would be the one. My only issue with this one is the white swoosh should be green to represent the northern light!!
11/27/23 12:45	F944	I'm not liking any of these, but this is the best of the lot. They all seem better adaptive for wall paper patterns.
11/27/23 12:46	F944	Choose this one!
11/27/23 12:47	F944	F29: I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isn't great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.  F944:This one is nice too. The swoops are water, air, land, sky, aurora, loons, trying to be a lot of things. Either give the loons some eyes or change the shape so its more solidly not representing an animal along with everything else. Maybe make the white green for land or multicolored for aurora?
11/27/23 12:47	F944	BLAH--boring--the same as the rest of the selections! I would support using the state seal as the flag, The number F#944 would be a choice, but it is a liittle too modern artish. The flag choices all look like they were computer designed by the same person. really don't look like Mn. at all, in my book. I'd support an Ufdah! on a flag before any of these. Sorry, not sorry. Jean
11/27/23 12:47	F944	This one is a tiny bit better than all the others, but its still so bland and boring.
11/27/23 12:47	F944	I suggest you start over. There is nothing about any of the choices that represent Minnesota! Who appointed this commission?
11/27/23 12:48	F944	I don't think this on represents MN well enough
11/27/23 12:48	F944	I see a Three Rivers district flag not a state flag with this one. Are those rivers, random brush strokes or what?
11/27/23 12:48	F944	No way, what does this show or represent?
11/27/23 12:48	F944	It is quirky. I see water (a river), snow and a star. No green though. Star should be white.
11/27/23 12:49	F944	This flag is the best looking one. The rest look so "fake" and cheesy.
11/27/23 12:49	F944	#1 choice, water and sky symbols most depict true north
11/27/23 12:50	F944	NO, it says nothing about our state.
11/27/23 12:52	F944	I love how dynamic this one is.
11/27/23 12:53	F944	This is my favorite! It is more unique, modern looking and will represent our state well into the future! The colors also represent our resources.
11/27/23 12:53	F944	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:55	F944	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!

11/27/23 12:56	F944	This is my favorite. With the inclusion of water isn't so stiff and boring. The others just don't say anything to me. The flow of water and snow represent what we talk most about ---- environment and the eweahter.
11/27/23 12:56	F944	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture;things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 12:58	F944	I pick this one.
11/27/23 12:59	F944	What The
11/27/23 13:00	F944	F944 is my favorite! It is more unique, modern looking and will represent our state well into the future! The colors also represent our resources.
11/27/23 13:01	F944	This is the only original one. The others are all variations on the same colors, theme and design and are indistinguishable.
11/27/23 13:04	F944	This flag speaks to me of Minnesota. The North Star, the blue and white swirl, aurora borealis, and our rivers and the wake generated by motion through the water.
11/27/23 13:04	F944	Too much energy
11/27/23 13:06	F944	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:07	F944	I don't like the star
11/27/23 13:07	F944	I love the symbology of the North Star, the river (water/land of 10,000 lakes), and the northern lights. It's unique relative to the other submissions and other current state flags, yet is simple to remember and recreate.
11/27/23 13:08	F944	This flag has my vote. Would like to see the yellow star be a different design/color.
11/27/23 13:08	F944	I vote for F944. It is beautiful and represents our state very well.
11/27/23 13:09	F944	In my opinion submission F944 should be selected as our new flag. I have not read anything that provides an interpretation from the artist though for me it provokes an emotional connection that none of the others achieve. It is an invitation to discover Minnesota. It is a statement of the beauty of our natural endowments of the many lakes and rivers and the expanse of the horizon that can often explode into the vivid aurora borealis or just the magnificence of the Milky Way.
11/27/23 13:10	F944	I vote for the F944 submission. It is the only one that I feel fully represents Minnesota with the flowing water and snow reference included in the design.
11/27/23 13:10	F944	If I had to pick from the finalist it would be this one, but I really like the state seal designs better and the ones with the loons should just be our flag!
11/27/23 13:10	F944	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:12	F944	Great representation of our lakes
11/27/23 13:12	F944	Best of the choices. Might be better to improve the star symbol and/or combine with snowflake.
11/27/23 13:12	F944	Beautiful design embodying several emblems of MN. I dislike all submissions that look like a quilt pattern!
11/27/23 13:13	F944	I like this flag the best of any of the finalists. The only thing missing from all of them that I would like to see is "MN" or "Minnesota" on them so when people see them, they know itâ€™s a state flag and the state it represents.
11/27/23 13:13	F944	Iâ€™m thinking the white is supposed to represent snow? But our state isnâ€™t just about lakes and snow
11/27/23 13:15	F944	This one has a corporate feel to it that I would like to avoid.
11/27/23 13:15	F944	This one is my favorite of the bunch and if we replace star in it with the F29 star, that's the winning combination.
11/27/23 13:15	F944	Canâ€™t believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:15	F944	What in the world do you even call this? Wjk are theze people ? NOF Miinnesotains for surd.
11/27/23 13:17	F944	The 2nd flag F944 is the best, doesnâ€™t favor race as the others do. Shows Minnesota is the Star of the north and our beautiful lakes and rivers.
11/27/23 13:18	F944	I favor this design.
11/27/23 13:18	F944	I like this one best for the flag. The North Star with the waves or northern lights simplifies what our state is known for.
11/27/23 13:19	F944	944: Easily the least objectionable of the remaining options
11/27/23 13:19	F944	Not a good choice
11/27/23 13:19	F944	This one is the best star and loons
11/27/23 13:20	F944	The absolute, most interesting flag (of the 6), though a dark green field might have been better than blue, but the most active scene.

11/27/23 13:21	F944	I don't think all of these curvy lines will translate well on a fabric flag hanging from a pole. You won't be able to see what it is unless it's flying in high winds.
11/27/23 13:22	F944	Swanny River ? Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L!
11/27/23 13:23	F944	I prefer this flag F944
11/27/23 13:25	F944	Horrible where's the loon
11/27/23 13:25	F944	F944 not overly impressed with any of them and not sure why we are changing but my choice would be F944. But
11/27/23 13:25	F944	Best of the flag options. Provides concept of flow of river, movement of clouds, makes me think a bit about the northern lights. Others don't like the snowflake (depicts us being a cold place), don't understand the plants, is that supposed to be for farming? F1953 might be okay but would choose a brighter blue for the water and adjust the dark blue chevron to have the indent to below center to more represent the MN outline indentation.
11/27/23 13:27	F944	Like some others, this star design more like a Christmas card than a State flag to me, and a bit Christian or western religion anyway. It is unclear to me what the dark and light blue animation-like swaths represent? If it supposed to be water and air, then I would think the background would be green to represent the forests and prairies not blue? It is a little more interesting than most of the others. However, something about this feels like the 1970s, can't put my finger on it - like a logo from a company formed in the 70's...
11/27/23 13:27	F944	Flag Submission number: F944
11/27/23 13:29	F944	This is the only one I like out of the group, however I think we could do much better with a loon!!!
11/27/23 13:30	F944	This is my personal favorite, i feel it emphasizes us as a whole, the northern star state, and the originator of the Mississippi River.
11/27/23 13:30	F944	I wasn't happy that NONE of the final flag designs included a loon as well as the North Star. I think this one does a nice job of representing at least two of the three things that seem important: the North Star and water/rivers.
11/27/23 13:31	F944	Design has nothing to do with MN - What is it even supposed to be? All designs are extremely ugly
11/27/23 13:32	F944	I choose this one F944
11/27/23 13:33	F944	I love the Loon!!!! The fact that this design has no straight lines(except for the star) makes it different from most flags. It is warm and inviting.
11/27/23 13:34	F944	This flag is beautiful and distinct. The flag is so unique it could never be mistaken for another states flag. I would be proud of this was our flag.
11/27/23 13:34	F944	944 is my favorite. The colors capture what Minnesota is to all. Blue sky, water, white clouds that curve and flow on a dark backdrop. Then the beautiful gold star. It's what we are and will be forever. The star of the north. Sky, water, sun;what could be better? I found the other possibilities had too many sharpe corners. While I love quilt designs, a quilt design doesn't represent, in my opinion, who we are and who we are becoming. We are fluid and inclusive. J
11/27/23 13:34	F944	If I have to pick one, I guess this is it. Frankly, I find them all horribly simplistic, like they are aimed at kindergartners.
11/27/23 13:35	F944	Very unique and looks quite good. Though I am unsure if it will look any good in wind
11/27/23 13:35	F944	This one is the best. But why is the image flowing right to left, when the Mississippi flows left to right and we read images left to right. Where are the real artists that should have been involved in this project.
11/27/23 13:35	F944	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, i have to say i HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:37	F944	This is my favorite
11/27/23 13:37	F944	This is the one I want to see as the flag.
11/27/23 13:37	F944	This is embarrassing
11/27/23 13:37	F944	Very uninteresting
11/27/23 13:38	F944	The yellow blob in this design does not even look like a star. Not to mention a very boring design. Very disappointing.
11/27/23 13:39	F944	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents. Looks like aTornado
11/27/23 13:39	F944	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group
11/27/23 13:40	F944	With no modifications, this is my favorite of the submissions.
11/27/23 13:41	F944	I really don't like any of the selections. Someone was stuck on the star theme but these don't really reflect nature, lakes or anything indigenous

11/27/23 13:42	F944	My 2nd choice - it probably would have been 1st if the star was a different design. I like the flow of blue (lakes) into white (snow) . Simple and what the majority of our state is.
11/27/23 13:44	F944	Among the 6 Minnesota flag finalist designs, this one, F944 is my favorite. It is the only design to show our rivers, and it recognizes our Northern Lights in our night sky. Thank you for opening this process for public feedback. Pat
11/27/23 13:44	F944	What even is this? It is too stylized.
11/27/23 13:47	F944	If we are stuck with these 6 boring designs, please pick this one, it is the least boring and Uninspiring.
11/27/23 13:47	F944	Nice design. Would except this as winner, in top 3 of all.
11/27/23 13:47	F944	Best of a bad lot!
11/27/23 13:48	F944	I like F944
11/27/23 13:48	F944	This is my least favorite of the finalists. The swooshes just feel too corporatey and don't say "flag" to me.
11/27/23 13:48	F944	I like this one which retains the North Star, references water and the Mississippi, and has an element that looks snow. More importantly, it offers a sense of balance and flow which the other designs lack, and looks less like a rebranded corporate logo than the others.
11/27/23 13:48	F944	Lots of good symbolism and movement in this one.
11/27/23 13:49	F944	No, it would be good for a city or county flag.
11/27/23 13:51	F944	I'm not sure what they re reaching for here, but I don't get it. If this is a flag that is intended to last it should be something that is unclear and just appears trendy.
11/27/23 13:51	F944	Very boring but slightly better than the first one.
11/27/23 13:52	F944	My overall favorite.
11/27/23 13:53	F944	My favorite of these, but would prefer a loon on a lake and a tree somewhere!!
11/27/23 13:54	F944	Looks more like a flag for a hockey team
11/27/23 13:54	F944	Of the six submission finalists, I am drawn to this one given that it captures the essence of Minnesota. I'd like to see added emphasis for the Loon in the design, as I understand the Loon images were not intended, but I believe they capture the spirit of our state, particularly with some increased intensity in a redesign effort.
11/27/23 13:54	F944	The embellished water and sky of F944 is too busy for a flag in my opinion. It comes off looking hokey.
11/27/23 13:54	F944	The first thing I thought of when I saw this one was a tornado followed by a flood. They are both disasters, so I would not use this one.
11/27/23 13:54	F944	It appears I have to say which thing I'm commenting on so this is F944. I prefer it to the others and feel it also would fit with my preferred seal. I think a lot of these lack any features that make me feel like they're about Minnesota. Many of the flags in particular looks like Christmas ornaments or scenes which I find a bit weird. I can see some of them maybe relating to a Skandinavian heritage of many, but not representing all.
11/27/23 13:55	F944	I love this flag. My only comment is to take the star from submission number F29 and put it on here. The star on this submission doesn't pop enough for me. Love the loon/water flowing/aurora part though.
11/27/23 13:57	F944	I guess this is water and a very simple possible North Star. It does nothing to evoke emotion and images of Minnesota. Not sure what the white represents.
11/27/23 13:57	F944	Glaring design and colors. It is too modern, digitalized and abstract to " appeal for 100 years", as one judge said was a criteria. Looks like a Nike logo.
11/27/23 13:58	F944	What is the white ? The least artistic. There is no green in a major rural, agricultural and naturally green state.
11/27/23 13:58	F944	Hate it. . Why is it being changed?
11/27/23 13:59	F944	This is my favorite out of the flag finalists. It represents the star of the north as well as the importance of the Mississippi River and 10000 lakes. It does so with very efficient use of design, symbolism, and space.
11/27/23 14:00	F944	Of the six finalists, this is the best. Suggested edits: Make the star 8-pointed like some other submissions and make it white. Change the all-white Aurora to an alternating white/green combination.
11/27/23 14:05	F944	This is my favorite.
11/27/23 14:05	F944	All flag designs are horrible. This is the least horrible of the bunch.
11/27/23 14:06	F944	I love this one because it displays the Mississippi but made up of two loon images. Appreciate that it also includes the north star. Of course if the Canadian forest fires continue, the white portion could be replaced with a dark grey. Kidding! Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

11/27/23 14:08	F944	I really like this one, but it needs to have a loon...
11/27/23 14:10	F944	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region.
11/27/23 14:10	F944	Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this.
11/27/23 14:10	F944	Looks like something someone just farped up. Not serious.
11/27/23 14:12	F944	This design is reflective of our water, snow, Northstar metaphor, Aurora Borealis, present flowing into future, rivers and Lake Superior, and is a very hopeful symbol. It is contemporary without being overly abstract, and unique among the 50 states. It doesn't feature the star so prominently that it could be confused with Texas.
11/27/23 14:13	F944	This gets my vote. Out of the finalists this is the only one to represent water for the land of 10k lakes.
11/27/23 14:13	F944	F944 is slightly too complicated for a flag design. If this flag is chosen, I hope the waves will be simplified by removing the inner lines. Essentially, make them one big "stripe" instead of three smaller ones.
11/27/23 14:13	F944	Not a choice! Swirls are messy. Flag waving in the wind will make its own swirls. Definitely no!
11/27/23 14:14	F944	Makes no sense. Not this one.
11/27/23 14:17	F944	Hate it. A total waste of money. Looks like crap.
11/27/23 14:18	F944	I'm not a fan of this one. Seems too abstract. Not sure this design would hold up over time.
11/27/23 14:19	F944	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:21	F944	By far the most dynamic and clean. This is art and design at its best. Contemporary and clean - two aspirational qualities for Minnesota
11/27/23 14:21	F944	This is the only one that makes any sense and still not a lot of sense for representing MN
11/27/23 14:21	F944	Don't like this one. Doesn't say anything about the state.
11/27/23 14:22	F944	Og the 6 finalists, by far my favorite, with it's flowing design.
11/27/23 14:23	F944	I like this flag as well. This would be a good choice.
11/27/23 14:23	F944	Dynamic.
11/27/23 14:24	F944	This design has some attractive elements but is nonetheless problematic. Its use of symbols meaningful to Minnesotans (the North Star;the ice/snow and water) is commendable, and the placement of the North Star in a field of dark blue (the night sky) is appropriate and eye-catching. The ice/snow/water design is much too busy, however. It is reminiscent of a city Chamber of Commerce logo and is thus evocative of advertising. It also violates NAVA's principle that the design should be simple enough that a child should draw it.
11/27/23 14:24	F944	This is my second choice but I don't like any of the flags
11/27/23 14:25	F944	This one is the best!
11/27/23 14:26	F944	I think this one is a little too trendy with the wavy lines. It is not my favorite.
11/27/23 14:27	F944	My favorite of the entries
11/27/23 14:28	F944	This one is my favorite. I wish the star was more north star like, but I like the water like swirls that connect in the middle.
11/27/23 14:29	F944	The least objectionable option.
11/27/23 14:29	F944	Of all the designs , this is the best. However, even this one looks like it was designed by 3rd graders, non of them are good choices. The commission needs to pick new selections. Perhaps with a north star and a loon
11/27/23 14:30	F944	What is this supposed to be? A track meet?
11/27/23 14:32	F944	Overall, I like the design. It could use a green tree, though.
11/27/23 14:36	F944	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:37	F944	I love this one. Represents Minnesota so well.
11/27/23 14:37	F944	This is the most elegant, the star is not the correct style, can you combine parts of others, would be nice to have a loon on the blue river or a tree
11/27/23 14:38	F944	F944 is gorgeous!!!! So Minnesota!
11/27/23 14:39	F944	A good design for paper towels

11/27/23 14:40	F944	All flag designs are terrible, none of them depict anything about minnesota, when a person would look at the flag they would have no clue it is for minnesota, at least the state seal designs reference the great state of minnesota
11/27/23 14:41	F944	This is a terrible design, maybe OK as a sports team logo, but not a state flag
11/27/23 14:42	F944	Love this one!! It's eye catching and "feels" like MN!! Resembles the beautiful Mississippi that flows through our State leading into the sky and north star. The flow of white also reflects the snow that MN is known for as well. This is the one!! As a Native American, I love that it represents our treasured land...
11/27/23 14:45	F944	What is the oddly shaped gold thing? It has no significance to Minnesota. Same comments as the first flag concept: Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence? How dumb do you want to make Minnesotans look?
11/27/23 14:46	F944	This is my favorite!
11/27/23 14:49	F944	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:52	F944	this is the only one that does not remind me of a snowflake and I will get tired of the entendres with any of the others
11/27/23 14:52	F944	I love this flag, but I think it would look better with a slightly different star design.
11/27/23 14:58	F944	Don't love it - not in my top 3
11/27/23 14:59	F944	Probably the best one. I don't care for any of them.
11/27/23 15:00	F944	Although it is a clean example of a flag, I believe this flag appears too modern, and resembles more of a "sports" or "school" flag than a state emblem.
11/27/23 15:00	F944	This is THE ONE!!! F944. It's perfect! The other entries look like quilt block designs and don't sing "Minnesota" to me. Please choose F944.
11/27/23 15:01	F944	This one.
11/27/23 15:02	F944	I think this brings the lake and the land together with a hint of the loons. This is fantastic!
11/27/23 15:02	F944	Absolutely terrible. Will not look good in 10 years. All of the designs picked are bad, but this was the worst.
11/27/23 15:04	F944	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:06	F944	I like this design and it captures MN with the North Star and loon.
11/27/23 15:06	F944	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:11	F944	This is the best of the finalists and would be a fine choice for the flag.
		I love the idea of having the Mississippi River as the focus of the flag. However this design feels a bit... cartoonish? This would be my favorite flag if it looked more polished/serious. I think one way to do this is make it less curvy/wispy. Another way to do so is remove the white color, and just make the curvature only blue, for the river, while maintaining the general S shape. This simplifies the design and makes it more polished, in my opinion.
		Thank you for the work you're doing. It's important!
11/27/23 15:12	F944	Stephen Walker
11/27/23 15:15	F944	A vote in favor of F944. State may have >10000 lakes, but the rivers carried people around. Thank you.
11/27/23 15:15	F944	Not in favor of changing the existing flag but given the choices this one is the best of the bunch in my opinion
11/27/23 15:17	F944	Would like to see the star embellished a bit as on the last flag selection. But, this is my favorite.
11/27/23 15:21	F944	Pick this one please, I like how the lines show can depict for all the lakes in rivers and especially for the Mississippi that starts here. The white can show as far as Northern lights and the great cloud cover we get every winter! The star again is great to show that we are the North Star for the United States.
11/27/23 15:21	F944	Pick this one please, I like how the lines show can depict for all the lakes in rivers and especially for the Mississippi that starts here. The white can show as far as Northern lights and the great cloud cover we get every winter! The star again is great to show that we are the North Star for the United States.
11/27/23 15:22	F944	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:22	F944	I really don't like any of these designs. Too stylized & pretty boring. If I had to pick one, it would be this one. I like the off center style & the wavy blue & white waves.



		Iâ€™ve seen this ten times. I have no idea what it is. A sky river? While it is true that there is nothing unique about living next to water since most human settlements are based around water, a sky river would truly be unique. Iâ€™ll educate myself on where such a thing can be found in our vast state.
11/27/23 15:23	F944	My middle school art teacher would give this a B+. Will age poorly even to those who like it now. Wavy lines are for 2009 corporate logos, not flags.
11/27/23 15:23	F944	No thank you.
11/27/23 15:26	F944	This is the only flag of the finalists that is at all interesting and unique. Purely from that standpoint I think it's definitely a top contender. I believe this would be the most memorable of the flag options, the others while fine are not interesting. My only complaint is this design feels a little imbalanced as it is, I imagine a few slight weeks to the blue and white loons to make them slightly more symmetrical would make this a clear winner.
11/27/23 15:29	F944	Pretty good - I like the depiction of the North Star and rivers. Still, it is flat and not engaging.
11/27/23 15:29	F944	This design is ok, but the intent of the swish shapes isn't obvious. Abstract loon or northern lights? I suppose it could be interpreted as those, but it's not clear. Something about those shapes just doesn't feel like it makes for a very good flag design. Maybe more a graphic design of some printed material, but not a flag. If a flag is waving in the wind, will it be at all clear what those shapes are?
11/27/23 15:30	F944	Are you doing a flag for Texas or Minnesota all the designs focus on a single star or abstract design with no references to the great state of Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:31	F944	This is my first choce among the finalists. I appreciate that it is not so traditional and symetrical in design. The colors work well together. It's not my first choice from among the earliest entries, but I think it represents Minnesota well.
11/27/23 15:31	F944	This design captures MN's unique identity of water and winter. It speaks to our abundant natural habitat, which makes the state quite special.
11/27/23 15:31	F944	Its the best one of the lot. North star, check. Mississippi River, check. Blowing snow, check, yup all that is Minnesota
11/27/23 15:31	F944	My #1 pick. Simple design that is a good representation of MN.
11/27/23 15:33	F944	#1â€™Like this one best!
11/27/23 15:34	F944	My #1 pick. Simple design that's a good representation of MN.
11/27/23 15:38	F944	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota
11/27/23 15:39	F944	This flag should not be given further consideration. Its design is 1) too complex to be easily replicated, 2) evocative of a soulless corporate advertisement, and 3) does not convey any specificity to Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:39	F944	terrible!
11/27/23 15:41	F944	This is the best one of the choices, in my opinion. As a nurse and current paraprofessional in my school district, I could see the kids learning to love and respect their great State with this representation.
11/27/23 15:41	F944	Although this is a nice design, with the rivers/birds Incorporated, I do not believe it is a design that will stand the test of time unfortunately.
11/27/23 15:42	F944	This one is my favorite, looks modern and energetic!
11/27/23 15:45	F944	coolest
11/27/23 15:45	F944	Lovely symbolism however it doesn't seem to be the kind of flag that "anyone could draw" (one of the vexillology requirements for a great flag)
11/27/23 15:46	F944	Please don't pick this one. I'm begging you. I was born here and will die here. This flag is as bad as the Minnesota Wild logo.
11/27/23 15:46	F944	This should be the new flag for the state of Minnesota, it perfectly resembles how we are the âœNorth Star Stateâ and the pairing of the Mississippi River that flows through our state.
11/27/23 15:46	F944	This is the one "Please" F944
11/27/23 15:49	F944	I do not support this flag design. It does not meet the criterion of "a child can draw it from memory" and I think its design will appear dated in the future, if not already (swooshes).
11/27/23 15:51	F944	Best of the lot, but the star needs some improvement
11/27/23 15:52	F944	Second choice f944 First choice f2100
11/27/23 15:57	F944	The audacity to think that anyone should 'redesign' the state flag is staggering. Even moreso is the fact that any changes in the current political climate will be agenda driven and will not represent the majority of people in this state. Your efforts are entirely misguided.
11/27/23 15:59	F944	This flag is my favorite. I think the water symbol reflects our lakes and rivers. The star of the North it very simple which is good that it does not resemble any kind of religious star.

11/27/23 16:02	F944	This is probably my 2nd choice out of 6 flags and I think it would be a fine choice.
11/27/23 16:03	F944	This design's evocation of moving water as well as of the North Star makes it my favorite. Water is our state's signature resource. This flag will remind us to protect it.
11/27/23 16:05	F944	This is my favorite flag submission. I like the idea of it blowing in the wind making the water imagery move while the left of the flag (and the star) will stay a little more steady because it is closer to the pole.
11/27/23 16:07	F944	None of these flag designs represent Minnesota
11/27/23 16:08	F944	This is the least worst of the new designs. I truly think making a new flag is NOT needed. I am Native American & just see removing all of my heritage. You cannot erase us! This is a waste of time & tax payer funds.
11/27/23 16:08	F944	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:08	F944	YES!
11/27/23 16:12	F944	Please don't pick this. It's a dark blue bed sheet with 90s style clip art designs on top. Please. No.
11/27/23 16:15	F944	Very pretty, but it does not feel like a flag. It would be too busy in a lot of contexts
11/27/23 16:15	F944	Take the star from #F2100 and put it on this one (#F944) and you have a winner!!! All the others are too stiff and boxy looking...this one has movement and will look awesome blowing in the wind!! Thank-you
11/27/23 16:19	F944	The best of the finalists but can't say I really care for any of them honestly.
11/27/23 16:19	F944	No! This looks too dated with the swoosh. The star size is insignificant to the size of the swoosh. It does not look balanced.
11/27/23 16:22	F944	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.
11/27/23 16:23	F944	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing? How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:26	F944	F944 ( this one) is the best. Says North Star and Mississippi in one. Uses two names - Native American and European settlers, representing the combined history of the state so far
11/27/23 16:27	F944	I vote for this design.
11/27/23 16:29	F944	this doesn't show any history and any depth it's as if you are trying to erase our heritage by stylizing everything.
11/27/23 16:29	F944	I feel that all of the flag designs, while created by talented artists, are too abstract. I suppose this could be a second choice for me. I really am not fond of any of the finalists.
11/27/23 16:34	F944	How dare one or two on a commission pretend to speak for the whole of this state, when it has already been disproved that there are IN FACT Loons in southern MN and the majority of the state is looking for a loon. At least this one is the closest we can come. BUT it needs a better STAR, not a four pointed one Secondly, I always thought of the flag showing the native American and the farmer, peaceably coexisting on the land! Give more credit to our forefathers! I am so sick of our politicians and government employees trying to rewrite history and believing the worst of ours and their ancestors! They need to spend more time on what they have been elected or paid to do, and that does not presume to know what was in the mind of those who worked hard to establish and protect our democracy. FURTHER out of the flag choices I first saw, to narrow then down to these six is ridiculous since 5 of the 6 are BORING and do little to represent MN.
11/27/23 16:34	F944	Like the flow of this flag with the appearance of a loon. Star is the same as S224 for the State Seal. Would prefer if the flag better reflects some of the design in the seal. That connection withstands the test of time! Thanks.
11/27/23 16:37	F944	I think there's a bit too much going on with the river and mirroring cloud design on this one, personally
11/27/23 16:40	F944	THIS my 3rd choice.
11/27/23 16:43	F944	Flag F944
11/27/23 16:43	F944	I like this one best of the six. couldn't you put a loon where the two swirls meet?
11/27/23 16:47	F944	There needs to be a loon on the flag! Maybe this one if a loon is added.
11/27/23 16:47	F944	Perfect!

11/27/23 16:48	F944	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. Is the blue the Mississippi River? What does the white represent? Where are the lakes, trees, and farmland?
11/27/23 16:48	F944	Flag should have a loon and the north star on it. While not traditional looking this works!
		NO - this looks like a Scandinavian ornament!
		#F944 is the only flag design that doesn't look like a foreign culture design - but, our flag should have a Loon and / or Lady Slipper on it w/o all the geometric designs.
11/27/23 16:49	F944	I am embarrassed & disappointed with the finalist selections.
11/27/23 16:49	F944	This would be my 2nd choice but all look like very elementary copy paste graphics.
11/27/23 16:50	F944	I love the stylizing of this design and the North Star. It's a bolder choice but evokes either blowing snow or the northern lights. Either way very Minnesota
11/27/23 16:56	F944	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota
11/27/23 16:58	F944	I love the abstract loons which invoke water. Very creative. My 2nd favorite.
11/27/23 17:03	F944	This is my favorite background and the white and blue "water/aurora" part is stunning. It would be great to replace the star with that from F29, and add some green like that on F1154. The lines along the edges of F1154 would also be great to add to represent our counties and tribes. Thanks!
11/27/23 17:04	F944	I like the water and the star.
11/27/23 17:04	F944	I do not like this one. The "waves" are not symmetrical
11/27/23 17:04	F944	The swoosh looks like the logo for the MN women's soccer team.
11/27/23 17:07	F944	Out of the 6 design this one will work for the state flag .. I don't see a lot of thought going into the design but I believe that is how MN rolls .. this design is not as good as the old flag design .. it's OK
11/27/23 17:09	F944	Nothing wrong with the old one. Having a Native American on the flag along side a citizen seems fitting. But I'm going to lose that battle so I think F944 is the best option.
11/27/23 17:14	F944	It's a North star, it's northern lights, it's water it's a loon, it has it all. Please choose this one!
11/27/23 17:14	F944	Very embarrassing that these were the best options to replace the States Flag. This is another way to try and erase the past. One should learn how to improve from the past not replace it.
11/27/23 17:15	F944	They are all awful. This is the least pathetic.
11/27/23 17:16	F944	This is the best choice in an extremely weak field of candidates. The star should be redesigned. It looks like something my three-year-old nephew drew.
11/27/23 17:16	F944	This is the best one! Brings to mind the rivers and the sky, and are also reminiscent of looms!!!
11/27/23 17:16	F944	test 944
11/27/23 17:17	F944	By far the best, water, northern lights and star, the others are so-so
11/27/23 17:18	F944	This say high school hockey rally flag not State of Minnesota. Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and I've lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:18	F944	Simple, Bold & colorful like us -
11/27/23 17:18	F944	I would not want any of these finalist for my state flag-
11/27/23 17:19	F944	Swish does not do it for me. Too dated and corporate. Flag should be beautiful and timeless with symbolic representations of agriculture, 87 counties, 1858, 3 major watersheds and 3 major biomes.
11/27/23 17:20	F944	This one is interesting. To be honest, I don't like any of them. I suggest using a design from the state seal finalist with the loon rising out of the water.
11/27/23 17:20	F944	This one sucks. Please don't pick this one. It's very ugly.
11/27/23 17:26	F944	Please no... Leave the current flag. They look stupid. If you want to update the current flag, that is fine. You can update it to be better but there is nothing racist about it. Just because a small part of group say that and then bend the knee is just crazy. Remove the indian or make them wave. Removing them is Racist.
11/27/23 17:27	F944	Of all the designs this is my favorite. I appreciate that you are going for simplicity. I kinda wish there was a Loon in there, but I do like this one.
11/27/23 17:33	F944	The better of the six
11/27/23 17:33	F944	Not great but its the best of the 6 choices.
11/27/23 17:34	F944	This one is my favorite. Vibrant, rivers and loons and the star! love it!

11/27/23 17:36	F944	This is the best submission because it shows movement. We are a moving body of citizens! Literally as we play/recreate all over our beautiful land (water, snow, trails) and we are a positive beacon for new Americans who make MN stronger (Hmong/Somali/Eastern Europeans, etc) and we move as we grow and learn and change, like when tragedy strikes or headlines reveal horrible problems, we work hard to fix them. It's hard to make a flag three dimensional but this moving design implies our motivated moving state and its people!
11/27/23 17:36	F944	Love how the flag ties together the star of the north, the waters, and the sky
11/27/23 17:36	F944	This would be my 2nd choice. If I can do that.
11/27/23 17:43	F944	Amazing representation of our states land of sky blue water of the north, simple, tells the story
11/27/23 17:43	F944	I really like this design. I see Minnesota in it with the North Star, waves for water, and the slight resemblance of a loon which we love here
11/27/23 17:45	F944	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:45	F944	Symbolism is strong and keeps offering surprises, color scheme is simple and applicable to MN, it feels over designed
11/27/23 17:46	F944	This one it shows water at least
11/27/23 17:47	F944	This one's OK, but I feel like the curves are a little cliché.
11/27/23 17:51	F944	Could be hard for kid to draw, and hard to make it out from distance, and now need to have curves in flag
11/27/23 17:51	F944	This design would be my number two choice.
11/27/23 17:51	F944	Yes!
11/27/23 17:52	F944	Gorgeous, unique design. This one is my favorite.
11/27/23 17:52	F944	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:52	F944	This one at least represents maybe water and sky, but this swooshes seem quite corporate, and I think they will look dated. I would like to see a flag that has a star, sky, water and green land. In the star tribune article apparently there was one like that in the top eight.
11/27/23 17:52	F944	The least ugly of really ugly designs.
11/27/23 17:53	F944	BLAH. So disappointing...
11/27/23 17:55	F944	No. Too simplistic. Looks like a mall banner.
11/27/23 17:57	F944	F29 is fabulous
11/27/23 17:57	F944	It looks like a Christmas tree ornament
11/27/23 18:00	F944	What the heck are the white lines? Wish we had wildlife in options.
11/27/23 18:01	F944	Looks like a business logo - NOT a state flag! DO OVER!!
11/27/23 18:03	F944	Some flag expert on flags said they thought they saw loons. I didn't. I saw water and clouds, maybe?
11/27/23 18:05	F944	Good for a bottled water label
11/27/23 18:10	F944	I am a teacher at Fridley High School and today my classes voted on the top six designs. F944 ended up receiving 67 votes from the 122 students polled. I wanted to be sure to include feedback from some young (and awesomely diverse) Minnesotans. Good luck!
11/27/23 18:11	F944	Cartoon time
11/27/23 18:12	F944	That must represent the cold wind and snow.
11/27/23 18:13	F944	I don't understand why this and so many others are using the four-pointed Star of Bethlehem. I thought the requirement was no specific ethnic or religious symbolism. I don't think having these wavy lines will work -- although give it a try, just try sewing it. I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. I distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:13	F944	I like this flag! Very different, but evokes feelings of nature. The white streak could be clouds or blowing snow or the northern lights. Easy for kids to recreate. And Minnesota is where the Mississippi starts, and we have so much water here.
11/27/23 18:13	F944	I like how this design shows movement like our rivers and land.
11/27/23 18:14	F944	This is the best. It retains the North Star. It is a mesmerizing take on the sky and water. One can feel the numenon of the loon and its song when gazing upon this. It will only be better when it is fluttering in the wind.

11/27/23 18:17	F944	Doesn't feel like this design would be timeless. More inline with a poorly designed city flag.
11/27/23 18:19	F944	Only one that comes close to depicting the state
11/27/23 18:20	F944	This one is only suitable option
11/27/23 18:28	F944	This design but replacing the star with the star from F29
11/27/23 18:28	F944	F944 will not age well. The swirling river and snow cloud, or northern lights, or distorted loons are engaging, but this is not a proper flag design. Flags make their own curves, and this will not look good waving, or from a distance. It's far too contemporary, and the shapes and proportions are uneven, asymmetrical, and silly for a flag. I would be embarrassed to fly this flag, or wear it, or have Minnesota associated with it. As a postcard or t-shirt for another purpose, great, but not as our flag for 100 years to come. Flag F1154 is a much stronger design, clear, bold, and uniting us all.
11/27/23 18:31	F944	All of the finalist flag designs suck, but this one is slightly less boring.
11/27/23 18:32	F944	unable to discern how this illustrates MN.
11/27/23 18:32	F944	I love this flag although other might not I do I think the stripes kind of look like a loon and obviously the North Star it is so simple yet has a lot to share about Minnesota's history
11/27/23 18:38	F944	This is the only design that doesn't look like a quilt, cookie cutter or window cling. It has 3 symbols of MN: water, northern lights and the north star. Very Minnesotan!
11/27/23 18:40	F944	This one hard to judge as I cannot tell what the wavy lines represent. Water? Northern lights? Wind?
11/27/23 18:43	F944	Great flag. Love the deep blue background and the waves that look like loons. The Committee should consider using F29's star/snow emblem on this flag design. Good luck to the selection Committee!
11/27/23 18:45	F944	None of the flag options were appealing. Don't like any of the 6.
11/27/23 18:45	F944	Well swoopdee doo, just too cool for school and too blah to be anything meaningful
11/27/23 18:49	F944	This is the one!
11/27/23 18:52	F944	Nice one
11/27/23 18:54	F944	Looks like a tree topper....
11/27/23 18:55	F944	Looks like a company logo.
11/27/23 18:56	F944	This is my favorite. It combines the star of the north with a symbolic reference to the headwaters of the Mississippi river.
11/27/23 18:58	F944	Maybe
11/27/23 18:59	F944	Yes
11/27/23 19:00	F944	Although I really don't like any of the finalists and they all look similar, my choice would be this one. It's the best of bad choices in my opinion. I wonder how much State money has been wasted on this non-problem. Maybe we should have just changed the existing flag to show the Ojibwe pushing out the Sioux not long before Europeans showed up.
11/27/23 19:01	F944	Better flag for a soccer team than a State.
11/27/23 19:01	F944	I really like this design. Including the element of water (representing all our lakes throughout the state), the north star, and the sense of movement with the white swirls...perhaps even clouds? Overall a very nice use of imagery. Congrats to the artist/designer.
11/27/23 19:01	F944	I vote for none of these. They are all childish, almost cartoonish. They don't show pride or speak to history or our future. They are almost laughable. There must be better designs than this! If not, why not put it on hold and set a new deadline for other designs?
11/27/23 19:02	F944	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:04	F944	This looks like a logo for a sports team
11/27/23 19:04	F944	Possible first choice. The star needs to be modified to a more north star look. Needs a loon!
11/27/23 19:05	F944	I like this design but think the star from F2100 or F 29 would look better on it, in the right proportion to fit in the same area as it is now.
11/27/23 19:06	F944	My family believes that this is the best option for the new flag. It is stunning!
11/27/23 19:07	F944	My favorite. The imagery reflects the birth of the Mississippi, a loon and the North Star.
11/27/23 19:11	F944	Great design! Looks the least like a flag from the Middle East
11/27/23 19:13	F944	If it were to change I like this one.
11/27/23 19:14	F944	More dynamic than other designs. Alludes to the flow of history, the Mississippi and a path into the future.

11/27/23 19:14	F944	This is the best design of the final choices. The loons are necessary!
11/27/23 19:15	F944	This one is my favorite. I feel it represents our northern lights/sky and waters.
11/27/23 19:17	F944	This looks like the Shooting Star casino logo.
11/27/23 19:17	F944	This flag is simply too complicated for the basic criteria the commission was made to use. I'm surprised it's made it this far. The sweeping lines are not based on any solid ground or grid system that makes a flag memorable and easy to replicate. The "freeform" nature of the design and the negative space within each section of it is far too unstructured. I would recommend dropping this flag because the redesigns would have to be so significant that it wouldn't reflect the designer's intent any longer.
11/27/23 19:19	F944	F944 - I can see this being more difficult to draw than the other nominees, but it's very cool that the stripes are symbolic of multiple things!
11/27/23 19:22	F944	Too busy.
11/27/23 19:24	F944	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:25	F944	This one
11/27/23 19:27	F944	PICK THIS ONE. SO ICONIC
11/27/23 19:30	F944	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.
11/27/23 19:31	F944	My favorite
11/27/23 19:33	F944	This is my favorite
11/27/23 19:34	F944	This one is my favorite. There is movement and lots of different ways to connect to it. Thanks to all the artists!
11/27/23 19:35	F944	My second favorite of the final six (which I do not believe to be the best six, by the way), after F2100. I like the blue and white swirls symbolizing water and snow. I think the North Star is an essential design element, but not really a fan of this four-pointed design. I like some of the other four-pointed designs that are less convex-curved between the points, and generally like the angular five- and eight-pointed stars I've seen. I also like the idea of an eleven-pointed star, representing the eleven recognized Indigenous tribes of Minnesota. Would be nice to acknowledge the original owners of this land after 160 years of being insulted by our flag.
11/27/23 19:36	F944	I love this flag. It shows MN water and sky. The others all feel boxy and AI-generated. Yuck.
11/27/23 19:37	F944	This is the best finalist for a new state flag
11/27/23 19:39	F944	I like the simple design promoting the river as a key feature along with the star position in the upper left. Feels balanced and easy to recognize
11/27/23 19:41	F944	This is my favorite!! It is simple and emblematic of MN, yet not boring.
11/27/23 19:42	F944	There are many things I love about his design - some are hidden. 1) The simple star represents MN as the North Star state. It is not elaborate - a great star to make a wish on. 2) The white swirls represent not only the snow and ice but the northerly clouds against a blue MN sky. 3) The light blue swirls represent our 10,000+ lakes, and if you look closely (with a little imagination) our state bird, the loon (it actually mirrors the upside down loon in the white swirls). I love this design and hope this becomes our new state flag.
11/27/23 19:43	F944	All of these flags are absolutely horrible. This is the best you all can come up with. What an Embarrassment to our great state. Keep the flag we have and stop with all this WOKE crap.
11/27/23 19:46	F944	Fascinating because it manages to evoke water and snow, the rivers and the aurora, and loons at the same time. Would like a fancier North star though.
11/27/23 19:49	F944	It alright
11/27/23 19:52	F944	Garbage
11/27/23 19:52	F944	The ONLY design to remotely pertain to MN. North Star and Lake Superior. The others are garbage.
11/27/23 19:53	F944	This one!! Reminds me of the MN northern lights
11/27/23 19:54	F944	I like this one
11/27/23 19:58	F944	Nope! Looks like a water park logo or maybe a soda label
11/27/23 20:00	F944	no - ugly
11/27/23 20:00	F944	Best submission. I see the North Star, Mississippi River and Northern lights.
11/27/23 20:00	F944	I feel we should leave the old flag fly!!
11/27/23 20:00	F944	Both grandkids had a physical reaction to this flag, little gasp. Like the movement, our pick.
11/27/23 20:02	F944	I really like this one the best. Reminds me of water and northern lights. Also the northern star. This would look nice waving in the wind.
11/27/23 20:02	F944	Nope, what it showing?

11/27/23 20:04	F944	I prefer the current Minnesota flag. If we are really left with these finalists, this design wins for me, for the fact that it alludes to our waters.
11/27/23 20:06	F944	Please reconsider F944 as a final selection. I am deeply dismayed, as I'm sure many Minnesotans would be, to see this design as our new state flag. It sorely lacks the necessary connection to traditional flag design as well as all respect of which a state flag should command. Frankly, it looks like a credit union flag, or a promotional banner for a golf course. I pose for the committee a simple exercise: imagine this flag used on the most solemn of occasions - hung at half-mast, behind a government representative during an emergency briefing, or draped over the remains of a state official. It lacks all solemnity of which those and other occasions ask. Of all the finalist designs this one for sure is a desecration of good flag design, specifically US state emblems, and will look that much more embarrassing in just decades' time much less a century.
11/27/23 20:07	F944	I assume those are waves and not roadways. It's interesting but wouldn't want to have to explain it. The star is simple but probably needs to be to go with the rest.
11/27/23 20:08	F944	This is my favorite and came here to "vote" in favor of it.
11/27/23 20:09	F944	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:11	F944	This sucks
11/27/23 20:11	F944	This design is gorgeous, but not practical for a flag. The curves will be lost when the flag is actually waving.
11/27/23 20:16	F944	Abstract swirls provide illusion of lakes, snow, winds and loon ( although unintended I understand) together with the north star nod. This is the best finalist.
11/27/23 20:17	F944	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:18	F944	Is this a joke? F944 looks like a Nike ad.
11/27/23 20:19	F944	I like this flag. The two swipes look like an abstract loon formation. Maybe the color of the upper swipe could change to represent northern lights.
11/27/23 20:19	F944	This submission is probably the best of the six finalists. It flows like our rivers and lakes, but I'm not sure what the white area is depicting.
11/27/23 20:19	F944	Of the final submissions, I think this one has the most interest.
11/27/23 20:21	F944	Of all the possibilities this one is the only one that comes close to striking any accord with me. But it still doesn't make me think of Minnesota.
11/27/23 20:22	F944	Too simplistic and not dignified. Elementary art. Star is terrible. At least you MIGHT be able to use your imagination and see two loon images. Does not say Minnesota.
11/27/23 20:23	F944	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:23	F944	This is a winner. Water/river to northern lights. Mn north star. All mn magic.
11/27/23 20:26	F944	Incredible.
11/27/23 20:27	F944	Like this flag
11/27/23 20:30	F944	What are the squiggles representing? If one has to ask, it is not a good logo for a flag
11/27/23 20:32	F944	I like the colors. My 2nd choice
11/27/23 20:36	F944	This one is my favorite!
11/27/23 20:37	F944	This one is the best!
11/27/23 20:38	F944	Don't really like any of the options, but if I had to pick one of them this would be the one.
11/27/23 20:38	F944	This would be my choice
11/27/23 20:41	F944	I like this one the best out of the choices.
11/27/23 20:41	F944	This flag is boring and forgettable
11/27/23 20:45	F944	This one feels too modern. I think it would feel dated very quickly.
11/27/23 20:46	F944	This star looks like Pittsburgh Steelers star. I can't unsee it. Design is good with a different stay.
11/27/23 20:46	F944	Looks like a hockey team logo
11/27/23 20:47	F944	My choice, is active
11/27/23 20:47	F944	Unique design that evokes emotion. Clearly represents Minnesota.
11/27/23 20:50	F944	I like this design but I prefer the star shape on the other flags.
11/27/23 20:53	F944	Ugly. No representation of anything here.

11/27/23 20:53	F944	Dumb!! Boring!!
11/27/23 20:54	F944	You have disfigured the North Star! Im offended!
11/27/23 20:54	F944	Too plain and generic, says nothing about history, goals, features of the state or its people. same as F29
11/27/23 20:55	F944	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.
11/27/23 21:01	F944	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:02	F944	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste!
11/27/23 21:03	F944	I like this submission although I prefer the star from F29 which better represents the North Star as well as a snowflake. Perhaps they could be combined?
11/27/23 21:12	F944	I love this design. It has a water element to represent our signature, abundant waterways. And a star to represent our (former) status as the northernmost state. Simple, but representative of our state and elegant.
11/27/23 21:14	F944	I appreciate this design, but I wish there was green in it.
11/27/23 21:18	F944	Looks like a C-list hockey team logo.
11/27/23 21:19	F944	This flag slaps!
11/27/23 21:21	F944	Come on are you serious, I have Lived in MN for over 50 hrs. If this wins I might Have to move, who is picking this crap??
11/27/23 21:25	F944	Distinctive, like the swirls..
11/27/23 21:28	F944	This is my favorite as it represents water and snow, summer and winter. However I would like the star to be the star-snowflake design of other flags.
11/27/23 21:30	F944	Plain. Basically the Minnesota Wild logo without the character. Looks like a logo for a medical company. Not distinctly Minnesota.
11/27/23 21:30	F944	This is my 2nd favorite.
11/27/23 21:32	F944	This is my favorite of the six finalist flag designs with the elements of both the river and the star. It is simple yet meaningful, looking both modern and timeless at the same time.
11/27/23 21:32	F944	This has the most eye appeal.
11/27/23 21:37	F944	This is my favorite one, it has my vote!
11/27/23 21:39	F944	We would submit this as our favorite design for the flag - it reminds one of the water, the northern lights and our guiding star - nice!
11/27/23 21:40	F944	If a silhouette of two ducks got stuck in a time warp continuum, then threw up on a flag.
11/27/23 21:41	F944	I like this one! It has movement in the "Water"™ and the "land"™. They give it a sense of the Native Americans we share this land with and, it also includes "North Star";but, has a wonderful simplicity.
11/27/23 21:43	F944	Much better than 29. Feels incomplete.
11/27/23 21:43	F944	This flag is the best representation of MN. Vibrant, modern, unique
11/27/23 21:48	F944	Loose the yellow in the star and it's a contender
11/27/23 21:51	F944	No. Looks like tire tracks and not Minnesota
11/27/23 21:51	F944	Best design of the bunch. More art than a flag. The commission should not select this one.
11/27/23 21:51	F944	I don't hate this but it is art. What does it say about MN? Nope. would only vote for this because I hate it less than the other 5
11/27/23 21:52	F944	I really like this one a lot because it shows the Northstar, and the sky and the water, all in a very simplistic way. As a Minnesota Native, I would approve of this as the great state of Minnesotas state flag.
11/27/23 21:53	F944	Don't change the current one!
11/27/23 22:02	F944	This is my favorite option.
11/27/23 22:06	F944	I really enjoy this flag design. It is very unique while still being a fitting design for a flag. The colors I think are pretty nice, and it's appealing overall.
11/27/23 22:06	F944	I quite prefer this design. It's very dynamic and represents the hope our state stands for well.



11/27/23 22:13	F944	2 thumbs down
11/27/23 22:14	F944	This design has movement and color, and once again, Where's the Loon? Where's the Lady Slipper? Dr. Anita Gaul, vice-chair of the commission who is a history professor at a community college in Worthington had a foolish, illogical and silly explanation as to why these two symbols were not included.
11/27/23 22:14	F944	Best of a bland bunch.
11/27/23 22:18	F944	Best design. Would like yo see the upper swill green colored
11/27/23 22:23	F944	Is there any other choice? I think not!
11/27/23 22:23	F944	3 lane highway?
11/27/23 22:25	F944	Completely non-descript. Says absolutely nothing about the state of Minnesota. Designed by 7th graders?
11/27/23 22:27	F944	Represents the North Star, water (lakes) and snow
11/27/23 22:29	F944	I love this flag . It would be a solid choice.
11/27/23 22:32	F944	This is my second favorite design of the six.
11/27/23 22:35	F944	As a graphic designer, this is the one I like the most. It's well designed and can be viewed in a few ways, including rivers, lakes, snow, north star, loons, and upsidedown looking like a lake with a campfire on a beach. I absolutely love this one!
11/27/23 22:35	F944	The modern look is pleasant and I like it the best of the underwhelming entries. We are the North star state and the mightiest river of the country begins here. That is my take away!
11/27/23 22:42	F944	I like this four-point star better than the eight-point stars in 1953 or 2100 (they have a Christmas-y vibe). The white and blue wavy lines are interesting, but if aurora (or a loon) is that regionally limiting? The design might be my favorite in the final six, but I would like to see something that is more inclusive and doesn't feel like a Northern Minnesota design.
11/27/23 22:48	F944	This is one of my top two but the colors, yuck. I get it's supposed to be water but you're going to have to pick better blues and why is the sky white? White skies, smiling at me?
11/27/23 22:54	F944	Best design in my opinion. Simple, but quite representative of key Minnesota features.
11/27/23 22:58	F944	Design F944 is a simply pleasant representation of air, sky, and water;which Minnesota has an abundance of.
11/27/23 23:03	F944	This looks like it belongs on the side of a drink cup from the mid 90s.
11/27/23 23:05	F944	Don't like
11/27/23 23:11	F944	Second favorite of the final 6, but again, wouldn't have made it in my top 25.
11/27/23 23:12	F944	Beautiful flag, it's a risky pick as I don't know how timeless it will be, but it looks cool in the moment
11/27/23 23:12	F944	This is the best of the designs we can give our opinion on. There's a Northstar, a river/water, and what I imagine to be northern lights.
11/27/23 23:14	F944	I beg you don't move forward with any of these flags. The public has spoken that we do not approve of these horrible designs. You know they will not stand the rest of time.
11/27/23 23:16	F944	This is the best design of all of them
11/27/23 23:19	F944	This is a wonderful design! Perfect design to catch the breeze and symbolizes so much of the water and big sky of Minnesota
11/27/23 23:20	F944	Remove the star and put the state seal where the star is located. Use the state seal with the loon flapping its wings.
11/27/23 23:23	F944	Out of the five remaining, I see the north star again, water and sky? Not crazy about the other four.
11/27/23 23:30	F944	I like this design
11/27/23 23:30	F944	This is the best! Beautiful. Elegant.
11/27/23 23:34	F944	I really love this flag.
11/27/23 23:37	F944	I like how it looks like water and sky meeting and it suggests movement. I think that sets it apart from other US state flags.
11/27/23 23:42	F944	Great design!
11/27/23 23:46	F944	This is the only one even close to good...
11/27/23 23:49	F944	This is a wonderful design! It's simple enough for even a child to draw, unique, and I love the loons!
11/27/23 23:49	F944	The linework is not timeless

11/27/23 23:57	F944	S147 would look good where the star is, remove that star and add the seal there with a floating loon in the center of the seal and this will look great.
11/28/23 0:04	F944	I somewhat like this design. It's not my favorite when I looked at all designs, yet I might be able to live with this design being our state flag.
11/28/23 0:07	F944	This one!
11/28/23 0:15	F944	Ha potential - I like the blue for lakes, white for snow, star for Minnesota, however it lacks green of any kind. Which is another color of our beautiful tree state!
11/28/23 0:38	F944	My two favorites are this one and 1953. This represents MN weather/seasons very well.
11/28/23 0:39	F944	As a graphic, this is the best design - a simple star in the upper left, then matching swoops, one representing the Mississippi and the other the northern lights. That they sorta resemble loons doesn't hurt either. However, though I like this one a lot, design-wise it's not a good choice for a flag. The waves won't be easy to recreate in fabric and will look weird when the flag is rippling in the wind.
11/28/23 1:09	F944	This (F944) is creative, but it's too busy and looks like a corporate logo
11/28/23 1:11	F944	The star must be the North Star. I appreciate the sense of movement and life the flowing lines bring. I'm reminded of the aurora borealis, flowing water, and ice skating, all of which are Minnesotan.
11/28/23 1:33	F944	I have strong feelings against this flag, it looks like the logo of a minor league sports team or generic brand of soda! Anything but this
11/28/23 1:36	F944	Again ugly what do any of these have to with our state. They all look very generic!
11/28/23 1:36	F944	This is just stupid. I understand the idea of a river and star, but this is ugly.
11/28/23 1:40	F944	Visually striking and original. Design and colors do an excellent job of representing our state's geography and weather. If the committee is looking for an unconventional yet still well-designed flag, I think this would be a good choice. My third favorite, after F29 and F1953.
11/28/23 1:44	F944	This does not depict Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 1:49	F944	This is my favorite of the 6 finalists. I can see MN in this design.
11/28/23 1:54	F944	This is my #4 choice out of the 6. It looks cool, but it feels like there's too much going on. It would be hard to draw. What exactly are the two wavy parts meant to represent?
11/28/23 2:01	F944	I thought there were great submissions for the flag redesign, but the finalists that have been chosen leave much to be desired. I dislike this one the least of the final 6.
11/28/23 2:04	F944	Oh look. More lifeless corporate art. Hooray.
11/28/23 2:51	F944	This one is my favorite of the 6 designs. Love the hidden loons in the swirl, the colors and proportions. Hope this one wins!
11/28/23 3:16	F944	This one is nice
11/28/23 3:18	F944	This should be the new state flag! Really like the design... seems to add some symbolism for a river, the northern lights, and the north star with a little bit of flare.
11/28/23 4:15	F944	Points for trying something different, but noooooo we can't make this our flag! Look, I see what it's trying to do. River and night sky reflected, but they're both loons. Some brilliant design stuff going on here. But that is just too much. Basically everyone I've talked to thinks it's not very good to look at, it's incredibly hard to reproduce, and on and on. There's a lot going for it on paper, but it's just too much.
11/28/23 4:51	F944	The ones that just have stars remind me of a Country Flags. Check the different Countries in the world Flags.The star and streams of white blue what Minnesota is north star and water streams .
11/28/23 4:55	F944	I love this one! The star is a little boring though? Take the star and snowflake from design F29 and put it in place of the gold diamond and you have a winner. The swirling white and blue symbolize flowing water, blowing snow and a nod to The Northern Lights!
11/28/23 5:47	F944	Terrible!
11/28/23 6:01	F944	This is my vote
11/28/23 6:02	F944	Love this design, From our water ways to northern lights. With the North Star shining above. This design seems the right choice.
11/28/23 6:07	F944	Boring, without reflection of the nature of our state
11/28/23 6:08	F944	How does this represent MN? What does the blue & white represent? Highways?? Stupid
11/28/23 6:11	F944	This one feels like MN

11/28/23 6:18	F944	<p>This is the only submission with any meat although the meat is only that of an unhealthy hotdog. Not much there. An added River? Possibly the Mighty Mississippi? Is that the Star of the North?</p> <p>Honestly incredibly disappointing that every flag is basically the same. I want to like one of them but I can't. None of the stars look like "The Star of the North" that I envision. It's a state with incredible beauty and nature and the flags have modern art with No symbolism or meaning that can be understood at a glance. I have a strong knowledge of the history of the state and cannot understand why there would be 8 of anything on our flag. The number 8 has no meaning at all. 12th largest state. 32nd biggest. 19th to join after the original 13. I cannot tell you how incredibly disappointed I am. And as a teacher of Minnesota, this flag will take 10 seconds to teach my class. I'll continue to show my class the past flags which represent Minnesota and show its beginnings of the original occupants "The Native American. The poor treatment we offered and how we moved them from their beautiful land on the Mississippi River (St Anthony Falls) to the Northwest corner where it was swampy and unfarmable and where many still live. 19 stars as we are the 19th state after the original 13. Lumber, agriculture (then talk about mining). Important dates that include Fort Snelling. The one larger star to represent "The Star of the North" and in French to remember the important fur trade and the Voyagers ,,</p>
11/28/23 6:32	F944	I vote for this design. I do like the symmetry of the blue water and white sky, but would suggest one modification. The light blue currently looks like the letter M. If you modified the white by taking out the middle leg, you would have the letter N. That would really solidify the flag as Minnesota's with the hidden MN.
11/28/23 6:41	F944	Best captures the North Star and Mississippi best choice offered
11/28/23 6:43	F944	Don't like it. Swoosh is confusing. We don't know if the swoosh is wind or the Mississippi River. If it's the river it's going the wrong way. Could be improved and acceptable if swoosh was a better depiction of Mississippi River.
11/28/23 6:44	F944	Appreciate the beauty and creativity of this design, several others look like a stencil pattern.
11/28/23 6:45	F944	This design best represents MN because it has the North Star, water representation, Northern lights and/or clear sky representation but, most importantly, it has a representation of a state constantly in motion, evolving, constantly changing to meet and represent the needs of Minnesotans.
11/28/23 6:48	F944	The rest of the designs just look like quilt patches.
11/28/23 6:48	F944	This is the one-north star and water!
11/28/23 6:51	F944	I believe it's very important to incorporate something of the natural world in the Mn state flag. Although this is only conceptual, it does resemble a loon to me and I would chose this design for that reason.
11/28/23 6:58	F944	Looks like a credit union logo??? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 6:59	F944	I love the simplicity and the colors yet it captures MN with the North Star, snow (white) and the Mississippi river (or lakes?)
11/28/23 7:00	F944	this is my second favorite (maybe even a tie with F29). really clean and i love the star.
11/28/23 7:00	F944	I like f29 star better but the wave is really nice
11/28/23 7:00	F944	Like the "two waters" symbolism, however I don't think this will age well. To be honest, it already looks a very specific point in time.
11/28/23 7:05	F944	I like this one the best. I think it captures our "north star" nickname, the elements of water and open sky and is more fluid with less hard lines which gives me the feeling of a river and of open kindness (which I hope all of us to be.
11/28/23 7:07	F944	I don't see how anyone who saw this flag would think, "Minnesota." I don't like that "star." I must also admit that I don't understand the symbolism in this design.
11/28/23 7:09	F944	Too fiddly for a flag. I get the the blue line is supposed to be a river but what is the white one? A cloud? The curves with their internal lines are more gaudy then they need to be on a flag. I could only back this design if it were simplified.
11/28/23 7:11	F944	Way too Scandinavian!
11/28/23 7:17	F944	I don't understand the super graphic and hard nature of the designs that have been chosen. This is the most fluid and easy to look at of the designs. They all look like children made them or kids with new graphic design software. There is absolutely NO PERSONALITY in any of these designs and they are extremely generic. So sad!!
11/28/23 7:19	F944	I am not happy about replacing the state flag. Our present flag is historical, beautiful and shows our history as a state. The new ones look like coloring pages for kids. The original will always be my State flag.
11/28/23 7:20	F944	The F944 design looks perfect and great.
11/28/23 7:21	F944	I choose this one. To me, it represents the North Star state along with rivers/lakes and the northern lights.
11/28/23 7:24	F944	Very classic design. Perfect for Minnesota!

11/28/23 7:27	F944	Best design!
11/28/23 7:27	F944	I really dislike this flag design.
11/28/23 7:30	F944	I am simply going to copy and paste the same comment on all flags that made the Final Cut. Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic. Back to the drawing board, figuratively and literally.
11/28/23 7:30	F944	Very lively, and suggests water and maybe loons, but the art feels dated--as in 1970s.
11/28/23 7:31	F944	Beautiful
11/28/23 7:33	F944	Love the representation of Minnesota's many lakes and rivers.
11/28/23 7:35	F944	This is the best choice of the choices given.
11/28/23 7:36	F944	I like this flag, but dont think it will age well. The swirls don't seem timeless to me.
11/28/23 7:39	F944	Like this one best. Wish aurora had colors in it like Aurora MN town sign west of town.
11/28/23 7:40	F944	This is my preferred design. While not exactly like the North Star flag that has existed for years, it pays homage to it and would best represent the state in a clean, easy to recognize and replicate way that we can all feel proud of!
11/28/23 7:43	F944	This is the most desirable out of the finalists!! It's not horrible, but I was hoping for more MN icons or something that represents more. Pretty disappointed with the finalists in this group.
11/28/23 7:46	F944	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:46	F944	Clean, clear, focused North Star and water. My second favorite
11/28/23 7:48	F944	I get the 3 meanings but still a no.
11/28/23 7:48	F944	Submission 944F stands out because of its very strong design that joins two S curves representing water and winter, and features the North Star. This flag is a lovely depiction of our state's natural beauty and its dual waves would show well undulating in a breeze. Bravo to the artist.
11/28/23 7:49	F944	I suggest F91 for the flag all those other 6 don't fit nor stand for what the state represents
11/28/23 7:50	F944	To busy but I like the idea. Don't like the star design
11/28/23 7:51	F944	Best of the finalists!
11/28/23 7:51	F944	I like the modern feel to this design. Easily recognizable and simple yet fun.
11/28/23 7:53	F944	I love the simplicity of this flag. Its minimalism adds to its beauty and I believe it would be unique and separated from any of the other 49 state flags. It's not trying to grab your attention too hard but it's not hiding either. I sincerely hope you all go with this flag! - SSgt Ryan Gomeiz
11/28/23 7:53	F944	.
11/28/23 7:54	F944	F944 is ugly and not easily drawn. I don't get the imagery.
11/28/23 7:55	F944	This is the only memorable design, I hope you choose it.
11/28/23 7:56	F944	Like this one!
11/28/23 7:56	F944	Add a loon at bottom right corner and that would be ok with me.
11/28/23 7:59	F944	I could live with this one though it looks corporate to me. Maybe use the star from the first one.
11/28/23 8:00	F944	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F944: Love the colors, but I do not believe this will stand the test of time. It reminds me of seasonal flags people buy for their porches.
11/28/23 8:00	F944	I don't really like any of them, but I believe this is the best of the bunch. It would be better with a loon on it.
11/28/23 8:00	F944	Love this one - perfect for our new flag
11/28/23 8:01	F944	If we have to choose, this is the one I would choose - still not a love it, but it's okay
11/28/23 8:03	F944	This is my favorite. The north star state, water and snow?
11/28/23 8:08	F944	This is the only one I remotely like
11/28/23 8:09	F944	Only one that has more than just basic shapes. None of the 6 have enough elements to make them worthy of a new state flag

11/28/23 8:09	F944	Interesting design, but too stylized and will become dated. Like Disco, it will not pass the test of time.
11/28/23 8:09	F944	I feel that the wavy design has too much going on and it would be hard to recognize on a flagpole.
11/28/23 8:12	F944	Ugly and stupid
11/28/23 8:15	F944	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota add a loon and ladyslipper and possibly
11/28/23 8:16	F944	Keep the old one.
11/28/23 8:19	F944	Unique and simplistic. I really like this one.
11/28/23 8:19	F944	I like this one. Unique - it will stand out. It's also not overly complex and the water/cloud symbolism is spot-on
11/28/23 8:21	F944	I don't really like any of them!!! There were so many other better choices.
11/28/23 8:21	F944	I see the North Star and assuming the swingle is water but looks like more the northern lights but the colors don't represent the lights. If it's water why the white? If it's the lights why the white? Is the white snow??
11/28/23 8:22	F944	I think this flag represents Minnesota. The blue for for the rivers in Minnesota, and the with for are the partly cloudy days.The north star that shines bright at night.
11/28/23 8:25	F944	Modern.
11/28/23 8:25	F944	Pick this one!!
11/28/23 8:28	F944	I just love this design!
11/28/23 8:29	F944	Too busy, not a fan.
11/28/23 8:30	F944	They are all terrible but if I have to choose then this one
		Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?  It looks like the flag of a third world country.
11/28/23 8:31	F944	I have no idea what that is supposed to represent.
11/28/23 8:32	F944	Best looking flag, hands down.
11/28/23 8:33	F944	This composition brings movement and forward thinking into the mix. I think the asymmetrical layout is far more dynamic than anything else in the final selection. Before finalizing, the curves definitely need cleaning up and refinement.
11/28/23 8:34	F944	I wish explanations were given. Is that the milky way and a river? It's unique, but so sparse
		This flag design is a clear standout.
11/28/23 8:35	F944	Honoring its designer is a step toward rectifying the injustice portrayed in the previous flag.
11/28/23 8:36	F944	F944 is better than 29, but not by much. Feels like this would look great on the back on a t-shirt or sticker in a pickup truck's rear window. But flying from the state capitol? No thanks.
11/28/23 8:36	F944	Appealing colors and design
11/28/23 8:39	F944	This flag represents what true Minnesota is, The North Star state, water representing lakes, streams and rivers which is Minnesotas identity and a beautiful sky. To me it says life is beautiful in Minnesota!
11/28/23 8:39	F944	The aurora shape looks dated. To my eyes it has a distinctly 90s feel.
11/28/23 8:39	F944	This one does not represent anything about Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:42	F944	Attractive and modern design. Suggested changes: star should be white, upper swirl should be a dark green. Blue for lakes, green for forestry. White for, well, the color of stars.
11/28/23 8:42	F944	This looks like the Timberwolves uniform.
11/28/23 8:43	F944	I like this one as it feels like water and snow and incorporates the north Star. Outdoorsy feel.
11/28/23 8:44	F944	Of the remaining flags, this one clearly brings not only the North Star, but a nod to our many bodies of water. While we are the North Star state, we are also the land of 10,000 lakes, as well as the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi. I think it would be a mistake to select a flag that only has a star. This flag is my favorite and I hope it is selected as our new state flag.

11/28/23 8:44	F944	Too modern and time dated. Barren and lifeless. No pride in our heritage.
11/28/23 8:45	F944	By far the best design. The flowing lines representing the sky and the water are incredibly aesthetic and unique for flag design. I appreciate the simplicity of design just as much as I appreciate the fluidity and symbolism of the design. Truly a fantastic choice for the great state of Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:47	F944	This design flows, has energy and it feels like MN. It would be a great representation of MN. It's well done artistically.
11/28/23 8:50	F944	my Favorite of the finalists
11/28/23 8:50	F944	Don't like the star and too computer graphics
11/28/23 8:50	F944	This one isn't as nice as our current flag. My vote is no.
11/28/23 8:54	F944	This flag looks super cool from a flat PNG standpoint. However, it might look too busy while waving. Still love this one though.
11/28/23 8:55	F944	I like this flag the best with a few others in a close 2nd. I think it is the best option because it resembles the North Star and the water of all our lakes while also showing a silhouette of our state bird the Loon. The only thing I would change is the background color.
11/28/23 8:55	F944	This one just looks like a Minnesota United jersey. The symbolism is vague (is the white supposed to be northern lights?), and doesn't really follow vexillology standards
11/28/23 8:56	F944	My choice, Flag F944, represents the unique features of Minnesota - the state's rivers, lakes, and L'Etoile du Nord - with the most aesthetically pleasing and flowing design of all the submissions.
11/28/23 9:01	F944	This flag will look beautiful rippling in the breeze at the top of a flagpole!
11/28/23 9:01	F944	Please choose this one! It represents so much of what MN is.
11/28/23 9:01	F944	Like all of the state flag finalists, this is better as a corporate logo than a state flag and is lacking in uniquely Minnesotan meaning. But if you must choose one of the finalists, this is the best one, for it has a star, water that could be either a lake or a river, and the sky in a cloud - it shows the idea of sky-tinted water. I admire the quilt idea on the other design, but I think it would be lost on non-Minnesotans and the design could have been executed better.
11/28/23 9:02	F944	SORRY - Pretty ugly, plain, worse than the first one and really nothing to do with our great state. Leave our flag as is!
11/28/23 9:03	F944	I like that the white and light blue parts look like Loons.
11/28/23 9:03	F944	This flag.
11/28/23 9:04	F944	By far the best of the finalists! Others are too abstract or remind me of 3rd world countries
11/28/23 9:06	F944	F944 is a decent design and would be my #3 choice among the finalist designs but almost looks more like something that would be used for the public school systems or parks and rec, as opposed to a state flag.
11/28/23 9:07	F944	this one is close, but something is off
11/28/23 9:07	F944	This could be branding for North Star Fresh toothpaste. Pass for state flag design.
11/28/23 9:09	F944	This is so remarkably terrible I thought you selected it as a joke. This is one of the worst flag designs I've ever seen. Anyone who voted for this should lose their place on the committee.
11/28/23 9:11	F944	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:18	F944	This is the clear winner. It has it all. The cloud and river imagery in the shape of a loon is brilliant. It's beautifully designed and a perfect representation of our state.
11/28/23 9:20	F944	Looks like a frozen yogurt place or a youth hockey program. Commercial, not stately, and not iconic. Furthermore I don't think it will age well.
11/28/23 9:24	F944	If we can't have the loon on the state flag, this is the best submission except change the white swirl to blue!! So many Minnesotans WANT THE LOON ON THE FLAG ALSO!! We are the ones paying for all this!!
11/28/23 9:27	F944	This flag was my favorite. The little swoosh type of lines remind me of lakes. We are the state of lakes.
11/28/23 9:27	F944	This is one of the better finalists. My only drawback is the colors and patterns heavily resemble Minnesota United and I think a state flag should not be influenced by a sporting team, but by all the people that live within its borders.
11/28/23 9:28	F944	This one is heads and shoulders above the rest! I love the feel of the flowing water and sky which represents for me how the state of MN is ever evolving with the times, moving forward, changing for the better. (We're not a rigid, fixed state like many of the designs portray.) I also like the dark blue background contrasting with the gold north star and lighter blue and white. It's an elegant and unique design. I
11/28/23 9:28	F944	I love this flag! It looks like the North Star and the Mississippi River, and it just seems to represent Minnesota.

11/28/23 9:29	F944	THIS IS OUR FLAG!! The start of the Mississippi is distinctive to us!! The movement of the river/water and the snow/northern lights is energetic without being fussy The Dakota name for Minnesota is utilized in the sky blue water, which is another "must" for our flag. It recognizes our heritage and indigenous people's continued contribution ((without awkwardly turning over the entire design to a people we have oppressed.) I prefer a more dynamic star, but this stable one may complement the energy of the river/water & northern lights/snow. TOP choice!
11/28/23 9:31	F944	The curved lines look too similar to the Minnesota Wild logo. Will it be timeless?
11/28/23 9:36	F944	This flag will look very dated in a short period of time. It almost does already.
11/28/23 9:37	F944	Boring and looks like a logo for a ski race team
11/28/23 9:38	F944	i love F944 it's so creative
11/28/23 9:39	F944	I find this one (F944) visually confusing, but I like it's attempt at including a river. I wish there was an option with a loon on it (this is visually the closest to a loon)
11/28/23 9:40	F944	I really like this design. It captures the Star of the North along with an aurora and the Mississippi River (I think). This flag design really captures what Minnesota is about.
11/28/23 9:41	F944	My favorite. I love the representation of water. I have lived in several locations in Minnesota, and feel this design would give equal representation to each of those locales.
11/28/23 9:46	F944	MN is known as the North Star state and the Land of 10000 Lakes besides the Mississippi River Headwaters represented well with the star and river
11/28/23 9:47	F944	The swirl of the river and clouds is suggestive of a loon to me and much more interesting than the other finalists.
11/28/23 9:48	F944	I don't feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake I'm guessing...that's not all Minnesota stands for...please find something with more meaning.
11/28/23 9:51	F944	This is my least favorite. The wavy lines will look super dated super quickly.
11/28/23 9:53	F944	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:54	F944	This is my favorite of the flag designs, but I would actually prefer a flag with a loon or ladyslipper. I don't understand how incorporating our state symbols into the flag could be controversial. Just because we all don't have them in our own backyards doesn't mean we don't like them or aren't proud of the natural beauty our state has to offer.
11/28/23 9:57	F944	Not a favorite. Too dark - too much of a artistic flare
11/28/23 9:58	F944	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 10:00	F944	f944 second favorite - bold with star, water, and northern lights
11/28/23 10:01	F944	This is my pick! (For what it's worth!)
11/28/23 10:02	F944	This one works in my opinion! It's not my favorite of all the original submissions, but the symbolism is translatable.
11/28/23 10:03	F944	Too busy
11/28/23 10:04	F944	Like the flowing design. Do not like the color gold in it. Suggest replacing the star with the state seal, loon, pine tree, or lady slipper Replace the white with green possibly.
11/28/23 10:04	F944	I like this one the most.
11/28/23 10:04	F944	Flag F-38 IS THE BEST.
11/28/23 10:05	F944	This design immediately captured my attention with it's beauty and clever use of flowing water (or a loon!) and drifty clouds (another loon!) Please pick this beauty!
11/28/23 10:07	F944	I like the movement dynamic but it looks kind of like the graphics on the side of an RV. I'm afraid this swoosh styling will look dated sooner than later.
11/28/23 10:09	F944	I would give this thumbs up but not my favorite.
11/28/23 10:09	F944	Looks like a corporate logo for a sports team more than a representation of MN.
11/28/23 10:11	F944	F944 is confusing. Are those loons or lakes or northern lights? Don't love it
11/28/23 10:11	F944	I like this one the best, it has the North Star & representation of the Mississippi River. Very good choice & as an added bonus you can see a loon if you look closely.
11/28/23 10:13	F944	The North Star design should be sleeker like F29. Current star looks bloated and bland. I like the loon design for the snow and water (I assume it's the Mississippi), no opinion on if it should span the flag or not. The current color combination could be improved - only comment is the background is too dark of a navy blue
11/28/23 10:19	F944	I love this flag design. I see the Mississippi River, Northern Lights, and the North Star. All major representations of Minnesota.
11/28/23 10:20	F944	The best. Unique. The sky and river also look like two loons. Maybe the top left corner empty space could be changed a little to look like the shape of Minnesota
11/28/23 10:20	F944	If these 6 are truly the only ones to pick from I would have to pick this one. Is this the best we can do?
11/28/23 10:22	F944	This would be my first choice.
11/28/23 10:22	F944	This design is too modern and is very unlikely to age well over the next century.

11/28/23 10:24	F944	Unconventional. I like the idea, but it doesn't quite work as a flag.
11/28/23 10:26	F944	This is fun but doesn't feel official. This looks like it could be the logo for a company but not a state flag.
11/28/23 10:26	F944	This one is my favorite -- it looks unique compared to other state flags and country flags. It's easy to replicate and yet not so simple that it could be made by anyone iwth a pencil and ruler. It has imagery of things we hold dear in MN. Would be open to a different type of star, maybe with more points.
11/28/23 10:26	F944	BORING - says nothing about Minnesota - doesn't even have our NAME on it!!!
11/28/23 10:27	F944	My #1 choice
11/28/23 10:29	F944	It's a fairly clean design, would look good from a flagpole. I think the star could be more distinctive and integrated, though.
11/28/23 10:29	F944	Mediocre. The blue swath represents a river. Not sure what is represented by the white swath. Not fond of the 4 point star.
11/28/23 10:30	F944	This is the worst design of the finalists by far. It reminds me of the "Jazz" design on disposable cups, which is appropriate as it belongs in the trash.
11/28/23 10:32	F944	The star design here is really string. The waves/wind does feel a bit overdone and reminiscent of early 2000s design trends. I am not confident this design will stand the test of time in its current state, as it already looks out of date with the complexity of the waves (the lines in the middle are unnecessary in my opinion).
11/28/23 10:32	F944	This would be my first choice, although my "very best first choice" is not one of the finalists you've picked.
11/28/23 10:34	F944	I think this one looks great! I like that it includes water!
11/28/23 10:38	F944	My 2nd-favorite flag design...cleverly incorporates river and northern lights plus north star. Blue color
11/28/23 10:38	F944	Beautiful design, but a bit too complicated and too many colors for a flag design.
11/28/23 10:39	F944	This flag does not speak to me in the same way as F29. It MIGHT be better with tweaks to the star. But, I would just as well leave this flag out of the running.
11/28/23 10:39	F944	I think this one looks too much like a corporate bank logo, and it will look outdated fairly soon.
11/28/23 10:39	F944	like that it evokes both the star and water.
11/28/23 10:40	F944	Really nice. Top contender. Colors, star, water, loons, the north wind all expressed in this flag.
11/28/23 10:40	F944	This is better suited for a childrens' hockey team. If the stripes weren't so swooshy like that cup design from the 90s, it would be better, this one has the nicest star for the rhombus accent - so F29 should take note here.
11/28/23 10:40	F944	The deep navy/indigo background is the nicest dark blue choice of all of them.
11/28/23 10:40	F944	This is the one I like most, North Star with snow and Water, a little dash of green to represent the trees of the north and the crops of the south is all thatâ€™s missing
11/28/23 10:41	F944	My favorite! A timeless design that will serve the State of Minnesota for decades to come or longer.
11/28/23 10:42	F944	This one is outstanding. Simplicity, beauty, depicts movement forward, The image itself is movement. Progressive thinking Minnesotans, unpredictable weather, incredible beauty and static large bright shining star to guide us.....a beacon for all. This one !
11/28/23 10:42	F944	I like #3 or 6, but 6 needs some green.
11/28/23 10:42	F944	And then do you add the seal to it as well? And our state name??
11/28/23 10:42	F944	I like the reference to water and snow. It would be nice update sun to a both yellow and white combination (sun/stars)
11/28/23 10:44	F944	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:45	F944	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:45	F944	Visually appealing.
11/28/23 10:45	F944	This says absolutely nothing to me. What state does this represent? Nice swooshes, maybe itâ€™s Nikeâ€™s flag. These donâ€™t even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.
11/28/23 10:45	F944	Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.



11/28/23 10:45	F944	While all of these are very simplistic, very scaled back from the original, I like this. It signifies the North Star, our flow of water and snow and seasons. It is the best of very disappointing choices. Sorry for my lack of a better opinion.
11/28/23 10:47	F944	No thank you. A yellow four pointed graphic doesn't say star to me. Ok, flowing water and blowing snow. The flowing/blowing graphic is too large.
11/28/23 10:47	F944	.
11/28/23 10:47	F944	This is a very bad design that reminds me of a youth hockey jersey or the Carolina Hurricanes logo. It is not clear what the curved lines represent.
11/28/23 10:47	F944	This is the best by far. It captures the essence of the state's abundant water sources, hints at the aurora, and includes the north star.
11/28/23 10:47	F944	The star is too simple and almost looks religious (like the Christmas star). This flag looks more like a sports team brand than our state.
11/28/23 10:48	F944	My favorite by far - not only the resemblance of loons but of water, streams, rivers and the white - the sky. This one gets my vote!
11/28/23 10:49	F944	This is iOk. I saw pic of a better one with a reflected Northstar on a lake.
11/28/23 10:49	F944	I like this one
11/28/23 10:50	F944	This flag design is too modern and is not a timeless design. It feels like a design for a corporation or for a little league sports team. This does not feel representative of MN and would not be a good choice for our state.
11/28/23 10:54	F944	I'm curious what this would look like if you replaced the star with the starflake design from F29.
11/28/23 10:54	F944	No. Looks like a sports team.
11/28/23 10:55	F944	'Water meets the sky' Nice:)
11/28/23 10:55	F944	This is a neat design in print, but it's hard for me to picture it as a sewn object. I think there are a lot of elements here that represent the state as a whole. I do wonder if the design will look dated in time.
11/28/23 10:56	F944	This design is an excellent representation of Minnesota. When I first saw it, I saw the north star, rivers, and the northern lights.
11/28/23 10:57	F944	This one is a nice pick. It is futuristic.
11/28/23 10:57	F944	Of the bad choices, and they are bad, this is one is ok.
11/28/23 10:58	F944	I like the star in the corner, but there's too much swoosh, they went a little overboard with the curves - and left out the colors brown and green.
11/28/23 10:59	F944	This design is overly stylized and artistic for the sake of artistic.
11/28/23 10:59	F944	This one looks too corporate and swoopy. More like a logo than a flag. Not nearly as good as F29 or F1953.
11/28/23 11:01	F944	Similar to my comments on F29, this is not my favorite nor my most-hated of the 6 you selected. It is acceptable, although no where near as superior as the North Star Flag that folks have advocated on behalf of for 30 year.s. This design is acceptable, but not exciting.
11/28/23 11:01	F944	I don't really care for any of the designs, but this one is the best one. Since Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes and the origin of the Mississippi River, I think it's important to include some water in the design. I'm not sure what the white is supposed to signify, but since snow is a big part of what Minnesota is known for, I'm thinking the swath of white looks like blowing snow. And of course, the star is good because Minnesota is the north star state. Truth be told, I like the current design and don,t know why people think it's offensive or whatever. In my opinion, all of the designs look too sterile and plain. They don't even have the year Minnesota became a state.
11/28/23 11:01	F944	This is the best option, although could be improved. I would prefer to see a simple version of a loon included. Also the star/snowflake design from other flag options would look good on here.
11/28/23 11:01	F944	I like this flag! Evokes loons, rivers, northern lights, northstar. Solid
11/28/23 11:02	F944	The color scheme on this submission is well done. Contrast is bold but flowing, and the overall flowing to the design makes this one stand out. I would be curious how this would look on a stitched flag. Slightly "busier" than some submissions.
11/28/23 11:03	F944	Where is the loon?
11/28/23 11:04	F944	Best design of the group
11/28/23 11:05	F944	This looks like a city logo. It will age horribly.
11/28/23 11:06	F944	Do you realize your star is the same design that the Twins started using this year on their branding? Was that the intent? A four point star is too simplistic, and the rest of the flag is strange. I do not like this.
11/28/23 11:06	F944	Bland. Allusion to water/rivers is uninspired and even questionable

11/28/23 11:07	F944	Not a fan. Looks like a soccer flag, not a State flag
11/28/23 11:08	F944	F944 is cool, but will we regret it in a few years?
11/28/23 11:11	F944	Looks too much like a corporate logo and won't age well.
11/28/23 11:12	F944	The swoosh for water and clouds looks like a freshman made it as a last minute school project
11/28/23 11:12	F944	Really love this one. Pretty in simple way.
11/28/23 11:13	F944	I like how distinct this flag is from many other flags, in the way it features curves instead of solely angular geometric shapes. I think this is a good flag, but with a few tweaks it could be a really great flag. I would change the shape of the yellow star - this one looks a bit too much like an emoji or clip art. A star with more angular features would balance out the curves of the river and aurora. I do like the four-pointed star reminiscent of a compass rose, or perhaps an 8-pointed morning star, but definitely not a 5-pointed star (again, too generic). I think the flag could also be improved by altering the shape of the white aurora swoop so that the dark blue negative space in the NW corner of the flag resembles the shape of Minnesota's eastern border. I think this could be done relatively easily. It would add another element of symbolism to the flag and make it even more instantly recognizable as our state's flag.
11/28/23 11:13	F944	I do not like the wavy nature of this flag. I don't think it will look good flying in the wind. It reminds me of the dixie cups from the 90's.
11/28/23 11:13	F944	The only one with motion incorporated, like moving water, waiving wild rice, etc. Clear winner of this group.
11/28/23 11:14	F944	This one
11/28/23 11:15	F944	Such a good flag! The best one!
11/28/23 11:15	F944	I place an enthusiastic first choice vote for F9444. This design features two rivers which have been important to our state's history. This is true both for the indigenous people who lived here for thousands of years prior to the arrival of the European settlers. The North Star is a nod to our geographic status as the northernmost state in the contiguous US.
11/28/23 11:15	F944	Same comment - This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:16	F944	Please don't select this sport team logo as our state flag. It is too swoopy. Its stylistic fashion will fall out of trend and we will be left with something dated.
11/28/23 11:17	F944	this seems like it will be a timeless representation of what we hope to always have in MN... the north star, our clean waters, and the white could represent both clean air or fresh snow falling... i like it!
11/28/23 11:17	F944	Best of the flag designs. Incorporates the lakes/start of the mississippi with the north sky. I dont like the star as it is too similar to a cross and wish it could be changed to a different star
11/28/23 11:17	F944	I am not an artist. I do know good artwork. All of these designs look like something I would have done for a high school play advertisement.. I can not define anything in them that represents MN. I don't think any of them say Republican or Democrat and those statements only represent near sighted people. I agree that we the people of MN should have been asked if they wanted a new flag. At least the new seal has some respect for MN
11/28/23 11:17	F944	To me the white represents clouds in the sky with water running down below. I like the star in the corner as well, although it could have more than four points. This would be my choice for the new flag
11/28/23 11:18	F944	I am not a fan of this flag design. The. Blue and white swirls are too busy for a flag. I don't think they will look good on a flag blowing in the wind. The flag, as a whole, contains all rounded lines which is very dissimilar to other state and federal flags. While we want ours to be unique, I don't think we want it too unique.
11/28/23 11:18	F944	My favorite. Simple, unique and beautiful. It'll look great on a flagpole.
11/28/23 11:18	F944	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:20	F944	Of the six, I like this one. All the others are too blah, in my opinion. I would like to see the dark blue replaced by the green, and gold of forests and fields, and some representation of fishing, and/or other abundant wildlife.
11/28/23 11:20	F944	This is more of a flag for a hockey team than a state.
11/28/23 11:21	F944	This flag is my favorite of the set, but I'd make the light blue and white bands solid, rather than with the interior lines
11/28/23 11:21	F944	Looks too much like a gold cross to belong on a government emblem.
11/28/23 11:22	F944	uninspiring;too much black We've GOT to be able to do better than this.
11/28/23 11:24	F944	This is my favorite. Nice and clean and would go well with seal # S147
11/28/23 11:24	F944	While I enjoy the imagery of the river, northern lights, loons and north star, there is just something about this flag that feels like it should be for a sports team.

11/28/23 11:25	F944	This is my choice. Tweaking maybe with green and tree in corner. Improve star or not. NO LOON necessary
11/28/23 11:27	F944	My child actually wanted to draw this flag and only this flag. If this is the reason for the simplistic designs, then to me this is the clear winner.
11/28/23 11:27	F944	Wow, wow, wow. From a Native Duluthian, BRAVO! It's gorgeous.
11/28/23 11:27	F944	A skull and cross bones flag would have been better, but I guess this flag will do. I vote for this one.
11/28/23 11:28	F944	awful
11/28/23 11:28	F944	This is my favorite design. I like its dynamism, the suggestion that Minnesota is a vibrant state.
11/28/23 11:29	F944	I like this flag the best, but I have a suggestion: Remove the white borealis then flip the blue one so it points to the north star. Most of the symbols and design of this flag will remain, it will just be a bit simpler.
11/28/23 11:32	F944	I do like this one the best, but as one commission member said, will it still look good in 50 year?
11/28/23 11:33	F944	I do like this one the best, but as one commission member said, will it still look good in 50 years? 2100 with a minor mod would be secondary
11/28/23 11:33	F944	This is the only flag design that would be recognizable without the state name attached. There were much better submissions made, but of the finalists, this is the best one.
11/28/23 11:34	F944	Fluid sky, water, seasons
11/28/23 11:35	F944	Boring. Plain. Lack of imagination. We all know it's the north star with water and sky.
11/28/23 11:37	F944	The North Star is nice and obvious. The other designs are not so obvious. Is the top white one the northern lights and the bottom one rivers? They actually have a bit of a stylized loon look to them. I like the design, but on the whole, I find this a bit confusing and busy for a state flag and the design also screams that it is 2023 modern - there is nothing timeless about it and in 20 years it may look really dated.
11/28/23 11:37	F944	This is my favorite. I only wish the blue swish appeared more as lake water than a river. somehow. The land of 10,000 lakes. I get that it still needs to be an interesting shape for the reflection to work...
11/28/23 11:38	F944	Reminds me of church depictions of the Holy Spirit.
11/28/23 11:38	F944	I rank F944 third of the 6 options. It's not clear what the white and light blue features represent.
11/28/23 11:38	F944	This is by far my favorite.
11/28/23 11:38	F944	F944 is ok but is not as good as F29
11/28/23 11:39	F944	I would very much like this one to win.
11/28/23 11:39	F944	A child cannot draw this from memory which is the first requirement. Do not select.
11/28/23 11:39	F944	I love this one the best. It not only includes L'Etoile Du Nord, but the Mississippi and the Northern Lights (which is how I am interpreting the white wave). It is the most different but is so lovely!!
11/28/23 11:39	F944	This is by far my favorite of the flag finalists.
11/28/23 11:41	F944	Wonderful with including a north star, a blue river transitioning to a white frozen river for MN waters, the broadening of the rivers with three strand rivers show bounty and inclusiveness with the three strands uniting into one, and the river designs look a little bit like loons coming head to head.
11/28/23 11:41	F944	The wavy design elements make this too loud and busy. Also, flags are designed to wave in the wind, so there's no need to add additional wavy elements.
11/28/23 11:43	F944	Best way f the bunch but I would prefer a star like this
11/28/23 11:44	F944	F944 is my favorite of the 6 submissions (none of which were in my top picks of the 2000). I would lighten up the dark blue, maybe "loon up" the swirls a little. The star does not look like a Christmas ornament and the design has some movement. Still I would throw out these 6 designs and start over, maybe something with a loon! If nothing else, the Northstar Flag that has been around for years is a much better flag than all of these 6.
11/28/23 11:45	F944	wow - I'm sad to say this drab design is the best of the bunch. Really? These are the best ideas that were submitted?
11/28/23 11:45	F944	This flag showcasing symbols integral to Minnesota's identity—the North Star, the Mississippi, and the loon. From a design standpoint, it's not only gorgeous but also dynamic and meaningful to all Minnesotans. I hope you choose it.
11/28/23 11:45	F944	I think this one sticks out among the finalists, in a good way. For me, it captures the essence of the "land of sky water". It represents where they meet and has a modern look. I love it!
11/28/23 11:48	F944	F944 is the most appealing to me. It's abstractness allows for different interpretations. The swirls could be rivers or northern lights or roads. The star could be a star or point outward to the 4 directions. The design suggests movement and forward progress but also history. No particular culture is favored or excluded. It could apply to any group.

11/28/23 11:48	F944	This one!!
11/28/23 11:48	F944	Doesn't suck as bad as the rest of them.
11/28/23 11:49	F944	Love this design simple and flowing
11/28/23 11:49	F944	This one is nice!
11/28/23 11:49	F944	If the current flag has to go I vote for this one.
11/28/23 11:50	F944	maybe my 2nd or 3rd choice.
11/28/23 11:51	F944	This is my favorite. It's the most aesthetically pleasing and representative of the great State we live in.
11/28/23 11:52	F944	This reminds me of the cartoon "The Jetsons" - swooshing through space. Short shelf life.
11/28/23 11:52	F944	This is the best of the finalists for the state flag. I like how it is simple, but yet shows the state as the Star of the North and has rivers and sky's flowing in the flag. Thank you and have a great day.
11/28/23 11:53	F944	A northwards path, formed by the mutual dance of the great river and the northern lights;with a subtle nod to the iconography of the loon: it doesn't get better than this.
11/28/23 11:53	F944	This is my favorite. To look at it reminds me of a crisp winter day! I can imagine flying this flag at a stadium, in the bleachers, and at the captial!
11/28/23 11:54	F944	This looks like a sports team logo, not a state flag.
11/28/23 11:55	F944	This is the best choice of the ones available to pick from. Colors are good, like flowing water, the star is good and this doesn't resemble and flags from other areas!
11/28/23 11:55	F944	I love the artistic and symmetrical way this combines natural elements at the core of Minnesota's identity - one being a river to represent our state being the headwaters of the Mississippi and two being the white streak in the sky, which I assume represents snow. And, most importantly, the north star is represented. I love the colors and the overall uniqueness of this flag. It is my favorite of the finalists. I think a dark forest green could replace the dark blue background as an alternative option.
11/28/23 11:55	F944	This is the favorite in our six-person Minnetonka household. We think it best represents Minnesota as a whole. Good luck choosing!
11/28/23 11:56	F944	Of the six final entries, this one is the least disastrous. To me, at least, it is aesthetically pleasing. How it embraces our historic and cultural identities is beyond me. As a state flag, another waste of material.
11/28/23 11:57	F944	This one is lovely but the curves might be tricky to duplicate for little ones drawing the flag.
11/28/23 11:59	F944	F944 is far from a timeless design and it's disappointing that it made the short list.
11/28/23 12:00	F944	This one is too modern and too open to interpretation. Would be better if one of the ducks were gray!
11/28/23 12:00	F944	Wow, wow, wow. From a Native Duluthian, BRAVO! It's gorgeous.
11/28/23 12:00	F944	This is my vote for state flag
11/28/23 12:01	F944	My favorite!
11/28/23 12:01	F944	This one!!
11/28/23 12:02	F944	Great!
11/28/23 12:02	F944	My choice
11/28/23 12:03	F944	this one works - I like the sense of MN as the headwaters of a mighty river, although it's only flowing in the proper direction when the flag is reversed
11/28/23 12:04	F944	Nope
11/28/23 12:04	F944	Pretty weak selections. But this is probably the best of the worst that you made me pick from.
11/28/23 12:04	F944	Glad to see something not so geometrical, or looking similar to another state's flag. The pattern helps describe the wandering waterways of our state. The curves and contours have a subtle calming effect. The artist also seems to have incorporated a loon into it without being obvious.
11/28/23 12:05	F944	Na
11/28/23 12:05	F944	Why does it look like an Insurance advertisement?
11/28/23 12:05	F944	This looks like a flag for a country, not a state.
11/28/23 12:08	F944	This is my #1, but it needs some green in it.
11/28/23 12:09	F944	Fun, different, elegant and interesting design. We are, in so many ways, a "different" state, and this is refreshingly different from any other state flag. This is my number 1 choice.
11/28/23 12:09	F944	It wasn't clear to me initially that the light blue and white were loons. I don't think curved lines look good on flags.

11/28/23 12:09	F944	Not the worst, but better than the other choices
11/28/23 12:10	F944	I do not like this option. i do not feel that this shows what minnesota as a whole is.
11/28/23 12:10	F944	Poor design
11/28/23 12:11	F944	I think this is a very cool design, and I immediately thought it was my favorite at first. However, I am not sure if this is too much of a modern design and question if it will stand the test of time. Likewise, the waves seem too prominent. Perhaps if they were scaled down and the star was enlarged to be the first attention getter it would look better.
11/28/23 12:14	F944	yes, a contender
11/28/23 12:15	F944	This is my favorite among the finalists. It includes both a stylized pair of loons and the north star. It represents our State identity to the nation and the world.
11/28/23 12:16	F944	Looks like some kind of logo. Start over.
11/28/23 12:18	F944	I like the swirling colors that, to me, look like two stylized loons. I don't like this star - I would suggest using the star from F1953. Thanks for all your hard work on this!
11/28/23 12:19	F944	My favorite design.
11/28/23 12:19	F944	Beautiful design but I don't think the swoosh elements have a chance to last into the future. Feels like it is missing green.
11/28/23 12:19	F944	Hate the swoosh. Again, better for a corporation, than a state.
11/28/23 12:20	F944	I like this one the best since it has the north star and the symbol of water. I like that it is abstract but inclusive of the entire state.
11/28/23 12:20	F944	I vote for this.
11/28/23 12:20	F944	I appreciate this design because of its more sleek, modern star image compared to others. I also appreciate the movement in the swoops of water. As you look, they kinda resemble loons or water fowls a bit as well.
11/28/23 12:20	F944	The only one that gives me any desire to hang it on my flag poll.
11/28/23 12:20	F944	Hockey anyone? No vote.
11/28/23 12:21	F944	F944 is too hard to recreate for school kids. Unclear, a little too stylized and will likely look outdated in a few years.
11/28/23 12:21	F944	The star should be eight pointed like other submissions.
11/28/23 12:22	F944	Maybe if we had 10k rivers
11/28/23 12:23	F944	This is going to be a mess when flying;
11/28/23 12:23	F944	This looks like a credit union logo. They ALL look like credit union logos, but this one is really giving "bank" and not "state."
11/28/23 12:24	F944	This two was one of my least favorites. I don't know if it's because it's comical, if it has items/waves, that won't really fly well and the four-point star. I know what they're trying to do here is depict rivers, and the aurora borealis but it's just not doing anything for me.
11/28/23 12:24	F944	Yes. Best of choices. But, Minnesota: no people? I guess.
11/28/23 12:25	F944	I feel it represents the northern star, our lakes and it's not so large and busy as some of them. More simple
11/28/23 12:25	F944	This is my pick for #1. Love the dynamic design and energy.
11/28/23 12:26	F944	I believe this would be a beautiful state flag.
11/28/23 12:27	F944	Distinctive - Like the blending.
11/28/23 12:28	F944	Favorite so far.
11/28/23 12:28	F944	An ok flag, although it looks a bit like a logo I would expect our state lacross team to have, doesn't feel very stately
11/28/23 12:28	F944	I quite like this, especially the inclusion of the river, and the way the river (and clouds, if that's what the white bands are supposed to be) look slightly like a loon. But it looks more like a flag for a sports team than the state itself.
11/28/23 12:29	F944	Needs a loon.
11/28/23 12:30	F944	No, I am not a fan at all. This one is just odd.
11/28/23 12:32	F944	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag?
11/28/23 12:33	F944	F944. This is perhaps my favorite. it is simple but every eye-catching. I wish the star was white rather than yellow.

11/28/23 12:34	F944	I think this is the best one but I don't like any of them. The seal and the flag should represent each other and I think you have a winner in the seal with the loon. Now I would revisit the flag and find something that fits with that seal. Something that represents our state well, is timeless, not trendy or modarn, but something that fits well with other states and will fit well with what a classic state flag should be.
11/28/23 12:34	F944	Meh. Looks like an NHL logo.
11/28/23 12:37	F944	This looks like the logo for a soccer team or some corporate rebranding. This design will look dated in 10 years. I understand, I think, what the artist was going for, with water and sky (riffing on the meaning of "Minnesota") but it doesn't work.
11/28/23 12:37	F944	I wish this flag had an explanation with it (along with some of the others). To me it seems like blue running waters, maybe the whip of the snow winds? Either way, it reminds of 2 connecting rivers, which I thought the MN and Mississippi, but we are more the state of 10000 lakes than 2 rivers. The north star was a nice touch, but this one just seemed to fall short on representation for me.
11/28/23 12:38	F944	Has grown on me, but feels a bit corporate. Seems like something that should be the flag of a supporters club for MNUFC rather than the state flag... I do like that the two swirls look like two loons.
11/28/23 12:38	F944	I feel there is too much going on here for it to be a good flag, but I do like the design. If this is picked, please tone down the amount of things going on.
11/28/23 12:39	F944	Those are loons, right... or rivers? Great flag!
11/28/23 12:39	F944	Second choice for flag.
11/28/23 12:39	F944	Meaningless. A star and some swirls. Again. Big deal.
11/28/23 12:39	F944	The swirls represent the Mississippi River, the waves of Lake Superior, the Northern Lights, the m for Minnesota, and the silhouettes of two loons. I see the North Star and the swaying fields of wheat, corn, and wild rice in evening light and frosted by snow.
11/28/23 12:40	F944	This one gets my vote for flag.
11/28/23 12:40	F944	This flag has one of the best designs I've seen, but I'm concerned it looks a tad bit sporty. Simplifying the design or more colors could help draw the viewer in, and hopefully seem more soulful and less...corporate.
11/28/23 12:40	F944	This one is too contemporary and would not stand the test of time.
11/28/23 12:41	F944	I think this flag looks the best since I interpret it to represent the Northern Lights and lakes as well as the North Star.
11/28/23 12:41	F944	F944 has the potential to feel very dated very quickly. The type of motion implied in the curvy lines feels very late 90's/early 2000's.
11/28/23 12:41	F944	plopplop
11/28/23 12:42	F944	This is my favorite one of the available choices!
11/28/23 12:42	F944	This is the best of the worst. Don't like any of them.
11/28/23 12:43	F944	This really makes a bold statement!
11/28/23 12:43	F944	while the blue and white is a nice touch, compared to the star, the star looks meek and a bit pathetic in comparison.
11/28/23 12:45	F944	This is my favorite.
11/28/23 12:46	F944	Very boring, a star and wind and water? Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota? Color is boring.
11/28/23 12:46	F944	This is my number ONE choice. This flag encompasses the great Mississippi river as well as the north star. I don't think anyone could think of another state when seeing this image. My only addition would be the color green in some form - a Norway Pine (our state tree) or our state fish the walleye somehow. A loon symbol, while totally Minnesota, is too close to our soccer team.
11/28/23 12:46	F944	Incorporating the Lady Slipper would be a nice touch too. Thank you for considering my favorite!
11/28/23 12:46	F944	Maybe the Star should be a 5 pointed Star as in the USA Flag. What does the white represent?
11/28/23 12:47	F944	This flag represents the many waterways and the North Star to me. It does not say anything else. I think the total submissions are pretty bland. Keeping the original flag says more about Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:48	F944	Use the more ornate star on this flag.
11/28/23 12:49	F944	NO
11/28/23 12:50	F944	Very modern and high marketability potential.
11/28/23 12:50	F944	Doesn't cover anything in MN except and river and sky and star. Could be anyplace e.
11/28/23 12:50	F944	A clear NO. Feels a lot more like a corporate logo from the late 90's internet, when everyone was trying to be cool and failing miserably. This will age incredibly poorly, and simply will not capture the imagination of not just the people of Minnesota, but the country at large.
11/28/23 12:50	F944	Kitschy. Looks like a 1990's movie studio logo.

11/28/23 12:52	F944	This is a logo for a mid-sized Midwestern bank, not a state.
11/28/23 12:52	F944	It's an OK runner up, but needs green to represent forests and agriculture
11/28/23 12:53	F944	This is by far my favorite. Big sky, big water and a simply north star. Just add the year Minnesota became a state and it's good to go. Great work Commission!
11/28/23 12:53	F944	I like this one the best.
11/28/23 12:53	F944	This design looks like the logo for the The Bank of New Glarus: <a href="https://thebankofnewglarus.bank/">https://thebankofnewglarus.bank/</a> Overall I felt several of these pics felt very simple and AI generated. I understood that south Minnesota felt excluded without a loon, but what are they bringing to the table as interesting? Loons visually represent not only the north shore, but the mindset of many a minnesotan. Most of us just want to be left alone on a lake enjoying nature.
11/28/23 12:54	F944	This one is confusing. It feels outer space oriented.
11/28/23 12:55	F944	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 12:58	F944	At least this one would take an expert quilt maker. Insipid star, are the swooshes supposed to be loons?
11/28/23 12:58	F944	This is my first choice. Favorite.
11/28/23 12:58	F944	Love this one!
11/28/23 12:59	F944	I like the feeling like the flow of water in submission F944.
11/28/23 12:59	F944	These are hideous. Where is our loon? Where is the lady slipper? The least ugly is F944 and that needs a better star
11/28/23 13:00	F944	These are hideous. Where is our loon? Where is the lady slipper? The least ugly is F944 and that needs a better star
11/28/23 13:00	F944	This is the best of the final six. The others look quite static. This flag shows movement. We are ahead of the nation in many ways and the forward movement reflects that.
11/28/23 13:00	F944	This flag is a much clearer representation of the state known for its elements of water and clean air. The star works as it does not evoke so much of a religious tone as do some of the other stars. Since this is to be a representation of the state, I believe this flag represents the state well and keeps a clearer line without confusing the issue of separation of church and state.
11/28/23 13:01	F944	Would have liked a chance to vote on the whole list.
11/28/23 13:01	F944	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone.
11/28/23 13:02	F944	This is the only one I find somewhat tolerable. I see it as water, snow and a star. There all non descript. Awful for a state as beautiful as Minnesota.
11/28/23 13:07	F944	Ugly
11/28/23 13:07	F944	I vote for F944, but please read on: Hybrid suggestion: Lift the F944 simplified gold star & put it on F1953 in place of the complicated white star, which is a redundant winter representation, given the white stripe. Giving "grain" to F1953 would give it more elements than any of the other finalists;in fact, all except a loon, which hopefully will appear on the seal. Of course, some folks will want a fish :)
11/28/23 13:07	F944	This looks cool but isn't a flag design. That said I wouldn't be unhappy with it.
11/28/23 13:11	F944	This is the best one, it looks the most professionally done and has movement, plus we could just add a little loon in it if we don't choose the loon state seal lol
11/28/23 13:12	F944	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:13	F944	Second best of the group but still prefer the loon state seal concept. No loon. No Minnesota. Nothing says us
11/28/23 13:13	F944	This could be any state flag-says nothing about Minnesota
11/28/23 13:14	F944	I love this one!!!
11/28/23 13:14	F944	Nope
11/28/23 13:14	F944	Love the design, but think it will seem outdated too soon. Also it needs some green,
11/28/23 13:15	F944	This design is the best of the finalists. Looks more unique - all the other designs look the same/very similar.
11/28/23 13:17	F944	I love that this one nods to water reflecting the sky, which is close to what Minnesota (mni sota) means in Dakota.
11/28/23 13:18	F944	Looks like the Alcoa aluminum star. I wouldn't say it depicts the "north star". This logo to me represents something you'd see for a sports team, not the State of Minnesota, and for those who want something that is universally timeless, this isn't.

11/28/23 13:20	F944	This is the one. It is most eye catching and visually descriptive of our natural resources.
11/28/23 13:21	F944	This has the most in terms of feeling like there is energy here.
11/28/23 13:21	F944	This flag, f944, I am not a fan of. It feels to complex, and looks very "corporate" to me. I don't like it, and would be unhappy if this is the flag which ends up representing me.
11/28/23 13:21	F944	This one is OK, I do believe the light blue is supposed to represent a river? To me, it would look better with a loon in the river. Overall, this would be my number to pick.
11/28/23 13:22	F944	This will NOT age well
11/28/23 13:23	F944	This is the best - which is to say it's average at best - of these crappy choices.
11/28/23 13:23	F944	F944, it's okay
11/28/23 13:23	F944	This has even more snow/blizzard symbolism. And very amateur as well.
11/28/23 13:23	F944	This is my favorite flag! It is aesthetically pleasing and depicts the northern star, winter, and summer! Clear winner!
11/28/23 13:25	F944	Whats the White part??
11/28/23 13:27	F944	Change the star. Really looks like n apartment attention rental flag.
11/28/23 13:27	F944	Frustrating to look at-- my eye is led to where the squiggles meet and there is nothing there! Draws eye away from the star. Also, the squiggles (rivers?) look like stylized loons...
11/28/23 13:28	F944	I love the movement of this - it feels like water and snow!
11/28/23 13:29	F944	put a loon on it or no go
11/28/23 13:30	F944	F944 would be better if the white color was replaced with a green. Would be as if northern lights meet river at horizon.
11/28/23 13:31	F944	Weird!
11/28/23 13:32	F944	This is the only flag that doesn't look like a quilting contest. It would be even nicer is a loon was added to the water.
11/28/23 13:34	F944	This finalist is most interesting design for the flags. Others are too simplistic and b-o-o-o- ring! I will also add to the criticism about lack of a loon on the flag, a more recognizable symbol of MN than the northstar, though I think both could be included. Consider using the loon from the one state seal finalist that features a loon. That one is the best design! I don't agree that you cant use a loon because it's not statewide, it's our State Bird!
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11/28/23 13:36	F944	This one isn't bad, but it looks like a sports logo. If the white swirl is meant to be the northern lights or something, it should have more color going on
11/28/23 13:36	F944	This flag design is dramatic and fairly clear, but I feel that it risks looking dated over time. Indeed, it already feels a little "1990s" to me.
11/28/23 13:37	F944	I like the blue swirl apparently in the water. I might like this design even better without the white swirl.
11/28/23 13:37	F944	I hate the swooshing. Reminds me of the side of an RV.
11/28/23 13:38	F944	F944 will not stand the test of time. The wavy background makes no sense for a flag that will be waving in the wind. Let the wind take care of the waving, not the design.
11/28/23 13:39	F944	This design is more appropriate for a sports team than a state flag. The graphics are too busy and are not iconic.
11/28/23 13:39	F944	Best one
11/28/23 13:39	F944	Of the finalists I prefer this design the most visually.
11/28/23 13:40	F944	Absolutely love this design. First choice, please pick this one!
11/28/23 13:42	F944	This one is growing on me. At first it felt like a sports team logo. But it has more movement and texture than the other final options, which i like.
11/28/23 13:43	F944	I think this design really captures what I feel when I look across the land I live on. It's clear, well put together, and uses colors that really represent the sky and the waters and the snow. It brings me joy, and I would be over the moon if this submission were the selected flag.
11/28/23 13:45	F944	This one is my favorite of the six finalists. No specific reason... I just like the movement in it.
11/28/23 13:45	F944	too wavy, No
11/28/23 13:45	F944	this is just perfection
11/28/23 13:46	F944	If I had to pick a second place winner, this flag would be it. The two swoosh designs are cool but I think it does not look like a flag.



11/28/23 13:47	F944	I think there's a little too much going on in this design, too swoopy. Looks good on paper though. I think if you did three vertical stripes of dark blue, white, and light blue and then centered the star in the dark blue that'd be a lot more distinctive on a flag pole.
11/28/23 13:49	F944	Flags shouldn't have too many wavy lines because lines become wavy when the flag blows in the wind. There is also too much fine detail between the waves. Too much fine detail gets lost on a flat from a distance.
11/28/23 13:50	F944	I think this is the closest to what I might consider to represent Minnesota. I'm sorry to say that not ONE of these flags makes me think "Now THAT'S Minnesota" They look more like art submissions than submissions that might be trying to represent any particular state...
11/28/23 13:52	F944	Design looks dynamic with good balance of positive and negative space. Includes symbology emblematic of Minnesota such as north star, river, snow.
11/28/23 13:53	F944	Great colors! Love the flow of the design but the shapes are a little complex for a flag.
11/28/23 13:53	F944	This flag shows the movement of water and the north star- it is pleasing to the eye and reflects MN as a state.
11/28/23 13:53	F944	This is too hard for a child to replicate. How is a river (?) unique to Minnesota?
11/28/23 13:54	F944	Design looks dynamic with good balance of positive and negative space. Includes symbology emblematic of Minnesota such as north star, river, and snow.
11/28/23 13:58	F944	Super cheesy. Looks like a hockey logo. Yuck.
11/28/23 13:58	F944	I like the colors, and the flowing, swirling pattern gives movement and energy to the design. I perceive references to the north star, water, weather, and loons.
11/28/23 13:58	F944	This is my favorite. I like the star and the river image.
11/28/23 13:58	F944	I think this is the one. Minnesota meaning where the water reflects the sky, sky tinted waters, etc. This flag embodies that feeling, the star is a great touch too.
11/28/23 14:02	F944	I wish we could get a swag of green in there too to represent our forests
11/28/23 14:03	F944	This would be my choice. Love the modern look.
11/28/23 14:03	F944	My number one choice. It has dignity yet says "Minnesota" to me. A lot of different symbolism can be pulled from it. Perhaps tweak the colors a bit. The background appears black.
11/28/23 14:03	F944	I love this design. Not static like the others. It would be good to somehow see each design wave as if in the wind.
11/28/23 14:04	F944	I guess this is my favorite, though it still seems like clip art. I think a modification is to make the waves a little more loon-like and change the North Star to white.
11/28/23 14:04	F944	The wavy shape would be very hard to reproduce from scratch
11/28/23 14:05	F944	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:07	F944	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.
11/28/23 14:09	F944	Very nice. Does not condemn us to be always associated with winter. Hopeful.
11/28/23 14:10	F944	Absolutely love. The colors are simple, the star, river, and northern lights emblematic of One Minnesota. Great and simple representation of our state.
11/28/23 14:12	F944	This is the best flag design because it does have a loon (stylized in the river)
11/28/23 14:12	F944	I don't think it is a very good representation of Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:13	F944	This is obviously the best design. The waves symbolize our lakes which is one of the things that makes our state great.
11/28/23 14:13	F944	This is by far the best one! Love the movement, the nod to water and of course the north star!
11/28/23 14:13	F944	Blah!
11/28/23 14:14	F944	The best of the group. Although it still smacks of computer program
11/28/23 14:17	F944	This is my favorite remaining flag option. It is as unique as Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:17	F944	This is the ONLY design that incorporates a suggestion of water in the design. Being the land of 10,000 lakes, it's an obvious choice to represent our great state, complete with the North Star.
11/28/23 14:18	F944	While pretty, I think this looks more like a design for a sports team than a state flag. I think that the swooping curves will start to look very out of style very quickly.
11/28/23 14:19	F944	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original!
11/28/23 14:19	F944	I am amazed at how little art and imagination has gone into the flag designs. All computer with little evidence of human input. Given that overall critique I think the best ones are those with at least curved lines.
11/28/23 14:19	F944	Nice movement. It doesn't feel as static as some of the finalists. This would be nice on a flag blowing in the wind and it captures the water and North Star. aspects of our identity.

11/28/23 14:20	F944	I really enjoy the curved line and how it adds up to be a nice flag
11/28/23 14:24	F944	This one is way too busy and reminds me of a laundry detergent brand for some reason. The star is way too "clip-art" and looks very generic. I like the idea they were going with here, but I can't imagine it waving around and being proud of the flag.
11/28/23 14:24	F944	As Minnesotans, I believe we are moving forward in the right direction! And this flag best represents that vision. I'm from California but I've made Minnesota my home and I'm just so proud to live in this amazing state!
11/28/23 14:24	F944	This is pretty nice, probably my second choice!
11/28/23 14:26	F944	I don't think wavy lines belong on flags. Flags wave in the wind, you don't need the design to wave the flag for it.
11/28/23 14:26	F944	I think the weird swooshy stuff will look very dated in 10 years, downvote on this one.
11/28/23 14:26	F944	Love this design!
11/28/23 14:26	F944	I like this one because it incorporates the "North Star" and Minnesota's two major rivers, which cut through the state.
11/28/23 14:26	F944	I love this one. The design is amazing and I think that it really represents Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:28	F944	I am a little torn on this flag design. Overall, I find it quite visually appealing, but am concerned about over design in the flowing parts. I am not sure how well those curves will look on a flowing flag since it curves the material already. By itself, I am not certain what the white curve is supposed to represent (my best guess was the Mississippi River meeting the Minnesota River or the cold northern identity of the state) though I imagine the explanation makes sense. I suppose my primary concern is whether or not the curves could be altered a bit.
11/28/23 14:30	F944	What is the yellow symbol? If it is a star make it white with more of a star shape. If it is the sun, make it round with rays.
11/28/23 14:32	F944	an okay start of an idea. It is not visually pleasing. Kind of unsettling. Pass.
11/28/23 14:32	F944	This flag has some good ideas, but it isn't my favorite. There isn't really a callout symbolically to the state's history of steel mining, milling, greenery, etc., and it strikes me more as a logo or something (which it would be great at) rather than *flag* material. It's still a billion times better than the current flag though.
11/28/23 14:35	F944	What if we had this flag, but with the native snowflake star instead of this star? Also- I like how there is a "hidden" loon in this design in the shape of the river.
11/28/23 14:36	F944	Like the flow and seems to resemble a Loon. Sorry there could not be more imagery on a flag. Most of the other finalist's images remind me of barn quilt patterns, not very creative for a state flag.
11/28/23 14:37	F944	The best of the choices, but very boring
11/28/23 14:37	F944	Must win. Love the abstract loons which remind me of the northern lights. This is a flag that looks modern without looking like a fad from the 2020's. Future forward, easy to recognize from a distance and a clear representation of Minnesota. North star, northern lights, loons, traveling up north (maybe to Grand Marais?) and even a touch of MN United FC. Perfect.
11/28/23 14:37	F944	I really enjoy this flag. I feel that it represents the natural beauty ever present in Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:37	F944	Disappointed no native American symbols. This is my choice. TKS
11/28/23 14:38	F944	I like this one the best of the 6 choices. But I am disappointed there are no loons in any of these. I guess I missed that comment period.
11/28/23 14:38	F944	New modern look
11/28/23 14:38	F944	I like the way the design goes from the corners and edge to edge. It represents Minnesotas vast lakes and rivers. I also like the white lines that seem to represent snow. The blue and white also kind of resemble the shape of a loon. I think this flag represents Minnesota beautifully.
11/28/23 14:39	F944	For me, this is tied for my favorite. I worry that it might be too modern, and that worry holds me back from it being my favorite. But I like it alot.
11/28/23 14:39	F944	F944: This is one of my top choices for Minnesota's new flag. The design may be less traditional, but flag designs, like everything else, change over time, which is the reason a new flag is being selected in the first place. The white and light blue elements recall loons and northern lights, and the crucial north star is included. I think this is a very eye-catching, well-designed, and unique flag that represents Minnesota well.
11/28/23 14:42	F944	This flag speaks to the most important element that makes Minnesota such a valuable state...WATER! As the world continues to realize how important that is, the Land of 10,000 lakes will become more and more important.
11/28/23 14:43	F944	Winner by disqualification, not real please with any
11/28/23 14:44	F944	I really like it. It really shows what Minnesota is all about and it is so unique that everyone national and international will recognize this flag as Minnesota. Please vote for this.
11/28/23 14:45	F944	The North Star and water is well represented in this flag and that represents Minnesota well
11/28/23 14:47	F944	This one is my favorite
11/28/23 14:47	F944	I like this design! The loons and the symbols describe Minnesota well.

11/28/23 14:47	F944	No
11/28/23 14:47	F944	I like this flag the best, it looks the most appealing.
11/28/23 14:47	F944	I think the colors currently are not quite different enough, it is largely just shades of blue. The river is interesting but a bit complicated to be the fag's full identity, perhaps it could be incorporated with a more complicated star?
11/28/23 14:48	F944	I think this one represents our state the best. I like the showing of snow and water in the shape of a loon.
11/28/23 14:52	F944	I saw that we were redoing our flag and some of the submissions on TikTok. Of the six flags I was shown on the page here, this seemed both the most interesting and most fitting. The star and river are very fitting for our state. Many of the other designs were plain and similar. Just the logo in the middle or just some added detail that doesn't fit. The other one I debated on voting for was the one with the ground or green bottom but this flag is significantly more appealing especially with how vast the Minnesota ecosystem is and how our rivers play a good part of our state. This flag is what I believe to be not only the most visually appealing but also a great representation of Minnesota as a state.
11/28/23 14:53	F944	Thi one is the best of the finalists. It is not a geometric design like the others. Minnesota is not geometric, it is free flowing like design F944. Includes the North Star, water, snow, an an abstract Loon. Minnesotans will understand the meaning, whether otherwise out of state people will or not. As a Minnesotan I cannot tell you what the symbolism of another state's flag means.
11/28/23 14:55	F944	F944 is interesting, but the curves will become dated quickly.
11/28/23 14:55	F944	I really like this one!
11/28/23 14:55	F944	This one has the most character out of the six designs, but even then it looks like it belongs to a city or a sports team--not a state. However, this is probably the best one because it at least has some whimsy to it and the colors are not horrible to look at. But it still looks like something made in a graphic design 101 class.
11/28/23 14:55	F944	Please use this flag. I love it.
11/28/23 14:57	F944	This design is the clear choice for Minnesota. I see so many things representing our great state in the concept. The star representing North Star State, the deep blue of our night sky, the light blue of our endless waters, the white of the northern lights and the shape of the light blue for our state bird. This is hand down the best choice for Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:58	F944	Perfect representation of minnesota. White for snow, blue for water. Incorporating Loons is icing on the cake.
11/28/23 14:58	F944	All of these options are terrible!! I'm disappointed that these are the finalists. Out of all of them, this might be the best one but frankly go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 14:58	F944	I live in Rochester but am originally from KS. This flag looks like the logo of every town government and other civic website I've seen in KS and MN. If you want a flag that says "municipal" instead of "Minnesota," this flag is for you.
11/28/23 15:00	F944	I like this was best when I look at it, it leads to me to think exciting/ fun. A fresh new take for the modern times!
11/28/23 15:00	F944	This is my favorite! Should absolutely be this one.
11/28/23 15:01	F944	Prefer the combination of linear and non linear in this design. Also, the star is more universal;some of the other design stars look Swedish and while the original settlers were that, the design does not respect the indigenous population Thank you
11/28/23 15:01	F944	Star, stream and clouds? Meh
11/28/23 15:01	F944	Please no.
11/28/23 15:04	F944	This flag combines the cold winds of the north with the winding Mississippi in the south, paired with the famous star it feels like the best pick for sure!!
11/28/23 15:04	F944	I love this design. My only critique would be an 8 sided star instead of what is currently on the design.
11/28/23 15:05	F944	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring.
11/28/23 15:05	F944	This flag is far and away the best design. It's simple and eye catching. it also leaves the observer asking questions about it's simplicity, similar to the Colorado and Arizona flags. In fact, this flag embodies MN the same way that the Arizona flag so perfectly represents the sun casting on the desert scape.
11/28/23 15:05	F944	FAVORITE. Implies water, snow, loon, N Star. Has movement, energy
11/28/23 15:08	F944	Kinda messy design. Hard to describe what's going on here.
11/28/23 15:09	F944	Also really like this one as well. More modern than the other flags chosen. I do wish the loon options were still open for discussion.
11/28/23 15:09	F944	This looks like what Eveleth and Virginia would have reluctantly accepted as the new hockey emblem for the combined team after decades of rivalry.
11/28/23 15:09	F944	Pattern is a little too complex. I like the symbolism and colors but I think it's too "artsy"

		This flag looks like it was made in MS paint. I really think this one will age poorly.
11/28/23 15:10	F944	I really wish any of these designs had loons on them because Minnesota has a uniquely large loon population and Minnesotans take pride in loons. Loons also migrate through the southern part of the state. The north star is famous for being visible anywhere in the northern hemisphere. It doesn't do a good job representing Minnesota and most people don't care about it as a state symbol.
11/28/23 15:13	F944	This would be an acceptable design for a sports team or mid-sized business. As a state flag, it feels incredibly out of place.
		My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.
11/28/23 15:13	F944	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:14	F944	Flag submission F944 is a lovely design and far better than the other finalists!
11/28/23 15:14	F944	The lakes of Minnesota and the heavenly skies come together and meet the North Star!!
11/28/23 15:14	F944	This is a nice design. The references are clear - North Star, lakes, snow, and the reference to "sky-tinted water". I do think it would be difficult to draw, and to me it feels a bit like a page banner logo design that will become dated in a decade, rather than something timeless.
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11/28/23 15:15	F944	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:15	F944	I like this one the best from the finals. Too bad it doesn't have a loon.
11/28/23 15:16	F944	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:17	F944	I think this design really captures what I feel when I look across the land I live on. It's clear, well put together, and uses colors that really represent the sky and the waters and the snow. It brings me joy, and I would be over the moon if this submission were the selected flag.
11/28/23 15:20	F944	This one is nice. It has the North Star and a river for the Mississippi. The waves also look a bit like Northern Lights.
11/28/23 15:26	F944	Too trendy.
11/28/23 15:26	F944	Simple yet dynamic.
11/28/23 15:26	F944	Not a fan. Looks too much like a sports team flag. It would look good flying in the wind. One of my least favorites.
11/28/23 15:28	F944	A little less forgettable, but also not particularly "Minnesota-y" There are 50 states, and will likely be more some day, this one doesn't stand out or particularly identify the state, which is the purpose of a flag..
11/28/23 15:31	F944	It's giving MN UFC. I want there to be a loon on the state flag, but not in this way
11/28/23 15:37	F944	My favorite of the new designs. Elegant and evocative.
11/28/23 15:38	F944	another silly example of this idiocy! Looks like the soccer team logo!
11/28/23 15:39	F944	Terrible clip art or AI generated corporate logo garbage for an energy company, that says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is. Awful.
11/28/23 15:41	F944	Of all the flag designs, I believe this looks most like a corporate logo and not a great representation for our state. It would be the toughest to draw for a child and would be a tough design to see when the flag is in motion or hanging still.
11/28/23 15:41	F944	Graphic designer for 29 years. I wish I would have known about this competition sooner. I would have sent some designs! I see the north star and the sky meeting the water. I also see a loon/bird shape. Nice colors.
11/28/23 15:41	F944	Flag, F944 has a great look.
11/28/23 15:44	F944	This is by far the most sophisticated design of those chosen as finalists. Most of the designs are quite static and geometric in nature. This one has a flow and a natural rhythm I find appealing. The center smaller swirl area is a bit busy and needs some tweaking but it is by far the best design. I am a professional Illustrator and am visually tuned in.
11/28/23 15:47	F944	This is ugly!

11/28/23 15:49	F944	F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire file of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag.
11/28/23 15:49	F944	F
11/28/23 15:50	F944	This is nice - I like the feeling of movement with the water. Solid second choice.
11/28/23 15:54	F944	Love this one... it features water! The most Minnesotan thing I can think of... anywhere in the state!
11/28/23 15:54	F944	I find F944 to be too busy in design and the significance not readily apparent
11/28/23 15:54	F944	This the best design, it has the North Star and what I think is the Northern lights. The other design look like quilts and doesn't reflect are state
11/28/23 15:55	F944	This one is my favorite and also favorite of everybody I have shown the submissions to. I say that most people like this one that I show these to, because I know that just about everybody I show these to will not come here to comment.
11/28/23 15:56	F944	Like this one the best because it personalizes Minnesota with movement, unlike the staid symbols of the other submissions.
11/28/23 15:57	F944	# F944. Yes! Love this, it features water.... nothing is more MN than water!
11/28/23 15:57	F944	I like this one! It reminds me of the confluence of two rivers, specifically Bdote comes to mind.
11/28/23 15:57	F944	This flag isn't great, but all the other finalists are horrible. You should go back to the drawing board and pick better finalists.
11/28/23 15:59	F944	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. This flag somewhat depicts a river,. It doesn't reflect the rest of the design criteria.
11/28/23 16:03	F944	River
11/28/23 16:03	F944	Of the 6, it's the most creative and modern-looking. The rest feel dated, are rip-offs of existing flags, or just plain ugly (blue and green in a couple of the others clash way too hard)
11/28/23 16:03	F944	I think this flag will be fitting for the state
11/28/23 16:04	F944	The Star of The North... bright shining hopefilled. Light leading the way to the future. And the rivers and waters of our. State is so accurate. This is my 2nd favorite.
11/28/23 16:05	F944	I like this design the best. It reminds of qualities of the state. Rivers, North Star and an abstract loon. Thank you
11/28/23 16:05	F944	This is my favorite
11/28/23 16:05	F944	I am disappointed the loon didn't make the final 6, but out of the 6, I like this one best. The others seem boring.
11/28/23 16:07	F944	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:07	F944	This loon design is clever, but I don't feel the loon strongly identifies or represents Minnesota. Yes it's our state bird, but loons can be found elsewhere. They're not that impressive.
11/28/23 16:07	F944	Also, the star looks like the old Quasar logo, it's too simplistic for the noble and lofty motto "Star of the North". The star should be something special; it's a star that leads and guides.
11/28/23 16:07	F944	This looks more like an event logo than it does a flag. Maybe a Winter Carnival logo? It's overly busy and likely to look dated in a few years.
11/28/23 16:07	F944	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:09	F944	I love this river & sky vibe. It's simple, effective, and beautiful.
11/28/23 16:13	F944	I vote for this one.
11/28/23 16:14	F944	I personally think you had many other better choices. But if it has to be one of these ugly things this is the best of them.
11/28/23 16:14	F944	Definitely needs a loon or two added!!
11/28/23 16:17	F944	no stranger would have any idea this represents Minnesota, looks like a NIKE swoosh
11/28/23 16:17	F944	I personally like this one the best, but would like to see an outline of MN somewhere on the flag to better identify it as our new state flag so anyone would know immediately which state it belongs to. Or have words in French or English "Star of the North" SOMETHING to show as our state--on any of the submissions too.
11/28/23 16:18	F944	BLUF: This is trash, it will not be popular. This comission ignores history at it's own peril, and at extensive cost to the reputation of the legislators that might approve a flag. The Original North Star Flag has been ignored, and any replacement that is not the Original North Star Flag will have no wide appeal or lasting impact. Pick a flag already popular, the one we wanted to replace the current one with.
11/28/23 16:19	F944	I can see that a loon and green evergreen tree could be incorporated into this flag design and my first choice for flag.

11/28/23 16:19	F944	Please see Flag F986. Now take the star & silhouette of Minnesota, shrink it and use it in place of the star in this F944 design. F944 is the best finalist, but would be better with a nonsymmetrical star inside a simple silhouette of our state. I like the colors of the flow and background. It would look fantastic blowing in the wind on a flag pole.
11/28/23 16:20	F944	Pick me! Me being F944
11/28/23 16:23	F944	The best of the designs because of the meaningful symbolism.
11/28/23 16:26	F944	Let's just keep the one we have these are all ugly and do not represent MN at all.
11/28/23 16:26	F944	This is a favorite mine. I like the curving lines which symbolize are a symbol to me of our lakes and rivers. I also like the purposeful native shape of the star.
11/28/23 16:27	F944	This star looks crafty. It's not the North Star. My mom used to do rose mauling with a similar pattern. No. No. No. On Flag F944:  PROS -- Smooth and peaceful flow -- 4-pointed star is simple and elegant  CONS -- Not timeless: design looks very 2023, like it will eventually need "rebranding" -- Too technical: very difficult for non-graphic designers to replicate or use creatively
11/28/23 16:28	F944	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:29	F944	Beautiful design. The star shape could be tweaked but love the flow and mirroring of the image. Would look calm and proud billowing in the wind.
11/28/23 16:32	F944	This design holds good symbolism and a nice layout balance but its visual noise brings down its quality somewhat.
11/28/23 16:37	F944	Looks like a sports team logo. And a four-point star does not look enough like a star.
11/28/23 16:40	F944	This design is best of all, just wished the state flower was represented.
11/28/23 16:41	F944	Of the six finalists, this is the least bad.
11/28/23 16:42	F944	This flag, has significant symbolism that represents our diversity, yet not cluttered.
11/28/23 16:46	F944	Not really a fan of any of the flags except for this one if I had to pick Also some of them have too much green in them they're too plain it doesn't seem that represents Minnesota
11/28/23 16:47	F944	I love this design it's very modern and up-to-date
11/28/23 16:47	F944	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs.
11/28/23 16:49	F944	F944
11/28/23 16:49	F944	All 6 finalist flags are very boring, overly simplistic, and do not demonstrate anything uniquely Minnesotan. All 6 flags look like generic corporate logos and it's sad that our state flag will be changed to one of these very uninspiring choices. In my opinion, this flag is the least bad of the 6. There were much better designs submitted.
11/28/23 16:52	F944	This design hints at the head of the great Mississippi River in an elegant design that stands out from the other finalists
11/28/23 16:59	F944	Too busy and swooshy. Looks like a minor league soccer team logo.
11/28/23 17:00	F944	Gorgeous esp. when in motion on a flag pole! No green the only drawback. My favorite from a pure emotional view.
11/28/23 17:01	F944	Love this because of the Aurora Borealis, the winding streak, reminds me of the mighty Mississippi, and the North Star!
11/28/23 17:01	F944	don't change our current flag, this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:03	F944	Gorgeous! Can just see it flying in the wind! My favorite.
11/28/23 17:04	F944	This is my favorite! I love the design and what it means!
11/28/23 17:08	F944	I prefer this flag over any of the other options
11/28/23 17:08	F944	Cool

11/28/23 17:12	F944	Longtime resident. Love the simplicity of the wavy green and blue. It is without the trendy zig zags or copying flags like Texas. It shows off the state and conjures up memories of the wilderness.
11/28/23 17:14	F944	My personal favorite (I think). Has the star, suggests the river, suggests the northern lights. I like that the designer took inspiration from the tribes who were here before statehood. Simple, memorable, easy to recognize. Looks like a good flag to me.
11/28/23 17:14	F944	All of the flag designs are meh. The swervy parts of this design are too large,
11/28/23 17:15	F944	This is probably the best option.
11/28/23 17:20	F944	Looks amateurish and Junior-highish.
11/28/23 17:22	F944	The flag says nothing about Minnesota as a state or us as a people. Nothing speaks to the past or the future. When I look at the flag, nothing says "Minnesota" to me.
11/28/23 17:22	F944	Best of the bunch. It needs an image of the state on it though. Maybe a small MN image in the corner? Our flag should have our state image on it, otherwise it is just another anonymous state flag, like about half the state flags out there.
11/28/23 17:24	F944	I actually like these more than any of the finalists: F297, F109, F111, F158 and then I quit looking. But you've narrowed it down to this sparse-design group of finalists for the flag. Of those the two I like are F944 and F2100. F944 gets away from the straight lines so prominent in flags and has a nod to nature and indigenous peoples. It leaves out agriculture and cities however. I also like F2100 which does a nice job of including forests to farm, and our beloved winter, but also leaves out cities. Thanks for all your hard work!
11/28/23 17:26	F944	I think this design looks classy and draws upon many MN things...water, Northern Lights, the North Star. Enough detail to be interesting and will look nice blowing in the wind.
11/28/23 17:26	F944	I like this one the best. Great color, swirling shapes & north star.
11/28/23 17:26	F944	By far the best design of the finalists. Love that incorporates the northern lights, moving water and the North Star. It's bold and not as "clip-art" looking as the other finalists.
11/28/23 17:28	F944	I like this flag the best. I like the northern lights and Mississippi being represented.
11/28/23 17:28	F944	This one should be the new flag. It has the North Star, Mississippi River and cold air.
11/28/23 17:28	F944	FAVORITE!
11/28/23 17:28	F944	This is the best finalist but I don't think any of the finalists are good enough and don't signify Minnesota in any way. This one at least did water and star - but it is still not good enough.
11/28/23 17:30	F944	This one represents Minnesota!! Please choose this one!!
11/28/23 17:30	F944	It's a waste of our hard earned money! Each proposal flags are terrible! Quit getting rid of our heritage is disgraceful! KEEP THE ORIGINAL FLAG!!!
11/28/23 17:30	F944	I love this one makes me think of the sky, water, and wind.
11/28/23 17:30	F944	Of the selection this is the only one that is halfway decent. Still doesn't say state flag to me.
11/28/23 17:31	F944	This is my top pick out of the finalists. I would have liked to see the loon on one of the finalists though. Thank you.
11/28/23 17:31	F944	I like this one because it includes a reference to the Mississippi River, it does look like a sport team jersey.
11/28/23 17:31	F944	Very striking design.
11/28/23 17:31	F944	I like the flow of the water and the star for the Northern Lights
11/28/23 17:31	F944	I prefer a more geometric flag with straight line shapes. This looks too much like an abstract profile of a face (star eye and nose) smoking a plume of white smoke. I know marijuana is legal now, but we don't need to convey it on our flag!
11/28/23 17:31	F944	Too busy
11/28/23 17:32	F944	Not a fan. Don't want the Pittsburgh Steelers star on my flag! And the swirly stuff makes me dizzy.
11/28/23 17:32	F944	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:32	F944	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:33	F944	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:33	F944	This is the only remotely decent option.
11/28/23 17:33	F944	How can these possibly be the best flag options???
11/28/23 17:33	F944	Do not care for this one. Too abstract.
11/28/23 17:33	F944	I like this one because it honors our abundant natural resource of Minnesota: water

11/28/23 17:33	F944	love it
11/28/23 17:33	F944	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
11/28/23 17:33	F944	Start over. ðŸ˜€
11/28/23 17:34	F944	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:34	F944	I love this design;it is unique and bold... it also reflects the dynamic changes in Minnesota through the years, looks amazing while flying (saw a gif of it flapping), totally represents the meaning of Minnesota, sky tinted waters, love the movement of the clouds and snow representation, the river or lake representation... I do like the golden north star, but would suggest adding more points to the star, so that it stays within the design of the clouds/snow (white) and river/lakes (blue)...
11/28/23 17:34	F944	Start over. ðŸ˜€
11/28/23 17:34	F944	F944 is my second favorite
11/28/23 17:34	F944	This but with the star/snowflake from F29 would look SO good!
11/28/23 17:34	F944	I am opposed to changing the current flag. Someone is always offended by something. What is wrong with traditional design? That being said, this would be the only one I would vote for. As a taxpayer, I am upset with the time and money being spent on things like this when there are so many more consequential issues.
11/28/23 17:34	F944	I choose this one
11/28/23 17:35	F944	I live on the Mississippi Riverâ€¦! ..this flag honors all the river has done for our stateâ€¦! ..And the North Star to honor our native Minnesotans!!!
11/28/23 17:35	F944	Really like the symbolism & unique design. This is my favorite.
11/28/23 17:35	F944	No
11/28/23 17:35	F944	Best design out of the 6.
11/28/23 17:36	F944	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:37	F944	Best design out of the 6.
11/28/23 17:37	F944	Don't see anything representing MN Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:39	F944	I like this one a lot, it incorporates information about the landscape of the state, it's weather, and native tribes. I feel like this is a great option, and is a lot more identifying.
11/28/23 17:39	F944	This is my pick for the flag but the seal with the loon should replace the star on the upper left.
11/28/23 17:39	F944	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:40	F944	NO.
11/28/23 17:40	F944	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:42	F944	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:42	F944	I really like the basic design, but a white eight point Star of the North instead would be more dynamic. And if the swoosh of white sky and blue Mississippi(?) river were a bit smaller, so a small lake with a loon could be fitted into the lower right corner, it would encapsulate a large part of natural Minnesota.
11/28/23 17:44	F944	My No.1 choice. Dynamic, flowing, recognizable, of course hidden loons. You betcha!
11/28/23 17:45	F944	Love the flow of this one. Not all harsh corners.
11/28/23 17:45	F944	All the designs are very commercial and digital and mostly uninspiring. This one however has a lot more quality to it.
11/28/23 17:48	F944	This design F944 captures movement (forward progress), water, sky and star â€¦! but it needs some green! We are a green state, we value our green spaces! I can do without the loon as long as itâ€™s on the state seal. Please donâ€™t go too Nordic on this. Many of us are transplants from other places and weâ€™ve happily adopted Minnesota as our home, birthed and raised our children here and hope someday our grandchildren may return. Please be inclusive! This design needs minor tweaks but could be lovely. The BEST by far.
11/28/23 17:51	F944	Simple yet reflects Minnesota
11/28/23 17:51	F944	This one is the one I would vote for
11/28/23 17:52	F944	uninspired - looks like stock clip art



11/28/23 17:52	F944	All six so plain and a couple are WTF picks. But this one has apt imagery that I understood right away, and the description above confirms my impression(s) of: water (10,000 lakes), the Aurora (Northern USA state) and the North Star (State). At first, I didn't like the actual star shape, but after reading about the tribal inspiration for the shape - I'm in.
11/28/23 17:52	F944	I can't unsee the guy's, looking to the right, profile, smoking a cigarette.
11/28/23 17:53	F944	I really love this flag, but the northern lights are seldom seen by most Minnesotans. Cabin owners and those who live far north are the only ones who see the lights.
11/28/23 17:56	F944	I enjoy this design the best! I don't like the dark colored background (dark flag) but this is still the best option.
11/28/23 17:56	F944	Best of the bunch
11/28/23 17:58	F944	Too simplistic. As a Minnesotan, I do not see my state in this flag. Generally speaking, I think Minnesotans would like to see things that can be recognized by all rather than obscure symbols. I would like to see a loon on a lake, with pine trees in the background. I believe the majority of residents would be pleased by that.
11/28/23 17:58	F944	F944 seems ok but a bit too "trendy" and I think would get a dated look fast. It kind of reminds me of a flag that one of the suburbs would make for themselves. I have seen a lot of "swoosh" flags at the municipal level but I'm not sure how I feel about it as a state flag. I don't hate it but I am worried if this will stand the test of time.
11/28/23 18:02	F944	I think this is a lovely composition but I do not prefer it for a flag, which should be relatively simple to sew by people without commercial processes. Its curves and irregular fields will be a challenge for all but accomplished or industrial sewers. A state flag is a piece of public domain, and should be accessible to reproduce by simple means.
11/28/23 18:02	F944	This is the one!
11/28/23 18:04	F944	I love this design but I like the star from F1953 better
11/28/23 18:07	F944	I like this design the best of those that have been chosen as finalists. If a loon could be added, I'd like it better. I believe there were similar designs that included a loon.
11/28/23 18:09	F944	It will definitely stand out amongst all the other state flags
11/28/23 18:09	F944	Looks like a sports team logo.
11/28/23 18:09	F944	This flag shows off the beauty of our natural habitat. The star, the aurora, the water, the wind. This represents all Minnesotans because it represents our environment and not any individual culture.
11/28/23 18:10	F944	Mirror concept would work on a flag that includes the star from the first submission listed along with a LOON! This design on it's own is unacceptable.
11/28/23 18:10	F944	Change the star to the snowflake on a star and it looks modern and uniquely MN
11/28/23 18:10	F944	This flag does an excellent job representing our state with the north star and mirrored loons. I like this flag best. Especially the navy background.
11/28/23 18:11	F944	Mirror of the sky is better than the others. I would maybe fly this flag
11/28/23 18:11	F944	Snow and water, north star... Love this one!!!! :)
11/28/23 18:11	F944	I like this option the best of the finalists
11/28/23 18:11	F944	All the designs are so simple and rather childlike and disappointing. Could a graphic designer be hired?
11/28/23 18:12	F944	This one is by far my favorite
11/28/23 18:12	F944	This one is not symmetrical - more interesting - has an energy to it. Like the lack of symmetry.
11/28/23 18:13	F944	Best flag of the bunch. Not a fan of a 4 pointed star. Use the star design from flag F1953 instead.
11/28/23 18:13	F944	Where is a Loon flag? I do not like any of the North Star flag designs.
11/28/23 18:14	F944	My favorite
11/28/23 18:14	F944	I like this one because besides having the star the water reminds me of our many lakes.
11/28/23 18:15	F944	Nice looking. My favortite
11/28/23 18:16	F944	This one, F944 is my least favorite. Although I appreciate the symbolism of the blue and white lines, I find them aesthetically unpleasing.
11/28/23 18:17	F944	This design is simple yet visually engaging and dynamic at the same time. Instantly memorable.
11/28/23 18:17	F944	A little too trendy. The abstract concept will age quickly!

11/28/23 18:18	F944	This is my favorite flag of the finalists, since I think it is the most visually distinct of the finalist options. I especially like that the shape of the water/clouds also seem reminiscent of a loon. I do wish it incorporated the simplified shape of the state as seen in F1953, but think adding anything more would make this flag too busy (my ideal would be choosing a non-standard shape of the flag, but understand that may be more logistically difficult).
11/28/23 18:18	F944	Not for me
11/28/23 18:18	F944	I like this one. Possibly most of all.
11/28/23 18:19	F944	Barely acceptable. These submissions are really lame. I don't understand who you are trying to please. They have no personality and don't reflect the states history. I am and will fly the current flag.
11/28/23 18:19	F944	I really like this design. The wisps are also reminiscent of loons.
11/28/23 18:20	F944	most artistic and alluring unique, not like any other state water, snow, North Star - we love our 4 seasons and embrace Winter in the North Star state - navy background - northern sky this is only one of finalists that makes me MN proud
11/28/23 18:20	F944	This flag makes me think of a corporate design. It's well done, of course, but somehow misses the mark of 'representing a state' and instead feels more like 'representing some clean energy company'.
11/28/23 18:20	F944	I really like this design especially the horizontal wave/sky element. I would like it to have a slightly different star though. Maybe with some light beams coming from the star either matching the white or light blue color of the wave.
11/28/23 18:21	F944	I think this flag would look great waving in the wind. A keeper! Love the star to the left. Very classy.
11/28/23 18:21	F944	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F944 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:21	F944	Too simple and I don't think it represents Minnesota
11/28/23 18:22	F944	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:22	F944	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:22	F944	most artistic and alluring unique, not like any other state water, snow, North Star - we love our 4 seasons and embrace Winter in the North Star state - navy background - northern sky this is only one of finalists that makes me MN proud I would embellish the North Star to be more multi sided
11/28/23 18:23	F944	F944 should be our new flag
11/28/23 18:23	F944	I don't think any of these are good representation of MN. But this is the best option.
11/28/23 18:23	F944	this one has grown on me. I just wish it had some green
11/28/23 18:23	F944	This flag to me represents our northern hemisphere while showing honor to the lakes and snow while giving an upstream hope.
11/28/23 18:23	F944	This is terrible. Looks more appropriate for a third-rate science fiction movie. How is this in anyway distinctive of Minnesota?
11/28/23 18:24	F944	This flag just stands out. Beautiful colors that just pop.
11/28/23 18:24	F944	Na
11/28/23 18:24	F944	Great design. Flows like waters in the state, shape of river symbols like the outline of a loon.
11/28/23 18:25	F944	Looks like a sports team logo, nothing to communicate the diversity of our states flora fauna or citizens.
11/28/23 18:25	F944	Boring, looks childish but better than the others.
11/28/23 18:25	F944	This is the best one!!
11/28/23 18:25	F944	I like this one better
11/28/23 18:25	F944	Has a nice sense of flow.

11/28/23 18:26	F944	Ugly! Too modern and does not represent Minnesota at all
11/28/23 18:26	F944	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:26	F944	It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag has picture information on it. Everyone needs to stop with the someoneâ€™s feelings are going to be hurt BS.
11/28/23 18:26	F944	Terrible idea! Leave the current flag as it is.
11/28/23 18:26	F944	There is nothing on any of these that showcases our great state!!!! Terrible!!!!
11/28/23 18:27	F944	I donâ€™t love any of the flag options but this is the best of the options available. None of the options showcase MN
11/28/23 18:28	F944	-5 says nothing about our state
11/28/23 18:28	F944	This design takes into account the history of the native peoples and the current residents of Minnesota and should be given high consideration.
11/28/23 18:28	F944	My wife and I prefer this design, but maybe the addition of a small loon in the water. We did see comments from a person in Southern MN, stating that didn't relate to Loons or Norway Pines. To us, that is a very legitimate statement. Maybe we can include a representative of the strengths or notable natural beauties of the States 5 Regions.
11/28/23 18:28	F944	This one is the best, includes both summer and winter colors and our "star" of the north
11/28/23 18:31	F944	This is by far my favorite of the final 6. It does a great job incorporating design aspects such as our rivers, snow and the star. Itâ€™s also a huge plus how the river/snow look like loons mirroring each other. Great job capturing state identity
11/28/23 18:32	F944	I choose this flag. I like the movement & flow of this design.
11/28/23 18:32	F944	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:33	F944	No No! This one REALLY looks like a bank logo. Way too commercial. No.
11/28/23 18:33	F944	This design is my favorite. It represents for me a dynamic movement. Before I read the design intent, I was thinking it represented the northern lights best. I also liked the four point star, simple and universal. I would suggest including somehow, the color green.
11/28/23 18:35	F944	This doesnâ€™t work. It changes all of the comments for other flags
11/28/23 18:35	F944	Doesn't represent MN
11/28/23 18:36	F944	First, I gotta say, the final choices of the flag submissions are shocking (awful). But... of the final choices, I'd pick the F944 for what it depicts and for the colors.
11/28/23 18:36	F944	I like this one (F944) the best and also # F2100. They both have a sense of movement and flow reminiscent of wind, water, and snow which are characteristic of Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:36	F944	When I hit submit, the comment seems to apply itself to all flag submissions. so it is hard to comment on the others which feel too blocky to me.
11/28/23 18:36	F944	Too much blue overall. Too cold. But very cool, non-traditional design. The flowing river and mirroring sky is great.
11/28/23 18:38	F944	My favorite of the submissions when considering the meaning of the word Minnesota. Water, too, is such an important part of Minnesota and itâ€™s depiction on this flag, and the motion it will have as a flag - like the motion of the water, is best shown on this flag.
11/28/23 18:39	F944	This is a great flag for a minor league soccer team
11/28/23 18:39	F944	If I had to pick one of the finalist it would be this one. But I personally don't like any of them. Some remind me of quilt patterns and do not clearly say this is MN. They could be from any state or nation.
11/28/23 18:40	F944	Yes I think it may be a river and cloud and star, so what, it does not represent Minnesota. We do have history here to be proud of, this is not something to be proud of.
11/28/23 18:41	F944	I like this one then the rest,
11/28/23 18:41	F944	Love this one
11/28/23 18:41	F944	I like this one!!!!
11/28/23 18:46	F944	I love this state flag entrant the best....it flows beautifully together!

11/28/23 18:47	F944	I think this is creative. Ok like how is doesn't have flashy color. I also find the sweeping line shaped to be cool and representative of loo MN s yet also looking like two rivers meeting.
11/28/23 18:47	F944	Because we donâ€™t have any sunny days right. Garbage
11/28/23 18:49	F944	This feels too "trendy," and I think people would get tired of it quickly.
11/28/23 18:58	F944	I like this one!
11/28/23 18:58	F944	This one is my favorite. I love the obvious tribute to the land of lakes and the north star state. It's beautiful!
11/28/23 18:58	F944	This flag design is the only one that captures MN. We are more than just a star. It is really too bad our state bird did not make the cut. Some designs are just not attractive.
11/28/23 18:59	F944	While the design is clearly thoughtful, this design is missing that timelessness quality needed for a flag.
11/28/23 18:59	F944	This is the best of flag finalists, although they all are similarly basic.
11/28/23 18:59	F944	Best so far. Add a loon, & maybe 4 seasons
11/28/23 18:59	F944	I really dislike this flag. It feels more like a company logo. This design is very 2023 and will feel dated in 10 years.
11/28/23 19:00	F944	No way could most kids or adults draw this from memory--or even when looking at it... don't like that it is four colors and devoid of a straight line .
11/28/23 19:00	F944	Keep current State Flag. No changes.
11/28/23 19:03	F944	I love everything about this one it's creative yet simple and an easy distinction from all the other state flags. Well done!
11/28/23 19:05	F944	to ultra modern and trendy will be out of style in no time and a lot of people will wonder what it represents. MN ihas history, where is it ??
11/28/23 19:06	F944	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:06	F944	If I HAVE to select from these 6 finalists, I choose # F944. BUT I don't think these are the best of all the versions submitted. There are plenty of other designs that are more evocative of Minnesota and offer more intricate patterns. How did the committee ever end up with these?
11/28/23 19:08	F944	I love this design. It highlights our 10,000 lakes and the North Star. I like that it also represents the aurora borealis. The movement in this design is simple and elegant.
11/28/23 19:08	F944	In my opinion, this is the best flag design by a fairly wide margin. I hope it is chosen.
11/28/23 19:09	F944	By far the best option. Has movement and represents our waterways the best.
11/28/23 19:12	F944	This design is just bad. Outdated.
11/28/23 19:13	F944	Best of the worst
11/28/23 19:18	F944	Best flag of the bunch. Use this one please
11/28/23 19:19	F944	Looks like a sports jersey design. No for me.
11/28/23 19:19	F944	I like F944 for the flag. The other flag submissions are too boring. This flag more clearly represents the blue water and winter with the frozen water to me. It also goes good with my choice for the State emblem S-244. Please donâ€™t pick another focus on the North Star on both! This flag clearly shows star, water & winter.
11/28/23 19:19	F944	This one has my vote.
11/28/23 19:24	F944	This is probably my favorite.
11/28/23 19:25	F944	I believe that this is the flag that the state of Minnesota needs to adopt.
11/28/23 19:26	F944	This flag seems to encompass more of Minnesota as a whole and is more distinct than other designs. The snowy sky meeting the tranquil waters, overlooked by the north star is both scenic and symbolic, evocative of the past flowing into the future.
11/28/23 19:26	F944	This flag best represents Minnesota with the North Star and the Mississippi River represented.
11/28/23 19:26	F944	This is my favorite - for what it is worth. I like the mirror of the sky and water, along with the "north star." It has movement - which makes it more unique and interesting.
11/28/23 19:28	F944	Flag design F944 with Dakota & Ojibwe inspirations MUST be our new Minnesota State Flag!! At a time of great American division, Minnesotans can UNIFY with Dakota & Ojibwe values of community, environment & respect for Mother Earth. Great values inspired by indigenous Dakota & Ojibwe brothers & sisters. Go F944 !
11/28/23 19:29	F944	I like F944 for the flag. The other flag submissions are too boring. This flag more clearly represents the blue water and winter with the frozen water to me. It also goes good with my choice for the State emblem S-244. Please donâ€™t pick another focus on the North Star on both! This flag clearly shows star, water & winter.
11/28/23 19:32	F944	Another pointless design. People are not going to understand what this is.

11/28/23 19:34	F944	Remember you wanted the feedback Terrible again
11/28/23 19:34	F944	Doesn't resemble water. Looks like modern art and makes no sense to me.
11/28/23 19:34	F944	Way too plain and not enough representation of our beautiful state.
11/28/23 19:46	F944	This is middle of the pack for me. I like the suggestion of river, snow, aurora and inclusion of North Star but I miss the green for our plants and living natural resources
11/28/23 19:48	F944	I appreciate the symbolism, but this flag is far too representational to be appropriate. I also object to the use of the aurora as a defining state feature;it is rarely seen and not associated with Minnesota in the minds of the people. But most of all, I object to the swooping design, which is also very logo-like, and in my opinion will NOT stand the test of time. This is very much a design of the 2020s;imagine the dated results if this commission had accepted designs in the 1970s instead.
11/28/23 19:50	F944	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:52	F944	too simple looking. not that good
11/28/23 19:56	F944	This one looks like a sports logo
11/28/23 19:57	F944	This design is beautiful and says Minnesota.
11/28/23 19:58	F944	I like this a lot. I would use a more pointed, typical star though.
11/28/23 20:03	F944	This is my favorite of the 6 finals. Waterâ€™a needed element for MN!
11/28/23 20:04	F944	My second pick. It's a really cool concept that does a great job representing a lot of great things about Minnesota. My only concern about it is it might look a little too much like a sports team flag.
11/28/23 20:04	F944	My favorite. Not trying to have a 8 point snowflake.
11/28/23 20:05	F944	This is by far my favorite flag out of the bunch.
11/28/23 20:07	F944	This is the boldest, most unique, most memorable, and stickiest to market. Itâ€™s a winner!
11/28/23 20:09	F944	I love the dynamic look of this flag. I immediately resonated with the water and snow swirls. I like that the flag has a star, but I would prefer that it be more like the star found in the Capitol.
11/28/23 20:11	F944	F944 is the only one that I like even a little.
11/28/23 20:12	F944	This is my favorite. Itâ€™s simple but interesting and has layers of symbolism to it.
11/28/23 20:14	F944	This looks very corporate, like a bank or sports league. Itâ€™s the only one I really dislike and would be disappointed by. Itâ€™s not timeless!
11/28/23 20:16	F944	Like the reference to our Native American history
11/28/23 20:22	F944	While the colors in this flag are pleasing, the â€œwooshâ€ shape across the design is going to end up looking incredibly dated in a short amount of time. It is quite cheesy, not classic.
11/28/23 20:24	F944	My favorite by far
11/28/23 20:25	F944	Something from kindergarten
11/28/23 20:26	F944	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one
11/28/23 20:27	F944	This is the only flag design of the current options that I strongly oppose. It looks more like a branding logo for a corporation than a state flag. It would be difficult to consistently replicate on state merchandise or to teach kids about in school. It's just ugly. I am hopeful for anything else to be selected!
11/28/23 20:28	F944	I favor this flag design
11/28/23 20:28	F944	I favor this flag design
11/28/23 20:30	F944	My #1 choice
11/28/23 20:34	F944	F944 NO
11/28/23 20:35	F944	This is not a mirrorâ€™; itâ€™s a 180 degree rotation.
11/28/23 20:35	F944	I like the flow of this one. The only one that doesn't look like a patchwork quilt.
11/28/23 20:35	F944	F944 no thank you please.
11/28/23 20:36	F944	This is the only flag finalist that portrays MN with the lake and snow. Itâ€™s still easy enough to draw and kids would have fun with it. The others are just boring.
11/28/23 20:40	F944	Okay, my second choice. Itâ€™s not a mirror and I donâ€™t like the white wispy sky. Not enough indigenous representation or state meaning
11/28/23 20:42	F944	This feels very modern in a way that I think will look dated soon. It would be unique with the curvy lines, but maybe too unique in a way that would look silly in 20 years
11/28/23 20:43	F944	I hate it.

11/28/23 20:45	F944	Stupid Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish?
11/28/23 20:51	F944	I think this is the best one, I would like my flag to be this one.
11/28/23 20:55	F944	Love the colors
11/28/23 20:58	F944	This one will not age well. It resembles the design of a 1990s Taco Bell fountain drink cup. Also, it's not like a logo you could slap on a hat that could be sold a tourist shop, nor affix to say, state letterheads as easily as F29. It is too swirly and would look odd flapping in the wind on a flagpole, as well as hanging vertically.
11/28/23 20:59	F944	I like the shapes and movement in the design of this flag. It's simple, straightforward, and visually pleasing. The symbolism is inclusive to all.
11/28/23 21:01	F944	All of the designs are horrible, but this is the least horrible of them all. No one is going to know this flag belongs to Minnesota based on these designs. They are boring. We need to have the outline of MN in there and colored pictures of things that are Minnesotan. Why the heck is there a French phrase on the flag when the French left here hundreds of years ago. We need to have a slogan that is in a Native American language to honor the land that was stolen from the Native Americans hundreds of years ago. I will never fly any of these designs as they are horrible. Go back to square one and start over.
11/28/23 21:07	F944	F944 is my favorite but I think the star would look better if it was more like the one in F2100. But, I like the color of the star to be the color of the one in F944. Thanks for all your hard work on this!!!
11/28/23 21:08	F944	This one is my favorite as it's incredibly unique, eye catching, and represents the best of the state. One unique idea I read was the state could flip the flag from blue (lakes) on bottom for spring through fall to the white (snow) on bottom for winter. This could be a cool event every year to symbolize the changing of seasons and make the flag even more unique. This could also be a fun event every spring to symbolize the end of winter.
11/28/23 21:08	F944	I like this one ok, maybe add a loon?
11/28/23 21:09	F944	I like this one ok, maybe add a loon?
11/28/23 21:12	F944	F945 is probably my least favorite. Looks like a corporate logo or sport team.
11/28/23 21:13	F944	There is no reasoning provided in the enabling legislation for the commission for a redesign to be created. Further, I have a degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota and have studied the history of Minnesota and the history of the state flag and seal and find no adverse interpretations or harmful intent in the designs. Please right-click the image and go to "Search the web for image" and find an image search of this design. The myriad similar designs are overwhelming. If the commission is tasked to find a design that is not confusing and is unique, this would not achieve that, it would be confused with other already existing designs including Brookdale Community College, New Jersey and Ocean Reef Condos, Panama Beach.
11/28/23 21:17	F944	This is my favorite. I don't like any of the submissions that so clearly represent snow. All non-Minnesotans think of when they think of Minnesota is of snow and cold. I do not like reinforcing that so obviously. This design only obliquely suggests snow and cold.
11/28/23 21:19	F944	None of above, they all suck, none represent Minnesota, I was born and live in Saint Paul, all choices are poor! Please!!! Try again! Make us proud... The choice s now are super lame!!!!!!?
11/28/23 21:19	F944	I love this. It's my fave. I call it the snow drift.
11/28/23 21:19	F944	Looks like a freaky monster with the eye in the upper left hand corner
11/28/23 21:19	F944	I hope this is the flag the committee selects. In addition to the natural elements including, it gives the feeling of motion and the tips of the water, snow, aurora look bird-like, which is a strong tie-in to my favorite of the seals: S224.
11/28/23 21:27	F944	It has an energy that is leaking in the other designs with the multiple curved lines, but not busy. It's got it all, the blue of lakes and sky, the green of the forests, prairies and farmland, white for snow, the North Star, and the nod to our cultural history. Pick this one
11/28/23 21:28	F944	Love the loons! Seals look like a better flag than the flag choices
11/28/23 21:29	F944	Please no.
11/28/23 21:30	F944	My favorite, first choice. River, Northern lights, North Star. Love it!
11/28/23 21:30	F944	Mirror of the sky is the best looking flag design, but not saying much. Need to add a loon, maybe a pine tree and some more colors to the flag. All designs are flat and boring and say nothing about our great state. We have a great state and all these flags say is boring.
11/28/23 21:32	F944	Love this flag and how the river mirrors the sky with a hidden loon. The only original and compelling option available at this point.

11/28/23 21:33	F944	I love this design, it represents the North Star State,, abundant fresh water lake and mighty rivers and green prairie
11/28/23 21:35	F944	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists areâ€¦
11/28/23 21:36	F944	€  not great. This one is beautiful, but the swoosh is a bit much in my opinion and not great for a flag.
11/28/23 21:36	F944	I like this one because it is universal. you find rivers everywhere and the star represents us all.
11/28/23 21:36	F944	I really liked this one
11/28/23 21:37	F944	Mirror of the sky is the best looking flag design, but not saying much. Need to add a loon, maybe a pine tree and some more colors to the flag. And we are the land of 10000 lakes not a river like the flag appears to show. Although unlike others at least this has something of interest other than a stylized boring star. All designs are flat and say nothing about our great state. We have a great state and all these flags say is boring and dull.
11/28/23 21:38	F944	I do not like any of theseâ€¦.no loon, and just nothing says "Minnesota" donâ€™t understand why the flag had to be changed! So sad!
11/28/23 21:38	F944	This design is too plain. Shows no Minnesota history.
11/28/23 21:40	F944	I think this is a great flag that we could imagine flying on a flag pole in our state. It's unique, yet memorable and easily reproduceable. I do wonder if it would benefit from a green hill or something which separates the two mirrored images. The blue river travelling down a green hill, and the white cloud/aurora is in the sky with the north star in the background on the left. It sets more of a scene. I did make a really rough draft of what that could look like and i think the added green adds depth.
11/28/23 21:40	F944	The best of six horrible choices.
11/28/23 21:40	F944	This one is my favorite
11/28/23 21:42	F944	As an agency creative director - I simply say please no. This is dated today and wonâ€™t age well. It is unfortunate that so many were not selected that were designed by agency professionals. A hallmark- should be would you know what state it is from without any prompting- is it memorable-will it age well.
11/28/23 21:42	F944	It has potential.
11/28/23 21:45	F944	I like this a lot. Is the star too simple? Would a 5 pointed star look better?
11/28/23 21:46	F944	Take the star from f29
11/28/23 21:46	F944	Replace the the wavy lines with green like northern lights
11/28/23 21:47	F944	This is eye catching, and I appreciate the symbolism. But it looks a bit like an emblem for a sports team. Plus I personally prefer a bit of green to yellow for MN state flag.
11/28/23 21:50	F944	This is my favorite flag in that it embodies the beauty and breadth of MN. We are the North Star. We are the Land of 10,000 lakes. If you interpret the swooping waters you can imagine the image of a loon and the reflection. I would make one change. One of the other stars would make this the absolutely best design. I think the yellow is too plain. The star in F29 or F2100 would add just the right balance and beauty to this lovely design. Thank you for accepting comments and for the artistic and creative designs.
11/28/23 21:51	F944	My favorite design.
11/28/23 21:53	F944	Easily the best design with the loon shape in the river mirrored in the aurora. It feels like Minnesota.
11/28/23 22:00	F944	I see the North Star, but unless someone told me, I wouldn't know what to make of the wavy lines.
11/28/23 22:00	F944	Appealing. I wonder if this will look dated sooner than the others.
11/28/23 22:01	F944	Feels like a power company flag. I won't fly it
11/28/23 22:01	F944	Flag F944 demonstrates the flow of winding rivers, abundance of blue pillowy clouds. The lakes bending white to blue, as they wind through our natured lands. The North Star used to navigate our lands by historical explorers. I submit my vote for this flag. Proud to be a Minnesotan.
11/28/23 22:03	F944	The star on blue is great. The swirls are not. The swirls will eventually look dated.
11/28/23 22:03	F944	This gets my vote! Great design and colors, but would like to see the wisps simplified (e.g., solid?) so citizens can easily draw/color it freehand.
11/28/23 22:04	F944	I like this design best, but would like the star to be styled differently.
11/28/23 22:06	F944	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:07	F944	This is my favorite, but a little green in it would be nice.

11/28/23 22:09	F944	Of the six finalists selected I feel this flag represents the spirit of Minnesota accurately and artistically.
11/28/23 22:10	F944	The elements of Water, Sky and the North Star arranged with the flowing motion is a symbol all Minnesotans experience and are proud of.
11/28/23 22:11	F944	This is easily the most beautiful of the finalists. It will easily be the most elegant and identifiable state flag!
11/28/23 22:11	F944	This is the best design of the remaining 6! It would be the most unique and coolest flag in America, for the most part. Easily the best of the remaining 6. Not too many black flags out there and the colors and patterns are so great! Please go with this one- I'll buy it and fly it in my yard!
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11/28/23 22:12	F944	I vote for this flag
11/28/23 22:12	F944	this would be my choice
11/28/23 22:12	F944	This flag is great! I love the meaning behind it and that is represents aurora borealis, the water and loons all in one. It's super MN!
11/28/23 22:13	F944	This one js good but the waterway looks a bit like a roadway. J also wish the top was green like the northern lights. However to me this is far and away the most dynamic and interesting and as a flag could be cool because waving fabric would complement the forms.
11/28/23 22:15	F944	This feels like it captures the beauty and wonder of MN's nature. When Minnesotans are in the nature that surrounds us no matter if we are in Minneapolis or up north, the sky meets the water and we are filled with awe and appreciation for our special, beloved backyard.
11/28/23 22:21	F944	This is my first choice. Love the swirl of the water.
11/28/23 22:22	F944	This my first choice because of the star, water and sky symbology.
11/28/23 22:22	F944	I like the clean and dynamic movement in this design and its tribute to the Mississippi and the sky. The north star as reference to Native Americans also is crucial.
11/28/23 22:23	F944	This is by far the best of the 6 finalists. it needs something else, but this one is on the right track. Maybe tweak the star?
11/28/23 22:23	F944	This one is okay. Maybe the whisp's could be a little slimmer. Missing the loon. Should be part of the design. Even if it is not found everywhere in Minnesota people associate it with Minnesota.
11/28/23 22:25	F944	By far the best looking.
11/28/23 22:25	F944	Love this design. My favorite!
11/28/23 22:29	F944	A great logo design, but too geometrically complicated to be a good FLAG design
11/28/23 22:31	F944	This is my favorite
11/28/23 22:32	F944	I've officially decided that this is my favorite flag design. It's unique, doesn't seem terribly influenced by the zeitgeist of modern graphic design, and looks pleasing when seen indirectly (try looking slightly away from your device's screen, but focus your attention on how the flag looks. This is how the flag will be seen by most people. I like it. You can still recognize it for what it is, whereas other flag designs could easily be mistaken for something else. Finally, I like that the flag pays tribute to our Native American predecessors;however, I would like for Native design to be featured more prominently in the flag's design. I'm saddened that I was unaware of this redesign effort, because I have quite a few ideas for our flag that I think could better reflect who we are as a state and as a people.
11/28/23 22:32	F944	Nice sentiment but it looks too strange
11/28/23 22:33	F944	A great logo design, but too geometrically complicated to be a good FLAG design
11/28/23 22:38	F944	My 2nd favorite. I really like the northstar, reference to water and snow -- all large parts of MN. Appreciate symbols inspired by Dakota and Ojibwe tribes as well. Feels inclusive and simple, easy to understand and attractive but also a bit unique
11/28/23 22:38	F944	I see a non-traditional flag include two loons flowing through the sky. The flag is a spiritual message.
11/28/23 22:40	F944	Love it
11/28/23 22:41	F944	Too messy.
11/28/23 22:48	F944	Two most reflections of Minnesota, the North Star and Mississippi River
11/28/23 22:51	F944	No! Looks like Casper the ghost in agony - cold, and colder.
11/28/23 22:55	F944	This is the only one that is perfect. Please choose this flag.
11/28/23 22:56	F944	This one is beautiful. The river-like flow is much more Minnesotan than the geometric flags.
11/28/23 23:04	F944	I like this flag option the most out of all 6. It's unique and recognizable, and representative of our state's features.



11/28/23 23:24	F944	Just awful. Looks a High School sports team logo instead our state flag.
11/28/23 23:28	F944	A tornado!! and a flood!! Many Minnesotans have been wiped out by either one, it would insult them to put a tornado and a flood on our flag.
11/28/23 23:42	F944	This is the best of the poor choices. I don't see an aurora, or snow, but the design is attractive and more interesting than the others. I would rather see a more twinkling star, but if that design is truly an authentic native symbol then it's good.
11/29/23 0:01	F944	This is far and above the most timeless design that strikes a balance between visually representing Minnesota and passing as a legitimate flag. Please consider this for our next state flag.
11/29/23 0:22	F944	More original and eye catching
11/29/23 0:25	F944	Unacceptable, No sun, no water, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper. No history and or any thing of substance.
11/29/23 0:38	F944	Love this one. I see aurora, the Mississippi River, and a loon in the design. My favorite.
11/29/23 1:06	F944	This one looks like a bad soccer team from the early 2000's
11/29/23 1:30	F944	F944
11/29/23 1:47	F944	This is the best option. Has a hint of the states natural beauty, but still wish there was more elements of wildlife represented.
11/29/23 1:49	F944	I don't get what's going on here. Wind? I can't recall it easily either.
11/29/23 1:53	F944	This flag is inspiring and speaks to every Minnesotan. It captures the most important elements of the state's identity- a guiding north star along with the water of our lakes and clear skies above. A flag featuring a star is too generic. Many flags around the world feature a star. This flag that features our Rivers but still includes the North Star is a better representation of what makes Minnesota unique.
11/29/23 2:10	F944	It's a shame that the committee did not select the semifinalist flag that features a loon, which would be my first choice and frankly is the first choice of everyone with whom I spoke.
11/29/23 2:31	F944	Too much going on. Future generations would regret this choice.
11/29/23 3:09	F944	This is my favorite, but how will elementary schoolers draw it?
11/29/23 4:20	F944	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 4:24	F944	I have to be honest. As a Minnesota Veteran, I absolutely hate that we are being forced to replace our State Flag and seal that has been there for well over a century. Most don't understand the value of a flag. In the Military on a battle field, a flag has the power to give a soldier a push. It can literally rally a squadron to push through impossible odds. It reminds a soldier what is at stake, what we are fighting for. Too many soldiers have bled and died for the very flag we are being forced to replace. That being said, I have looked through all of the flags and I have not found any that I like until I saw this one. THIS is a flag that has captured my attention. THIS is a flag I could get behind. The rest are all too similar, this one in my opinion and as an artist is a complete stand out from the rest. I know I am one person and my opinion won't matter but I really hope this one will win.
11/29/23 4:50	F944	As a life long Minnesotan of 36years, this is the only design I like. The flow of the river and the star above. This would be the one I would be proud to have represent our state.
11/29/23 5:15	F944	All of the designs for the new flag are horrible. The committee should be embarrassed by this. Just another way to get the other states to laugh at Minnesota.
11/29/23 5:38	F944	Love the flow of the river
11/29/23 5:54	F944	I'm a Minnesotan. This flag design to me represents the Minnesota I know.
11/29/23 6:05	F944	Guided by the North Star, caressed by the prairie winds and washed fresh each season by abundant waters. Perfect.
11/29/23 6:06	F944	No. Looks like a child created it.
11/29/23 6:06	F944	Perfect!
11/29/23 6:09	F944	This one!
11/29/23 6:09	F944	Absolutely love this design. The designer statement explains exactly what our state represents!
11/29/23 6:10	F944	Why is this even necessary? These flags and seals could have been done by a second grader. None truly represent our environment, agriculture, ethnic diversity, state bird, state flower, on and on. They are an embarrassment to our state. There was nothing wrong with our current flag and seal. Don't you all have more important issues to address? Yeesh. Leave our current flag and deal alone and forget about these cartoonish attempts at change.
11/29/23 6:12	F944	We are known as the state of 10,000 lakes and the start of the Mississippi River.
11/29/23 6:26	F944	Lakes, rivers and water in general are distinct features of Minnesota. Water is vital to life and we should be proud to display this on our flag. None of these flags display it as it should be.
11/29/23 6:26	F944	LOVE this one! It represents MN beautifully, gracefully & simply.
11/29/23 6:26	F944	Definitely one of my favorites of the finalists. Iconic and still relatively simple. The gold and cyan really pop against the background. F29 is still my favorite though.

11/29/23 6:32	F944	My pick for first choice.
11/29/23 6:37	F944	Not this one. The swooshy swoopy design is NOT timeless. The flag should be strong and symmetrical.
11/29/23 6:38	F944	This is my choice.
11/29/23 6:39	F944	People have complained there's no loon in any of these flags. But take a closer look at this one, F944: don't those swirls resemble stylized loon heads? Intentional or not, I like it!
11/29/23 6:40	F944	Nice one. Not my favorite but it would make a very nice flag. I like the dramatic lines.
11/29/23 6:41	F944	Very dynamic. Captures the "Father of Waters" and the aurora motifs. The star of the north is easily identified. Can a 9-yr-old describe it? Perhaps not. 0-10: 8
11/29/23 6:44	F944	Snow, clouds, pristine water, etc? No, just two baffling swirls and a tiny star. Acknowledge the Dakota and Ojibwe, OK. But what about all the other people who make up the overwhelming percentage of Minnesotans? Identity politics has no place on a state flag.
11/29/23 6:52	F944	I love this design. It would look great flying on a flagpole. I think it really represents the spirit of Minnesota.
11/29/23 6:54	F944	A favorite of our family. Stylistic and demonstrates water, northern lights, clouds and snow. Also unique and artistically pleasing.
11/29/23 6:54	F944	This flag best represents our state in my opinion. Thank you.
11/29/23 6:55	F944	Best choice!! Any others with a 8-sided "snowflake" is unreality.
11/29/23 6:55	F944	I don't like the wavy lines or the star
11/29/23 6:55	F944	Hate every one of them. The only one that remotely represents MN is the one with the abstract MN. There is so much more to MN than snow and a star. And the one that even hints at Ojibwe will be banned as racist in the next couple of years if not sooner.
11/29/23 7:02	F944	I'm rather disappointed in all the final picks, as I saw some submissions that were much better than any of these but if these are what I have to choose from than this would be my pick. No loon? What is wrong with you people?
11/29/23 7:06	F944	My vote
11/29/23 7:07	F944	This one!
11/29/23 7:09	F944	This is my favorite of the six remaining flag designs. It conveys motion, which is an important aspect of the waters (and weather!) of Minnesota. It also captures an aspirational aspect of who we are as Minnesotans, constantly working to better our communities and our state. It brings to mind the willingness of Minnesotans to fight in the Union army during the Civil War, and the important contributions they made. I would proudly fly this flag. The others leave me ambivalent at best and disappointed at worst.
11/29/23 7:09	F944	I like the simplicity, waves of water and snow. I can see it swirling in the breeze.
11/29/23 7:10	F944	This is the best choice IMO. It captures the spirit of the North Star state. I particularly like how the wind graphics contain loon head shapes
11/29/23 7:10	F944	Too busy for me.
11/29/23 7:17	F944	This is meaningful & recognizable of water, snow, & northern lights. I love the star too, a tribute to the Dakota & Ojibwe tribes.
11/29/23 7:24	F944	Mirror of the Sky" " unique, essential, enduring, and bold. Having lived in MN for 25 years, I know this is the one. I like the definition of the design and the look. Very futuristic and complete design. Rivers, sky the snow the clouds and the North Star. Go with it and enjoy the ride.
11/29/23 7:25	F944	This one is at least a little more creative than the other designs, though I'm not wild about it.
11/29/23 7:26	F944	I don't really care for any of the finalists (the flag should incorporate a loon). Of the finalists, this is my favorite.
11/29/23 7:28	F944	This is a bold design. It catches the eye and gives a nod to our states geography and it's Native American culture. If adopted it will stand out from all of the state flags just like Minnesota stands out from all of the other states!
11/29/23 7:32	F944	Too small lines in swoops. In small print these will get lost.
11/29/23 7:32	F944	Love it
11/29/23 7:35	F944	Like the movement of the water and sky. Wish it had green on it also to represent the richness of the land
11/29/23 7:35	F944	This design has really grown on me. I like the inclusion of the nature elements and the symbolism. Really unique and would make a beautiful flag.
11/29/23 7:38	F944	This reflects Minnesota the best

11/29/23 7:39	F944	I was drawn to this design immediately. This is the perfect representation of what Minnesota is and what it has to offer. It's contemporary and modern in design and artfully reflects the beautiful nature of this state.
11/29/23 7:39	F944	I like how this one appear to capture water as well as sky. Like the movement it conveys which speaks to both lakes and rivers. Perhaps a touch of green to capture the sense of land, too?
11/29/23 7:39	F944	This is the SECOND best - nice colors but waves are a little weird and star is too simple (but not as good as your old Loon examples)
11/29/23 7:39	F944	I like this one the best! It highlights not only the North star but also cool swirls which look like the wind or a pair of loons and I think it would look great waving in the breeze
11/29/23 7:40	F944	This is the best! it's the only one that doesn't look like the flag of a Soviet block country. It's river it's ice, it's Minnesota!
11/29/23 7:41	F944	F944. This is beautiful- the definite winner. Also- keep the old seal but replace the dark blue background with a background of F944.
		This design looks like it was done for a shoe company, a new shoe logo. And not sure about the star design - is it supposed to be a star or not? Need to make these designs less computer generated graphic, please. Add a Loon or something. Please.
11/29/23 7:42	F944	Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:42	F944	This is the flag design I would like
11/29/23 7:42	F944	Most people never see the Aurora Borealis here. Nothing here to indicate MN, just a northern state with rivers, but we are also the LAND OF LAKES. Nothing historical.
11/29/23 7:42	F944	Attractive, important to have connections with native symbols, don't just leave out reference to indians to avoid racist stuff.
11/29/23 7:43	F944	Very unique design The flowy lines are really distinctive;of course they rep water but to me they also seem to rep flowing to the future.
11/29/23 7:44	F944	This is the best out of the 6 finalists. I think it speaks to the 10K lakes, a northern state (aurora), and the north star. The colors are also appealing.
11/29/23 7:46	F944	I feel this flag would look lovely in the wind. Very engaging design. I can tell right away what it represents.
11/29/23 7:48	F944	We need something with a loon. Why not use the one we have just redesign that one?
11/29/23 7:50	F944	I like this one the best. I like how the river seems to show three rivers.
11/29/23 7:50	F944	This flag is my favorite.
11/29/23 7:50	F944	I consider this the best of the final choices. The design is attractive and the symbolism is good
11/29/23 7:53	F944	this one is the best if the lot. any way to make it reflect the Northern lights?
11/29/23 7:53	F944	This is my favorite design - has flow better colors and I think will be less design dated over time.
11/29/23 7:55	F944	Ugly! The original flag is personal and depicts our great state! This is cold and impersonal
11/29/23 7:55	F944	This design (F944) is my second favorite. It still lacks anything that immediately identifies the state (such as with F1953). I think the star on this design is not a good choice stylistically and should not be yellow. If this design is chosen, the star should be made white, and changed to the design either from F29 or F1953.
11/29/23 7:55	F944	I don't like this one. Too flashy for a flag.
11/29/23 7:56	F944	This one is my favorite - I feel it is timeless and I do get a feel of MN here - it reminds me of a river, possibly the aurora. I get a sense of nature here which I think is a very big part of MN life
11/29/23 7:57	F944	best of the 6 finalists,
11/29/23 7:58	F944	Minnesota means sky-water, or the land where the water reflects the sky. It is also North Star Country and the land where the waters run North and South. I think this design best encapsulates these ideas of where and who we are as Minnesotans.
11/29/23 7:58	F944	Far and away, this one. It's not as linear, has a curve reminiscent of water and sky and is unique.
11/29/23 7:59	F944	1st choice
11/29/23 8:02	F944	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:03	F944	I like this design the best of all. It projects a sense of motion, and it captures some key features of our state. When I first saw this design, I immediately thought of the Mississippi river flowing beneath the Northern Lights. The other designs look very staid and static by comparison.
11/29/23 8:04	F944	Number One choice
11/29/23 8:05	F944	The curvy sky and water seem very Minnesotan as we wind our roads and homes around lakes.

11/29/23 8:06	F944	What I really like about this design is that the swishes for the snow sky and water also look like birds.
11/29/23 8:07	F944	Like the best.
11/29/23 8:07	F944	Captures the essence of the pride Minnesotans have in our connection to nature, whether rural or urban
11/29/23 8:07	F944	This has a rather generic look. Don't think it's worthy of a state flag.
11/29/23 8:08	F944	This is the best of the finalists. Unlike all of the others this one might stand the test of time. All of the others look cheap and faddish with little to no 'design.'
11/29/23 8:09	F944	When something needs that much of an explanation it's not representative we need to see something look at it and say yes that represents Minnesota
11/29/23 8:10	F944	This is the one !!
11/29/23 8:10	F944	The best of the choices. I'm not thrilled with the design of the star but I like the rest of it.
11/29/23 8:12	F944	Leave the damn flag alone! The state has much bigger issues than our flag. Take all the money and effort that is being wasted on flags and start rounding up the illegals that have invaded our state. That should be priority one!
11/29/23 8:12	F944	Use this one or start over, because the other five designs suck.
11/29/23 8:12	F944	I really appreciate this design but we need to see how this will look on a flag that is waving in the wind. The curves may not translate.
11/29/23 8:13	F944	This looks like it should be the Travel MN logo - but it looks too modern minimalist to be a state flag.
11/29/23 8:14	F944	If I stretch the imagination, this is the only one that could work.
11/29/23 8:16	F944	This is the only that comes close to representing our state, None of them show our state bird, flower, fish, etc.....at least it kind of represents our lakes. The others don't come close, just looking at them.
11/29/23 8:17	F944	It doesn't look like a star. It lacks a loon
11/29/23 8:17	F944	F944 is head and shoulders above the rest, with its fluidity, how it communicates life. All the rest are staid and way too slick.
11/29/23 8:19	F944	Both water and the North Star are synonymous with MN and this flag depicts these obviously unlike the rest. The motion evoked represents wind, water and aurora as well change and The Future. The 4 pointed star represents our original people. Perfect, powerful, Minnesotan!
11/29/23 8:21	F944	I would like to vote for this flag.
11/29/23 8:21	F944	It is the best of the final submissions.
11/29/23 8:21	F944	This flag is terrible. Looks like something the communist party of china would come up with. Nothing to do with America on this flag.
11/29/23 8:22	F944	While I believe F29 is the best design, this one is a very close second. Striking imagery conveying the symbolism of the design statement yet still simple and tasteful.
11/29/23 8:23	F944	Both water and the North Star are synonymous with MN and this flag depicts these obviously unlike the rest. The motion evoked represents wind, water and aurora as well change and The Future. The 4 pointed star represents our original people. Perfect, powerful, Minnesotan! I do like all the designs though.
11/29/23 8:23	F944	Don't like
11/29/23 8:26	F944	I do not like the shapes in this flag. It feels too much like the jazz design from the 1990's disposable cups.
11/29/23 8:27	F944	Without being told directly, people won't intuitively know what those swishes are supposed to represent.
11/29/23 8:27	F944	Nice, but won't look good on merchandise
11/29/23 8:28	F944	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:28	F944	This flag design is simple, clear, and pleasing to the eye. I hope it is chosen.
11/29/23 8:30	F944	I really like this one. The river of blue for the Mississippi River, the river of white for wind blown snow, and the North Star.
11/29/23 8:31	F944	By far my favorite, simple yet elegant;most likely to look best as it moves in the wind, as flags should. Look real, animated, and not as static as others.
11/29/23 8:32	F944	This looks like a flag from a fake sports team in a video game. So maybe it could be repurposes for that. But not to fly over our Capitol.
11/29/23 8:35	F944	Not much in the way of landscape, but the river idea works.
11/29/23 8:35	F944	Of the flags selected as finalists, I feel this flag best represents MN with no explanation needed. Some of the others look more like a flag for a country.
11/29/23 8:36	F944	Of all the designs this one is by far my LEAST favorite. It reminds me of a sports team or a shopping mall logo, and I fear it will quickly look very dated. Please don't stick us with this one.
11/29/23 8:37	F944	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?

11/29/23 8:38	F944	I like this design a lot. It's less predictable than the others, but it captures the water and openness of much of Minnesota's landscape very well. It has a sense of movement that other designs lack. And I like the style of the star. Far and away my favorite of the final five.
11/29/23 8:38	F944	perfect
11/29/23 8:39	F944	F944 is beautiful and strong
11/29/23 8:40	F944	Looks like a Christmas decoration. Not a state flag material
11/29/23 8:42	F944	This looks like a sports team flag
11/29/23 8:42	F944	Less Boring than #29! But also not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:43	F944	The star doesn't really look like a star. I think most people have no idea what the light blue and white swirls mean? No on this one
11/29/23 8:43	F944	This is best of the final five. Also gives a nod to Mississippi headwaters. Maybe add the full Little Dipper constellation to clarify it's the North Star, with smaller stars and large North Star. we have seen loons in Minneapolis so not sure why people say they are not in southern MN. Like many people, we think the loon is distinctive to MN so at least keep it in the state seal.
11/29/23 8:43	F944	This is my fav! Love this!
11/29/23 8:44	F944	An immediately interesting design. Makes me ponder, feeling to be in the brisk outside with a night sky, full of life and movement, and a lighted way of clarity.
11/29/23 8:44	F944	The best. Love that it's not just straight lines... but would prefer an abstract star in the shape of our state, rather than Pittsburgh Steelers star. Perhaps a MN-shape and star like F986. That would rock!
11/29/23 8:45	F944	This is my third favorite design. Very eye-catching but not as simple as F1953 or F2100.
11/29/23 8:47	F944	Less boring than the others but still not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:48	F944	Design statement captured. Will look fabulous flapping in the wind! More interesting than the others.
11/29/23 8:50	F944	Love this design!
11/29/23 8:52	F944	Like this very much, except for the dark shade background. The only one that reflects a river, key feature of MN, considering Mississippi's beginning and importance. Not aware of Dakota/Ojibwe symbols, but that is a bonus.
11/29/23 8:52	F944	#F944 is my 1st choice.
11/29/23 8:56	F944	Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state. Boring!!! This one is the worst of all the options!!
11/29/23 8:56	F944	This design is the winner in my mind. I love the symbolism and the unique design.
11/29/23 8:57	F944	I love this one. I know people want a Loon included in the flags. Why not add one on one of these rivers? Otherwise I love this flag. Either way.
11/29/23 8:58	F944	No clear relationship to the State, needs clarification
11/29/23 8:58	F944	F944 I like as it is unique, bold and would stand out against cookie cutter flag designs. But not sold on it as holding up over time. Maybe too informal design?
11/29/23 8:59	F944	I am not really into abstract art and don't love any of your choices. If I had to choose - this would be the one.
11/29/23 9:00	F944	I do not like this flag. Too abstract
11/29/23 9:00	F944	I love this flag the most!
11/29/23 9:00	F944	As a retired teacher, I can see the neat lessons educators could create around this flag. It captures the feel of our flowing headwaters, feeding the Mississippi River, Lake Superior, and Hudson Bay. The clouds, representing the Dakota phrase Mni Makoce, open the door to lots of learning about the tribal nations and history of our state. Lots of learning opportunities here!
11/29/23 9:00	F944	My favorite
11/29/23 9:01	F944	I like this the best! North star, river/water looks like loons
11/29/23 9:01	F944	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride.
11/29/23 9:02	F944	I really like this one because of the loons!
11/29/23 9:02	F944	Vote it it looks cool
11/29/23 9:02	F944	Amazing!
11/29/23 9:03	F944	I think this is the best of the flag designs. The representation of the waters, skies, and north star is great.
11/29/23 9:03	F944	This is OK. The curves are a bit overdone, I feel.

11/29/23 9:03	F944	The only flag finalist that has any water on it .... this is a "I guess so" pick as the rest are ridiculous. Where are the loons, the pines, and the lady slippers?????
11/29/23 9:03	F944	I find this design interesting and attractive;however, I believe it is missing the important green spaces in our state. I do appreciate the representation of native people.
11/29/23 9:04	F944	nice municipal hockey rink logo
11/29/23 9:05	F944	This is my top choice of the finalists! but why don't any of them have loons??
11/29/23 9:05	F944	F804 is the one of the better of all submissions in my opinion for the flag. However, I would have chosen something more like the state seal submission S224 for both flag and seal. It has a more official look to it and represents the state well. Most of the others seem very cartoonish. Thank you.
11/29/23 9:06	F944	This looks too much like some sort of corporate branding for a traveling soccer league. It'll be embarrassing in 4 years. DO NOT CHOOSE THIS FLAG.
11/29/23 9:08	F944	The snowflake looks too much like a quiltâ€™not classy. I love submission F944: looks Like earth, sky, water, and North Star.
11/29/23 9:09	F944	Impossible for a child to re-create and looks like a sports team logo.
11/29/23 9:10	F944	I find this one the most representative of Minnesota. The design draws your attention to the different aspects of the flag and feels like Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 9:12	F944	Nice design but the wavy lines donâ€™t work on a flag
11/29/23 9:12	F944	F944 feels overly busy and too literal. The flag will have movement in the wind, so I donâ€™t feel the representation of a river on the flag needs so much motion. It will be hard to identify when it is not fully unfurled. The balance of color in the design is nice, though. Just not one of my top picks.
11/29/23 9:14	F944	Best represents the land of lakes, Mississippi and the Northern Star.
11/29/23 9:14	F944	This would be my pick for the state flag, given the choices available.
11/29/23 9:14	F944	This is my favorite. I like the flow of the design and I like the style of the star.
11/29/23 9:15	F944	Beautiful design yet a little too cutesy for a flag. The waves of clouds and water would get lost as a flag flaps in the wind and lose the flow that is best seen when spread out flat
11/29/23 9:16	F944	The best flag would combine F49 and F5, replacing the âœMâœ in F49 with the yellow outline of the shape of the state from F5, and add the year 1858.
11/29/23 9:16	F944	This is by far my favorite. I love the colors and how it honors the water and sky. All the others feel so much more limited to me.
11/29/23 9:20	F944	N/a
11/29/23 9:23	F944	I worry that this one will feel dated soon. It looks a bit like a government or corporate logo that will need a "refresh" once style trends change. Otherwise, it is a clever image.
11/29/23 9:24	F944	Of all the finalists, I like this one the best. It shows dynamism and doesn't look like a quilting pattern.
11/29/23 9:26	F944	ok, swirled lines may look outdated in a few years
11/29/23 9:27	F944	I like this one a lot but wish it included some green to represent our forests and fields.
11/29/23 9:29	F944	It has perfect symbols. The star represents the North Star, obviously. The white part of the river represents the glaciers that were once our home in 16,000 B.C.E. The blue part of the river represents our biggest lake, Lake Superior. And lastly, the dark blue represents the night sky where you can see the North Star the best.
11/29/23 9:29	F944	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive.
11/29/23 9:29	F944	Emblematic of the northern lights, but not inclusive of all aspects of the state.
11/29/23 9:30	F944	I like the idea of having the loon represented, but I'm not loving this one--there were so many other submissions that were WAY better. I think this one is too "artsy." I could see the swishes (loon, water cloud) graphic as a team logo, but sorry, not for our state flag.
11/29/23 9:30	F944	This flag and F2100 are the two best designs! Itâ€™s important for our state flag to have a curved line (wavy) because nature has curves!!!!
11/29/23 9:30	F944	This is the best of the finalists however all of them are far too simplistic and have no sense of history. You should be ashamed for dumbing down our flag.
11/29/23 9:31	F944	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive.
11/29/23 9:33	F944	Kind of like this but, again, how would anyone know this is a Minnesota state flag? Why are there 2 colors of a river? Aren't we known for more than a river and a star?
11/29/23 9:33	F944	No. This looks like another AI art piece that appears to wash away history and key elements of our state.
11/29/23 9:34	F944	F944 is my favorite. Even before I read the designer's statement, I saw the North Star, the waters and the snow, which all evoke Minnesota. Unfortunately, F29 and F1154 resemble bank logos.
11/29/23 9:34	F944	This does not look like a state flag. It is milktoast. It is downright ugly for a state flag.

11/29/23 9:35	F944	I am a life long MN resident To be blunt, the flag submission finalists are terrible. They are over modernized. The committee that picked the finalist list must have read the article you have linked on the website and strictly stuck with the simplistic principles outlined in the article. Presumably this is going to be the new flag indefinitely;the modern feel of the submitted flags will not age well. The modern design doesn't even appeal to anyone I've discuss the topic with now, myself included. If I had to pick one of the finalist list this would be it. The star represents the North Star state, the water depiction, the snow/northern lights depiction, are subtly Minnesota, but the modern style is rigid. I plead that you entertain other options, all of these finalist are unappealing.
11/29/23 9:36	F944	Boring
11/29/23 9:36	F944	Apologies to the designer, but this looks too modern and will look dated. I love the reflecting concept and designer statement, but it looks like Bill McGuire paid the Loons graphic designer to submit something he could sneak past us as branding for his team.
11/29/23 9:36	F944	This would be my 2nd choice
11/29/23 9:37	F944	My favorite. Water, aurora & north star
11/29/23 9:37	F944	a contender
11/29/23 9:37	F944	I like this one, but I would make changes. The star should shine bright white - the yellow makes it look more like an oddly shaped sun. I would also love it if the top swoop/loon were green to represent the northern lights.
11/29/23 9:39	F944	I don't really care for this flag because it's a more challenging design and not as recognizable and I don't see much background behind other than the North Star and the Mississippi River.
11/29/23 9:39	F944	This captures and emanates the true essence of our State.
11/29/23 9:39	F944	This one is a winner.
11/29/23 9:40	F944	A contender
11/29/23 9:40	F944	I love visiting this state. This flag is exhilarating and encompasses my excitement when i plan my trips.
11/29/23 9:41	F944	If these 6 this is far and away my favorite. I would buy and fly this flag by my house with pride
11/29/23 9:42	F944	This is the best of the final choices sadly
11/29/23 9:42	F944	This looks like an advertisement for some upcoming hockey event.
11/29/23 9:43	F944	Yes
11/29/23 9:44	F944	I feel like this design would feel really dated in a few years. It feels too modern, and not regal enough.
11/29/23 9:45	F944	This is my favorite of the five, simply because it is more than a star. Born & raised in MN, I like that it highlights LAKES and the state bird, the LOON. As a MN native, the star has never entered my thoughts of being specific to MN! (Not sure why that's the sole focus of the 5 other choices.)
11/29/23 9:46	F944	Nice, colors simple and noticeable.
11/29/23 9:47	F944	Only good submission even though it isn't that good either.
11/29/23 9:49	F944	I sort of like this one but do think it looks too much like a sports team uniform. I could easily picture this as hockey jerseys.
11/29/23 9:49	F944	my favorite
11/29/23 9:49	F944	This design is ugly and doesn't depict Mn at all. Terrible
11/29/23 9:49	F944	Favorite
11/29/23 9:50	F944	Too swirly.
11/29/23 9:52	F944	This is the least boring of the finalists. But all of them are too abstract in my opinion and really don't show Minnesota.
11/29/23 9:52	F944	Too busy.
11/29/23 9:54	F944	Too busy. It's the worst of the selections.
11/29/23 9:55	F944	Too contemporary - it feels dated already.
11/29/23 9:55	F944	This one

11/29/23 9:55	F944	F944 Best of finalists. Represents North Star, northern lights and waters of the land of lakes. Outstanding design.
11/29/23 9:56	F944	DOES NOT LOOK ANY THING LIKE MN
11/29/23 9:57	F944	I do not like this one. It is a logo, not a flag. It also will look dated once the trends of graphic design move into a different aesthetic. It is ranked low for me.
11/29/23 9:58	F944	This one is my favorite, it embraces us as the Star of the North, and the bending waters also kind of look like the shape of the loon. It's also unique, I haven't seen another flag with such flow, and I bet the waves would look really cool flowing in the wind.
11/29/23 9:58	F944	This is terrible too but its probably the best...
11/29/23 9:59	F944	Best of the lackluster bunch
11/29/23 9:59	F944	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 10:03	F944	Love this one! Simple, represents the whole state and it's unique.
11/29/23 10:03	F944	I'm not a fan of F29, this is boring and looks like every barn quilt ever made. F2100 is also super boring. F944 if my favorite, I like that it embraces our state's native heritage, our position as the Star of the North, and the waves are kind of the shape of loons, so it could reference the Mississippi River, the northern lights, or the Mississippi River. It's unique, and I think the waves would look really cool moving in the wind.
11/29/23 10:06	F944	I really like this flag because it features the loon our state bird and the North Star which is important to our state.
11/29/23 10:06	F944	This is by far the best selection. You have white for snow and blue for water!. Beautiful, simple design. Hope it WINS!
11/29/23 10:06	F944	It's fine. But I wonder. Does it look too much like a corporate logo? Will it age well? And will kids be able to draw it?
11/29/23 10:08	F944	Probably my third choice. Nice art, but would it work as a flag? Not sure.
11/29/23 10:13	F944	I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter â€¦ the â€œbest flag practicesâ€¦ make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons donâ€™t represent all habitats in Minnesotaâ€¦ they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people Iâ€™ve talked to canâ€™t relate to any of these designsâ€¦ sorryâ€¦. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:14	F944	F944 looks COLD and windy, not what I want representing MN.
11/29/23 10:16	F944	The dark color looks black. I won't fly a black flag.
11/29/23 10:16	F944	This is garbage. It looks like a throwaway graphic for a "Up-North" website. 5 years from now when graphic design tastes change (again) this is going to viewed as looking stupid and dated. You should leave original alone (take the American Indian and gun off the seal if you want), or go with F247 or F248 and change the lakes' stars to circles or regular stars.
11/29/23 10:17	F944	nice overall
11/29/23 10:18	F944	I prefer the design of F944 for our State of MN flag. The flag is very bold and impressive.
11/29/23 10:18	F944	This is my favorite design of all. The blue and white bending waters almost look like our state bird as well. This is a really classy, distinct, and clean design. I would not hesitate purchasing this one and flying at our house!
11/29/23 10:19	F944	Best of the offers, still doesn't fully represent Minnesota's rich heritage.
11/29/23 10:20	F944	This one â€œfeelsâ€¦ like Minnesota to me. It captures our essence well.
11/29/23 10:20	F944	I lived in Minneapolis for a year when I was five. Coldest winter I can remember (and I'm 72 and have lived in New England for 47 years!), but I have many warm memories of living there with my large family. I like the way this flag evokes both rivers and loons. I think it would be graceful waving in the wind.
11/29/23 10:20	F944	F944. This is my favorite design of all. The blue and white bending waters almost look like our state bird as well. This is a really classy, distinct, and clean design. I would not hesitate purchasing this one and flying at our house!
11/29/23 10:22	F944	This is my #1 choice for flag!
11/29/23 10:22	F944	I vote for this design.
11/29/23 10:23	F944	Looks like a company logo, not a flag. Not stately enough.
11/29/23 10:23	F944	Use this, but with a more vibrant star.
11/29/23 10:23	F944	I think this one has the staying power that the others don't . I like the water and winter sky theme. This would be my preference.



11/29/23 10:23	F944	This is 5th out of 6 in my book. It looks like a power company logo, and I think it will look very dated in just 10 or 20 years. On the other hand, it was my son's favorite design, as it's the only one with any dynamics to it. If this one is chosen, I hope a different North Star design is used. The ones from F29 and F2100 are both good.
11/29/23 10:25	F944	Flag Submission number: F944 is my choice for the flag. It's aesthetically pleasing to look at.
11/29/23 10:26	F944	I think this is the best of the worst. This one gives the sense of summer(water) and winter ( snow). However I don't see any of the finalists as being Minnesota obvious. I'm disappointed with the final options.
11/29/23 10:29	F944	I love the summer river and winter river. It is so simple, but beautiful. It really captures our whole state and its seasons. The star could use some modification, however. GREAT DESIGN!
11/29/23 10:29	F944	Don't like it
11/29/23 10:30	F944	Only one that looks good and depicts MN. I always thought of MN as Land of 10,000 Lakes, not the North Star State. Given that, this is the best representation.
11/29/23 10:32	F944	I like the flow this design captures. The flow representing water, wind and snow. It's a simple and beautiful design. I like it!
11/29/23 10:33	F944	Dark background nice and the way the white and yellow wave is peaceful.
11/29/23 10:33	F944	This looks like a logo for a credit union. There were so many amazing submissions! Why did the committee choose such awful designs when there were so many great ones? Strongly dislike this one.
11/29/23 10:33	F944	Would like a loon incorporated. I live in wright county and we have loons, work in Hennepin county and see loons, go to many counties up north and see loons. Family in southern mn and see loons. The North Star should be the eye.
11/29/23 10:33	F944	Love this one, with the North Star, water landscape, all represented so beautifully!
11/29/23 10:33	F944	The water and star are great...need trees and snow
11/29/23 10:34	F944	This is the best submission, but would still love to see a submission with a loon design be the final flag.
11/29/23 10:35	F944	The water, snow and star are great...need trees
11/29/23 10:35	F944	Not great, but best of the survivors
11/29/23 10:35	F944	I love this flag. The colors are perfect for sun, stars,and sky! The blue and white streaks remind me of snow and sky. I pick this one that best represents Minnesota!
11/29/23 10:38	F944	Horrible!!!! All of them!!! Leave it alone!!!
11/29/23 10:42	F944	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a kindergarten attempt.
11/29/23 10:43	F944	Before even reading the description, it's clear what this flag symbolizes! Great color choices too
11/29/23 10:43	F944	They all suck. Leave the original alone
11/29/23 10:44	F944	Absolutely my first choice. And not because I don't really like any of the others as I feel they are too plain. It has all the pieces I think are important-easy enough for a child to draw, good use of colors, unique, reflects the water and sky. Perfect!
11/29/23 10:44	F944	WHO IS EVER GOING TO LOOK AT THIS FLAG AND SAY MN. THIS IS ALSO DUMB
11/29/23 10:46	F944	This shows a strong flow from north to south with the guiding North Star. It flows like the Mississippi through the state. It depicts our lakes and rivers, as well as a star to guide us. The water is never still and always conforming to change.
11/29/23 10:46	F944	All of these symbols can easily translate to the people who reside in Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:48	F944	This shows a strong flow from north to south with the guiding North Star. It flows like the Mississippi through the state. It depicts our lakes and rivers, as well as a star to guide us. The water is never still and always conforming to change.
11/29/23 10:48	F944	All of these symbols can easily translate to the people who reside in Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:49	F944	Ugly hate it
11/29/23 10:50	F944	Definitely my favorite F944
11/29/23 10:50	F944	My favorite design

11/29/23 10:51	F944	The new flag needs a symbol of water--some of the other flag do no have any water.
11/29/23 10:51	F944	this is the best of the six....but I personally would not buy / fly it at my house....currently buying the current flag to fly.
11/29/23 10:52	F944	Luis Flitch needs to tell all the southern Minnesotans to stay out of northern Minnesota since the loon does not represent them!
11/29/23 10:52	F944	If the loon cannot be on the stage flag because not all Minnesotans have seen one - far fewer have seen or will ever see the aurora.
11/29/23 10:53	F944	944: Artistic. Leaves out imagery of natural resources and ag, however.
11/29/23 10:54	F944	I really like this one in its majesty. I am only hesitant because it is not as easy for a child to replicate, but it still speaks to the soul of Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:55	F944	Too modernistic. Can't tell this is about Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:56	F944	I think this is the best flag because it as are state bird.
11/29/23 10:57	F944	Most of the choices remind me of communist countries, but this one is more "Minnesotan." The black area around the star and to the left of the streams of white and blue is roughly in the shape of Minnesota. It appears the left side of F1953 is supposed to be like the shape of Minnesota, but it looks more like a "K".
11/29/23 10:58	F944	I think this is TOO minimalist - says nothing unique about Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:59	F944	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:00	F944	I like the indigenous inclusion of the design and the representation of the blue water and snow. The only thing itâ€™s missing is some green to represent nature.
11/29/23 11:03	F944	I don't know why but this one just stands out to me. It looks like rivers which is what developed our state. Without the rivers, Minnesota would not be what it is today.
11/29/23 11:03	F944	This must win
11/29/23 11:04	F944	I think this flag should be the MN flag because it shows 2 loons with the northern star which the other ones donâ€™t
11/29/23 11:04	F944	It looks the best then the other ones
11/29/23 11:04	F944	I like this one as it's unique and has movement and would be distinct from other state flags. I would prefer a different style star however, and maybe white instead of yellow.
11/29/23 11:06	F944	Out of all 6 I believe this is the true winner. The blue wave is like a river and also represents the many bodies of water in Minnesota. The white one is a representation of the northern lights and shows the beauty in Minnesotas landscapes. The Star is the North Star. And both rivers have the look of loons with the end being the beak and the curve being the neck. I hope that #944 wins the title of what we will show our children for the centuries to come.
11/29/23 11:06	F944	F944 is my favorite, I guess. Not crazy about any of them, really. Too abstract and unrelatable for me, anyway.
11/29/23 11:06	F944	I love the flowy design of the river meeting the northern lights. I also like the positive attribute to the two native tribes in MN. My second choice.
11/29/23 11:08	F944	The clear winner
11/29/23 11:08	F944	Really good design but they should add the Minnesota name on it because how will people know if this is the actual Minnesota flag and not a fake design created to make people think thatâ€™s the new flag.
11/29/23 11:10	F944	This is my favorite of the finalists. I like the symbolism of the lakes, loons, and northern lights. I like the unique appearance of the design in contrast to other state flags.
11/29/23 11:11	F944	A good design but Minnesota is farms and farmland, totally missing here
11/29/23 11:15	F944	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:16	F944	Sorry but these are all awful for a state flag. It doesn't have anything to show it's Minnesota or date they joined the US. I am guessing Minnesota has some nice things that could be put on the flag without offending anyone. These are all so abstract they mean nothing and most look like a flag for some random auto parts store. Being creative and even modern is one thing, being so abstract you have no ideas even what the flag represents is another.
11/29/23 11:17	F944	It's OK...at least it has a couple of things that are meant to be representative. But, I think there could be something better. I'm stunned that lakes haven't been featured in any of the options as that's what our state is known for.
11/29/23 11:17	F944	This design has a dynamic design the others lack and thus best represents our progressive and dynamic state.
11/29/23 11:17	F944	Pick this one!!!!
11/29/23 11:18	F944	This is my 2nd choice. I like the river and that this feels like the flag is contains movement even if it's not blowing in the wind.

11/29/23 11:19	F944	This flag is the best of the designs we get to choose from, maybe add a little more color though
11/29/23 11:19	F944	This one is my favorite. It looks like a flag, it feels very "Minnesotan."
11/29/23 11:19	F944	This flag is simple yet majestic in its design and I feel represents MN well. Vote for this one!
11/29/23 11:20	F944	I like that this design received inspiration from the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes.
11/29/23 11:20	F944	to plain 2 stars
11/29/23 11:20	F944	There's more to MN! Who knows what this means?
11/29/23 11:21	F944	Love the reference to the Loon, Northern Lights, Lakes and North Star.
11/29/23 11:21	F944	"Icy roads, low visibility!" Not this one.
11/29/23 11:24	F944	High marks are given to this flag submission. It incorporates all the wonderful things our great state of Minnesota offers, beautifully depicted with color and symbols. This flag would be easily recognizable. I would be proud to fly this one at my home, and I look forward to seeing it flying over our capitol building in 2024!
11/29/23 11:25	F944	Of the ones that the commission picked, I would choose this one. Even thou F18 (with the loon in it) would have better.
11/29/23 11:26	F944	My favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs.
11/29/23 11:27	F944	This is my first choice for flag! Visually very appealing. Could change the shape of the star. Please choose this one!
11/29/23 11:27	F944	My favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs.
11/29/23 11:28	F944	This flag says a lot about MN in a very simple way and better meets the objective of the new design;however, it feels somewhat trendy in a way that would become dated after 10-20 years.
11/29/23 11:28	F944	This is my favorte:) BDS
11/29/23 11:30	F944	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs.
11/29/23 11:32	F944	F944 - Lots of motion, the star looks like it's being left out.
11/29/23 11:33	F944	This is perhaps my least favorite choice. The design itself is lovely, but to me it looks very much like a sports team. It reminds me a bit too much of the river in the Wild logo, for example. I also think the background is too dark of a blue to almost appear black from a distance, which it inevitably will be as a flag.
11/29/23 11:34	F944	This is my favorite flag design.
11/29/23 11:35	F944	F944 is very unique for a state flag. It is very artistic while capturing the symbolism simply.
11/29/23 11:36	F944	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:38	F944	I personally find this flag to be the best out of the candidates because it reminds me of the smooth and vast lakes of Minnesota and the time I've spent fishing on them with my family as well as their cozy cabin that stands near the lake. Likewise, the wisps on the flag remind me of bird wings and the loons I'd see while fishing. I also appreciate the simplistic design because it's easy to replicate and remember. Overall, the flag reminds me of the time I've spent traveling and vacationing with my family amongst the vast forests of the North. Seeing a flag like this almost immortalizes those memories and gives me something to look back on. The only thing I'd change about the flag is maybe adding one or two pine trees because there are more than just rivers in Minnesota and I feel like the beautiful landscape should represent our state.
11/29/23 11:40	F944	Pick this one
11/29/23 11:41	F944	I am a former resident of the Great State of Minnesota. I also have relatives there. I favor number 944 because it embodies the future. The rest of the submissions are reminiscent of third world flags.
11/29/23 11:43	F944	It doesn't have any sense of state history. I've seen wallpaper that looks better.
11/29/23 11:43	F944	dreadful
11/29/23 11:44	F944	My favorite! I love the North star on the flag.
11/29/23 11:45	F944	This one gets my vote. I like its fluidity. Everything in our world is fluid, after all. I also like the artists symbolism.
11/29/23 11:45	F944	I won't address the controversy that has been floating. I realize there are flag protocol and being able to represent the whole state not just loons. I chose this flag as for my vote. It represents the majority of our state the best.

11/29/23 11:47	F944	This is the BEST! The others are far too plain.
11/29/23 11:47	F944	I would vote for this flag If I could. I live in NH, and weigh in my vote for this F944 submission.
11/29/23 11:51	F944	The goofy modern look doesn't cut it.
11/29/23 11:51	F944	Nope. Sorry, but no. Pretty, but if you weren't going to select any of the good loon images, don't go with this one.
11/29/23 11:53	F944	Very artistic. The blue and white could be a river, turning from water to ice;or look like the aurora borealis;or even look like the profile of loons.
11/29/23 11:55	F944	Of all the finalist, I like the look of this one. Simple yet not "too" simple. Think it best reflects/showcases MN's rivers, lakes, snow and of course that we ARE the Star of the North!
11/29/23 11:59	F944	Only one Wirth looking at. Might as well stick with the old flag!
11/29/23 12:00	F944	Great work. I like the loon and the lakes
11/29/23 12:01	F944	This one is the best because it has a loon and a star
11/29/23 12:01	F944	Awesome job, this is the best one
11/29/23 12:02	F944	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:02	F944	This is the only flag that contains any resemblance of a loon in addition to the star and snow. In my opinion, loons are an important part of MN and should be depicted in our states flag.
11/29/23 12:04	F944	This one reminds me of a loon
11/29/23 12:04	F944	Too over done with the huge swath of white. It is modern without the stupid look of a quilt. BTW, I am a life long resident of MN and over sixty yrs old. No quilt designs please!
11/29/23 12:06	F944	really! i think not. Looks like someone used a Phillips screwdriver and punched a hole in a storm filled sky while a tornado is raking havoc on the land below. Nope i'll keep flying my current one. .
11/29/23 12:06	F944	I love this flag! It's very symbolic of all the best qualities of Minnesota. I especially loves that the waves of the sky and water meet to show that Minnesota is a special gathering place. It's universal and lasting.
11/29/23 12:08	F944	This is beautiful and one of the two best finalists
11/29/23 12:09	F944	F944 is my favorite
11/29/23 12:09	F944	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:12	F944	Looks like it was deigned on Canva for a Soccer team.
11/29/23 12:12	F944	My favorite!
11/29/23 12:14	F944	I don't love any of the designs, but this one is probably the best one out of hte finalists.
11/29/23 12:18	F944	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag.
11/29/23 12:20	F944	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan canâ€™t tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:20	F944	This flag design is more visually appealing than the first, but still seems to be too trendy and will look very dated in the not too distant future. The seals are a little better, but all look trendy now, and will be very dated in a few years. The flag and seal need to stand the test of time. Take the best seal and make it a bit less trendy, and use that as the flag,
11/29/23 12:21	F944	This one is the best
11/29/23 12:21	F944	Dis VaRy GoOd
11/29/23 12:21	F944	Love this one
11/29/23 12:22	F944	F944 is over complicated and just looks kinda dated.
11/29/23 12:22	F944	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:25	F944	best of this boring selection of finalists, but star should be a five pointed star
11/29/23 12:26	F944	my pick!
11/29/23 12:26	F944	I love all 6 of the submissions. This one is the most beautiful to me and I love the symbolism. I love the symbolism of the star on the F1154 flag. I would recommend this flag with the star replaced by the star on F1154.
11/29/23 12:26	F944	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!

11/29/23 12:26	F944	I really dont like this. It looks more like a sports team logo or something. Its so ugly.
11/29/23 12:27	F944	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:28	F944	NOT THIS ONE. ITâ€™S awful! These finalists all look like they were made with a Microsoft design program from the early 80â€™s. I am so so disappointed in the selection committee. This one is the worst
11/29/23 12:29	F944	I don't get it. Too obscure. How is the aurora depicted without color?
11/29/23 12:31	F944	Nothing Minnesota there
11/29/23 12:31	F944	As an artist and designer. F944 is the most dynamic and interesting, it evokes images the lakes, river, sky, birds and north star in a simple yet elegant design. The other designs don't evoke anything unique to Minnesota.
11/29/23 12:31	F944	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag.
11/29/23 12:31	F944	This is my favorite design of the six final list. It is unique with its curving lines just as Minnesota is unique. The curving lines also remind me of ski trails, iceskating trails, waterskiing trails, boat trails--all the outdoor activities that we are famous for. The predominant blue and white colors express our winter which is the season we are uniquely known for, and which sets us apart from the other lower 48.
11/29/23 12:32	F944	This is my choice It is eye catching and simple. At the same time it represents whatâ€™s good About Minnesota.
11/29/23 12:35	F944	This is the only design of the six finalists that has any life to it, conveying some energy and the beauty of our state. Please avoid the centered star in other designs. They smack of Christian evangelism.
11/29/23 12:37	F944	Beautiful graphic execution of the intention and elements described.
11/29/23 12:37	F944	I don't like this design because it will be very hard to draw the swirls correctly. I like the concept, but an ideal flag should be easy to draw, in my opinion.
11/29/23 12:38	F944	I don't like this design because it will be very hard to draw the swirls correctly. I like the concept, but an ideal flag should be easy to draw, in my opinion.
11/29/23 12:38	F944	This would be my #2 choice
11/29/23 12:39	F944	I like the double loon and I think that flag would be good if you add the snowflake star to the upside down loon flag
11/29/23 12:39	F944	Add the marks that are on flag 1435 to this one
11/29/23 12:42	F944	This submission is my favorite among the finalists. I see the loon, but I also see the Mississippi, the Aurora Borealis, the sky and land, and movement - which, to me, suggests our history is immigration.
11/29/23 12:44	F944	This design could be nice. I still prefer the F2100 submission.
11/29/23 12:46	F944	F944 is my favorite.
11/29/23 12:46	F944	This is the best. On the screen - it looks black. I would make sure to go with navy...black isn't a good on a flag.
11/29/23 12:48	F944	I dont like none of the colors on these finalists. I feel like the colors dont truly represent Minnesota. I feel like there needs to be some sort of purple in the flag. But i do like the concepts especially this one but I feel there needs to be purple. Also who dictates our state colors cause we need to do better.
11/29/23 12:50	F944	I love this flag and how it brings a new and modern look to the flag.
11/29/23 12:55	F944	I like this one
11/29/23 12:56	F944	5th favorite design. The design feels too trendy and will age the worst out of all the options. Too many complex shapes as well.
11/29/23 12:59	F944	Definitely the only one I like of the bunch. It gives a nod to Native culture, the bodies of water which we are known for, and has a design that I would even wear on a shirt. The shape of the water even resembles our state bird, and has the colors of our MNUFC team! The others donâ€™t say MN to me at all!
11/29/23 13:00	F944	It looks like they accidentally made a loon shits fye
11/29/23 13:01	F944	Best one
11/29/23 13:03	F944	This flag submission feels too trendy, and I'm concerned that it would quickly appear dated.
11/29/23 13:11	F944	This one is my favorite and my 16 year old son's!

11/29/23 13:15	F944	This flag is inspiring and speaks to every Minnesotan. It captures the most important elements of the state's identity- a guiding north star along with the water of our lakes and clear skies above.
11/29/23 13:19	F944	Will stock up on current flag! This flag is meaningless!
11/29/23 13:20	F944	I love the flowing images, bold colors and overall look of this design.
11/29/23 13:24	F944	I like the "Mirror of the Sky" design but I don't like the four-point star. Not the worse option but not the best.
11/29/23 13:29	F944	None of these say anything in particular about the state but F944 would be the least objectionable out of the finalists. They ALL look created on the computer, none look like much effort was put into thoughts and creation of what the State of Minnesota stands for.
11/29/23 13:30	F944	This is by far the best from the finalists. While the star may be sacred to our tribes, it also closely resembles a Christian cross and, while I am a Christian, my extended family is Jewish and I do not think it is appropriate to select this particular star to be on the Minnesota State flag as it mixes church and state. Please change the star shape.
11/29/23 13:30	F944	This is a dramatic flag option. I like it not only for its symbolism but of the dynamic forces of nature that have shaped our state over thousands of years. It pays homage to the power of ice and life-giving of water, as well as the Mississippi River and the frigid Lake Superior.
11/29/23 13:31	F944	Star, sky and water.....all perfect for state motto!
11/29/23 13:32	F944	Purchased 15 of the current flag and will continue to fly it over any of these undesirable flags. They all look like something off a boat.
11/29/23 13:32	F944	F944: This is by far the best from the finalists. While the star may be sacred to our tribes, it also closely resembles a Christian cross and, while I am a Christian, my extended family is Jewish and I do not think it is appropriate to select this particular star to be on the Minnesota State flag as it mixes church and state. Please change the star shape.
11/29/23 13:34	F944	I LOVE IT
11/29/23 13:34	F944	Terrible
11/29/23 13:35	F944	Donâ€™t like. Looks like 2 messy interstates.
11/29/23 13:39	F944	No. Looks messy.. Doesn't say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 13:40	F944	I do likeF944 However would like the green where the white is for our forests and lakes .
11/29/23 13:44	F944	Lovely, pays appropriate homage to the Indigenous people that were here first.
11/29/23 13:47	F944	I like this the best. It captures the frozen winter night. Which I think defines Minnesota the best.
11/29/23 13:48	F944	I really do not like the waves in this design. If you look at the flags of the world, the best among them don't use much other than straight lines. It looks dated.
11/29/23 13:51	F944	My favorite
11/29/23 13:55	F944	This is also good because it features land and water. It is also simple and striking.
11/29/23 13:55	F944	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion. Horrible design .
11/29/23 14:05	F944	F944 this is the best of the 6! Pleasing design that says so much with such simple lines.
11/29/23 14:06	F944	It's my favorite, very striking and I can see it with the wind how beautiful it would be.
11/29/23 14:06	F944	I like this design, but I suggest replacing the star with the star in 2100 and keep the color yellow in the star.i Other stars look like quilt designs.
11/29/23 14:10	F944	Ugly! None of your designs represent Minnesota! should have loons and water! keep the old flag...we don't need to waste money !
11/29/23 14:11	F944	This one is my second favorite. Again, name of state should be on it. All the designs are too abstract.
11/29/23 14:16	F944	Thus us the most impressive of the lot. It holds the symbols but it doesn't look like the flag from some other state
11/29/23 14:17	F944	This one is balanced and has lots of meaning. I would suggest another wavy line up top in a deep forest green to represent both the aurora and our forests, as the white only suggests snow/winter in my eyes.
11/29/23 14:17	F944	This one has potential, and is a #2 spot, but needs some work.
11/29/23 14:19	F944	My least favorite of the 6 finalists. It looks like a scary bendy highway.
11/29/23 14:25	F944	Nope. Too blah. Too modern. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree and no field.
11/29/23 14:26	F944	Not horrible
11/29/23 14:28	F944	This looks like the logo for any number of amateur sports leagues/teams... not descriptive of Minnesota, no references to Native Americans, Farmers, people, animals, places, state history...please not this one....

11/29/23 14:30	F944	This one has a lot of great hidden meaning. Well balanced. Nice.
11/29/23 14:31	F944	This is a really fun design but I don't think this style will age particularly well.
11/29/23 14:32	F944	I like the eight pointed star featured in other of the flag designs, but I do like the sense of movement, that the swirling lines in the middle bring to this design
11/29/23 14:32	F944	YES. THE BEST DESIGN OF ALL 6.
11/29/23 14:35	F944	This represents the North Star and Mississippi River!
11/29/23 14:36	F944	I vote for this design. It includes the loon and looks like water flowing to represent our 10000 lakes.
11/29/23 14:38	F944	I like the general concept, but the white swirl doesn't look like an aurora, which is usually some other color. Also, the aurora can rarely be seen in the south of the state, so if you're really concerned about showing something that's applicable everywhere in the date, this would be ineligible
11/29/23 14:40	F944	Pretty good - 8 on a scale of 10
11/29/23 14:44	F944	No!!! I prefer the state flag as it is.
11/29/23 14:46	F944	I chose this one as first choice too
11/29/23 14:46	F944	Does not look great on white background, consider border color to make this design better for web publishing.
11/29/23 14:50	F944	Love this one
11/29/23 14:51	F944	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says they look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:51	F944	The start design is too simple. The flag is nice and would benefit from a more complex star as seen on the other flags.
11/29/23 14:51	F944	F944 - Too busy. Meh.
11/29/23 14:53	F944	Interesting idea here but I don't think it is going to hold up well. It will feel dated and out of step after some time. Will this really look like anything when it is on a flagpole and blowing in the wind? I'm skeptical. Also looks like a letter S (or two S's for that matter), which doesn't make sense as a symbol for MN.
11/29/23 14:54	F944	I vote for this one because the wisps seem to represent loons
11/29/23 15:05	F944	this isn't even passable as a corporate logo. please scrap all this and start fresh.
11/29/23 15:08	F944	#1 choice for me
11/29/23 15:08	F944	I moved to MN from Chicago where the city flag is plastered everywhere. It's simple, beautiful and has meaning. People are proud to fly it, wear it etc. This gives me the same feeling. Beautiful and simple!
11/29/23 15:08	F944	This is the best of the 6 finalists. I don't love it, but at least I don't hate it like I do the others. It is the most dynamic of the bunch, and the white can be clouds, snow, aurora or wind.
11/29/23 15:10	F944	5th best of the finalists, no thanks. looks dated already
11/29/23 15:15	F944	This reminds me of the song "Wheel in the Sky" by Journey
11/29/23 15:18	F944	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:18	F944	I like this design. I think it represent the state well.
11/29/23 15:19	F944	A great design but I don't see it's appeal lasting over time. It seems quite tied to tastes of the present. I also would choose an alternative star.
11/29/23 15:20	F944	F944. Appreciate how this has waves and is different from the rest. Really like this and can see this as a flag that would be proudly displayed.
11/29/23 15:21	F944	Love it!
11/29/23 15:26	F944	I like this design the best of the finalists. There were other designs submitted, which didn't make the finals, that I liked better; however, the simplicity and flair of this one is appealing.
11/29/23 15:27	F944	This design looks very 2015ish and looks more like a logo for a city service or utility or such akin to Great River Energy. It also has a clearly visible letter "S" in it which has no connection to the state.
11/29/23 15:29	F944	Too wavy and corporate
11/29/23 15:30	F944	Minnesota is the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This one, F944 is the only design that clearly represents water. All the lakes and the fact that Minnesota contains the Head Water of Mississippi, without which, much of this country would not have been explored and opened to trade and settled, a reference to water in our State Flag is required.
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11/29/23 15:32	F944	Number four is my favorite because it resembles a lot of our community especially the star the star is amazing

11/29/23 15:35	F944	This reflects the bodies of water we do have. rivers, lakes, all of it. and it's EYE catching and clean and classy.
11/29/23 15:36	F944	I appreciate the gold star inspired by the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes of Minnesota. We must honor our indigenous communities.
11/29/23 15:36	F944	The best of a disappointing group of finalists. They are mostly too simple and abstract in symbolism.
11/29/23 15:37	F944	This flag should utilize a similar star shape from F2100 that more closely resembles the symbol associated with the north star
11/29/23 15:38	F944	I feel this is the only design that is suitable for our new flag. I'm not quite sure why the public doesn't get to vote.
11/29/23 15:38	F944	I like this one. Has a dynamic feel.
11/29/23 15:39	F944	Boring, it doesn't make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:39	F944	F944. This looks like a early 2000s gas station logo
11/29/23 15:42	F944	Horrible submission #2. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:43	F944	this is probably my favorite design
11/29/23 15:46	F944	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:48	F944	Of the finalists, I believe this one has the strongest chance of actually working. The four-pointed star is an unusual choice but is growing on me. A more complex star would detract from the river/aurora idea.
11/29/23 15:51	F944	North Star not representative or recognizable by most people. Swooshes although beautiful, look like birds.
11/29/23 15:51	F944	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:52	F944	This was my fav, I feel it captures the many bodies of water MN is known for, as well as the loon and North Star ..and it's a beautiful design!!
11/29/23 15:55	F944	I've been sharing the design finalists with my friends and we all agree that this flag design is the best one remaining. The light blue of the water with the white of the sky is good symmetry. The curving lines are visually interesting. One friend of mine pointed out that, when viewed from an angle, the flag resembles a loon, which I think is a huge plus. Please pick this flag!
11/29/23 15:57	F944	Bad idea. There's more to mn than a star and water. Could be any state. Would be better for a sports team
		I think this is probably getting a lot of people because it looks "sleek," and I don't mind the symbolism, but to me it looks very "modern." By that I mean it looks good now, but I don't think it's a design that will look good in the coming years. Think of old team logos for professional sports teams. Simple ones can be iconic, but more dynamic ones tend to age quickly.
11/29/23 15:58	F944	Hopefully Minnesota United takes some loon inspiration from this, but I don't think this is the right approach for the flag.
11/29/23 15:58	F944	F944 is the most visually pleasing
11/29/23 16:10	F944	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:11	F944	Do not select this design please.
11/29/23 16:12	F944	I like how the flag includes the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes, along with the four-pointed star on the left side of the flag.
11/29/23 16:12	F944	I'm not totally convinced that any of these will make a great flag. If I had to pick it would be this it's the only one that is using the same old bland colors that the rest are, the one thing I would do is make the star an 8 pointed star and change the color of it to silver or white for I think yellow is definitely the color of the sun not a star.
11/29/23 16:12	F944	What you say this flag represents is not true. All I see is waves, I don't see the state represented in this design.
11/29/23 16:13	F944	need to go back to list and pick other entries! Need something that says Minnesota. All designs look like from foreign country ideas.
11/29/23 16:13	F944	This design is simple, elegant and representative. Perfect.
11/29/23 16:14	F944	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:15	F944	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a snow flake north star.
11/29/23 16:18	F944	I very much like this design for our MN flag. It is pleasing to the eye and captures the essence of Minnesota beautifully.
11/29/23 16:18	F944	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a North Star none of the flags really show the true beauty and culture of Minnesota .



11/29/23 16:18	F944	I believe that the rivers of Minnesota are important to all sections of the state: The Mississippi flows through most of the state, including the Twin Cities. The Minnesota flows through southwestern Minnesota, southern Minnesota and the cities. The Saint Croix flows along the eastern border of Minnesota, including the cities. The Red River flows along the western border of the state. The Saint Louis flows through northeastern Minnesota and Duluth. It is important that all sections of Minnesota are represented. Minnesota is known for its rivers and lakes. This design is the one that gives importance to all of Minnesota, the land of "sky-tinted waters." My second choice would be the flag that shows the meandering river in the bottom half of the flag. But this one (Number F944) is by far the best!. Also, it is too bad that the color maroon is not included in any of the designs. Maybe this could be done to go along with the gold star. Thank you, BAK
11/29/23 16:19	F944	I like this one. It's my first choice. Also, the swoops look like loons.
11/29/23 16:19	F944	This, in my opinion, is the only design that stands above the rest. It is simple but is also more memorable, and there are many layers to the symbols depicted. Water, sky, and snow, along with the North Star are shown in unique ways, and although loons are not found in every part of the state, is a state symbol, and the white and light blue shapes are not literal enough to be thought of as representations of loons.
11/29/23 16:19	F944	This is a great design for our new MN flag. What a lovely image to represent our beautiful state. I hope this one wins as it is the best.
11/29/23 16:21	F944	Black for a background???
11/29/23 16:21	F944	I believe that the rivers of Minnesota are important to all sections of the state: The Mississippi flows through most of the state, including the Twin Cities. The Minnesota flows through southwestern Minnesota, southern Minnesota and the cities. The Saint Croix flows along the eastern border of Minnesota, including the cities. The Red River flows along the western border of the state. The Saint Louis flows through northeastern Minnesota and Duluth. It is important that all sections of Minnesota are represented. Minnesota is known for its rivers and lakes. This design is the one that gives importance to all of Minnesota, the land of "sky-tinted waters." My second choice would be the flag that shows the meandering river in the bottom half of the flag. But this one (Number F944) is by far the best!. Also, it is too bad that the color maroon is not included in any of the designs. Maybe this could be done to go along with the gold star. Thank you, BAK
11/29/23 16:22	F944	This one has the most beautiful colors, but it looks too much like a logo. If the shapes were less flowy, I would love it. And I know it's supposed to be the northern lights, but that's tough to put in a flag. I also love the symbolism, but again, it has to be shown in a way that doesn't make it look like a corporate logo. This is a flag; it should look at least mostly like a flag. If you take out the star, this looks like most modern corporate logos.
11/29/23 16:30	F944	This is by far my favorite flag design. It's fluid, not static, and references snow and water as well as the iconic North Star. I hope it will be chosen.
11/29/23 16:30	F944	This design is okay, but I'm not sure that it will age well. The design of the water looks very current (no pun intended), which I feel will translate poorly into the flag's longevity. One improvement that could easily be made is swapping out the star on the flag for something more distinctive, as the current star would not translate well into recognizable merchandise. As for the water, I'm not sure how I would tweak it. Perhaps if it was simplified to more solid lines and moved down to the bottom third of the flag?
11/29/23 16:35	F944	This is the nicest.
11/29/23 16:35	F944	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a North Star none of the flags really show the true beauty and culture of Minnesota .
11/29/23 16:39	F944	This one please.
11/29/23 16:50	F944	Lovely design, however, it reminds me so much of our local sports teams. Very cool and trendy but may not be as timeless.
11/29/23 16:52	F944	The reflective quality and its ties to Mne Sota Makoce are really great, and it will look amazing in the wind. I wish the yellow wasn't so dark, or maybe moved away from yellow.
11/29/23 16:53	F944	None of the flag choices are a good representation of Minnesota. Should have a loon, Ladieslipper state flower, showing water, not the cartoon version like some of the flag finalist show. The old flag was so much better.
11/29/23 17:01	F944	I really think this captures MN in a beautiful yet simple way. It has great depth in meaning but will be easy to recognize as it it flying. If we could vote, this would win my vote.
11/29/23 17:04	F944	944. I like this one. It is unique but simple.
11/29/23 17:04	F944	This is the only submission I really like. The others seem super simple and boring.
11/29/23 17:05	F944	The best of the bunch - with an abstract nod to the loon. Yes, please!
11/29/23 17:06	F944	I like this one!
11/29/23 17:06	F944	The finalist designs are terrible and nothing but clip art. How about readdressing this process, no clip art that doesn't represent the state. Consider Lakes, Loons, Native Americans, forests, farmland, blue skies, pine trees, and road congestion.
11/29/23 17:09	F944	While this flag is presentable as a 2-dimensional entity, I have struggled to envision it as a fabric, draped on a flagpole, especially when the wind is not influencing it on that day. Others of the final six designs would be better suited to represent Minnesota.
11/29/23 17:12	F944	Visually confusing.
11/29/23 17:16	F944	This is the perfect design to represent MN

11/29/23 17:19	F944	I really dislike this design--it looks more like a corporate logo.
11/29/23 17:19	F944	The star is uninspiring and does not resonate emotionally with the vast majority of Minnesotans. It doesn't make me want to purchase or display items with this seal. The wispieness of the water and clouds, while creative, is also not inspiring, nor will it age well with time.
11/29/23 17:20	F944	I think this one is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isn't totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points.F944 is my least favorite and believe it will age the worst. It looks like it was designed by the Minnesota United. The one I think I like about this one is the star shape.
11/29/23 17:20	F944	I really would like the committee to look again at what I saw as truly awesome pieces among the 2600. I'm not inspired by your six. You really should have had the public vote on a new flag in a November election. Your committee is, I believe, way off track. None of your six scream Minnesota at me from up close or far away. They scream quilts. But given that, and assuming you are hell bent on continuing this charade, this is the one I'd pick from these six, if I had to. If you had a graphic artist insert the vertical black/white lines on a loon's neck, and put in a bright red dot at the upper right, you might have something that's simple and yet says 'Minnesota' from ten feet or a hundred feet. If you leave this as it is, it could represent many things from many places. Please take this seriously,. This should not be an exercise in banality, neutrality, or wokeness. It should immediately convey two things to the viewer: MINNESOTA and PASSION !!
11/29/23 17:20	F944	Dan Vieths, Eagan
11/29/23 17:21	F944	Pick this one
11/29/23 17:27	F944	I vote for this flag
11/29/23 17:27	F944	I think this one is the best and most unique. I like that the shapes of the wisps evoke a loon.
11/29/23 17:28	F944	It's ugly and BORING, does not represent our state. Keep the flag we have!
11/29/23 17:29	F944	All of the flag designs are quite good and successfully symbolize so many qualities of Minnesota but this one is a clear winner! It easily blends style with form and in my opinion, captures the essence of the land (and water), the people, and the spirit of Minnesota
11/29/23 17:29	F944	Mehh
11/29/23 17:31	F944	Nope. Dont get it
11/29/23 17:32	F944	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is chosen will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:33	F944	Too graphic, could appear dated in near future.
11/29/23 17:35	F944	The river and sky design elements are too abstract and convey a style aesthetic that isn't timeless or suitable for a state flag. They are also not pleasing to look at and seem like they would be better suited for a t-shirt.
11/29/23 17:39	F944	I love this design with its flowing clouds, water, snow and strong star.
11/29/23 17:40	F944	This is perfect. Simple and elegant.
11/29/23 17:42	F944	This doesn't feel like a flag and doesn't follow any core vexillology guideline.
11/29/23 17:43	F944	All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota! Sorry, Start Over!
11/29/23 17:43	F944	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:45	F944	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 17:47	F944	This is the best of them all, however I still wouldn't buy or display one, not even on a bumper sticker
11/29/23 17:48	F944	The best flag is easily "Mirror of the Sky" (F944), such a nice design! It also reflects the name of Minnesota itself. Flags F1953 and F2100 are alright as well.
11/29/23 17:48	F944	of the new designs this one is the one I would choose.
11/29/23 17:49	F944	Change line drawings so the bottom follows Mississippi and top is the same but reversed
11/29/23 17:52	F944	Simple yet inclusive of major symbols of state: blue sky, green vegetation often covered by snow, and remembering the gold star of the first nation peoples.
11/29/23 17:53	F944	This flag is dope. I think this one should be chosen
11/29/23 17:53	F944	S224 is the best seal but it's basically a rip off of the Canadian Loonie (\$1.00 coin)
11/29/23 17:55	F944	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.

11/29/23 17:55	F944	An additional comment here. If we're wedded to the 4-point star, it would work better if it was less boxy, shrinking the center relative to the length of the arms. The star is a good choice here, but this star itself is not the strongest version we've seen, even in the finalists. Just please don't do an 8-point snowflake!
11/29/23 17:58	F944	Beautiful
11/29/23 17:58	F944	The new flag designs look horrible - Minnesota will be the laughing stock of the United States - it looks like it was designed and drawn by a class of 1st Graders. Horrible Horrible Horrible - a true embarrassment to a native of the great state of Minnesota. A total joke
11/29/23 17:58	F944	I think that this is the best design! It has relative elements (star of the north, water, northern lights, loon) expressed with artistic, eye-catching flair---gets my vote!!
11/29/23 17:59	F944	best one of the finalists, but i would hope its not the final design. needs some green to represent our 3 different types of forests or at least some purple/indigo for aurora borealis up north. love the reflection idea and the movement of the water. seems a tad unfinished though.
11/29/23 18:01	F944	I do like this one, but definitely not the star. Replace that with a star more like that found in F1953 or F2499, in yellow, I guess.
11/29/23 18:02	F944	I don't care for the four-pointed star. The swooshes feel a little too trendy as a design element.
11/29/23 18:03	F944	I think this one has the most life to it, a sense of movement and flow. And I think we might like to think that as a state we move with the times. Many of the other designs feel too static to me.
11/29/23 18:05	F944	This seems to represent MN the best as it reminds me of the rivers and streams that flow throughout this state with the north star to guide us home while exploring.
11/29/23 18:06	F944	Top choice! .best design! .most of the rest look a lot like elementary school flag designs! there were better submissions
11/29/23 18:07	F944	Wonderful design. Flows well, contains a star, and portrays flowing water and snow.
11/29/23 18:07	F944	I think this one has the most life to it, a sense of movement and flow. And I think we might like to think that as a state we move with the times. Many of the other designs feel too static to me.
11/29/23 18:14	F944	Love this one!
11/29/23 18:16	F944	I like this state flag I like the river on it and the north star but I would've made the white that reflects the river be the northern lights and for the snow I would probably add white dots and I would have the river connect to a lake to represent how many lakes we have otherwise I think it is one of the best designs that is a finalist.
11/29/23 18:20	F944	Best of the lot
11/29/23 18:22	F944	Curves and extra curves and low-contrast colors make this flag hard to describe in text (or tell someone how to draw) and feel like something that might seem outdated in a decade or so.
11/29/23 18:24	F944	This is horrible design for a flag. Looks like an all inclusive resort or something. PLEASE don't choose this one
11/29/23 18:30	F944	This is THE ONE! Even in Southern Minnesota, we have seen some spectacular auroras. Paying homage to the different tribes is fitting. This is a flag I would gladly fly!
11/29/23 18:31	F944	I like the connection to the Ojibwe and Dakota tribes as the unintentional symbolism of the loon in the swirl of the blue and white. This would look nice on a flag waving in the wind.
11/29/23 18:34	F944	How would anyone guess this is Minnesota
11/29/23 18:35	F944	I like the Northstar and flowing waters. It is a simple and classy look. The colors are pleasant, the design uncomplicated and timeless.
11/29/23 18:40	F944	Best flag design, but colors need to be changed to something different
11/29/23 18:53	F944	This flag will not look great hanging given its already flowing imagery and will likely look very dated in the near future.
11/29/23 18:59	F944	I like this one.
11/29/23 19:00	F944	Unique design represents the water and the sky in MN. Love that it incorporates the image of the loon.
11/29/23 19:00	F944	Favorite of all of the finalist.
11/29/23 19:04	F944	A good design, generally. Perhaps improved by removing the white, extending the blue up to the upper right a bit more and maybe enhance the star design. Maybe the star from F29. Do not make the bands in the river graphic green as one of the commissioners suggested.
11/29/23 19:07	F944	Terrible, where is the starship Enterprise
11/29/23 19:16	F944	I don't think this is a good flag, and I don't think this should be selected. The curvy design of the clouds and the river would be difficult or impossible to exactly re-create using hand tools, so a design guide would be difficult to make. It looks very much like it was designed on a computer, which will make the design very dated over time. I don't think it will look good off of a computer screen either, in its actual purpose as a flag -- flying outside in the wind. I do not think this should be selected as the new state flag, especially considering that there are better alternatives among the finalists.
11/29/23 19:18	F944	This design for the flag is perfect to represent our state. Land of 10,000 Lakes (but actually more). The flow of the design and reflection look like summer, winter, even remind me of seeing the northern lights.
11/29/23 19:23	F944	This is my favorite--artistic, evocative, pathways to the past and the future, water and sky. Gorgeous!

11/29/23 19:23	F944	This is the other choice I really like, especially incorporating the inspiration of the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes.
11/29/23 19:39	F944	No! Very poor design! Yuck!
11/29/23 19:39	F944	At 1st glance I see the white as a tornado, which causes me to say "no" to this option.
11/29/23 19:43	F944	Love this design, it depicts in a powerful sweeping manner the essence of Minnesota. Lots of spacious land, lakes, snow with grand movement. The forward movement that Mayo in Rochester personifies, as well as the breath and depth of the capital city. Perfect
11/29/23 19:44	F944	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:49	F944	This one!
11/29/23 19:51	F944	It flows nice. Some look it was designed by 1st grade art class.
11/29/23 19:51	F944	I love the flow of the sky to the water. So many of our moments and memories in this state include the lakes or the snow. It also honors the tribes that resided here before any of us.
11/29/23 19:56	F944	No! This design is offensive and confusing.
11/29/23 19:56	F944	Flag, F944 has a great look.
11/29/23 20:04	F944	This is a flag I would fly outside my home. I see the Star of the north, water, northern lights and...a loon. A great way to represent Minnesota.
11/29/23 20:05	F944	Please vote for F944- it most clearly shows our unique state climate/weather attributes with clear depiction of snow and waterway, along with our guiding North Star. For the seal, please include depiction of a loon. Thank you for your consideration and time!
11/29/23 20:06	F944	I really like this one! I love the star and the flowing colors.
11/29/23 20:08	F944	This is the only flag design that doesn't look like a quilt pattern. It also represents much of the beauty of Minnesota: the headwaters of the Mississippi, the north star, and the aurora, and I appreciate the reference to some of the native heritage. Please choose this flag design so we do not end up with a Scandinavian quilt pattern that only speaks to the white settlements.
11/29/23 20:13	F944	This design is the best of the bunch. The minimalist star of the north, and river are organic feeling and pleasant to look at. The color palette is also pleasing.
11/29/23 20:14	F944	Minisota, on purpose? Why?
11/29/23 20:19	F944	I love this flag. (Blue background, yellow star, snowflake on top) The blue is beautiful. We are the North so the snowflake is a perfect symbol that is shared across the state. And finally the North Star a concept that people use to find North "and in speech we use it to capture an unwavering commitment to a central truth or priority. This flag gets the balance right between complex and simple and its features are part of the MN experience no matter where you live in the state. Beautiful work designer.
11/29/23 20:28	F944	This looks too much like a sports flag,,,like the United soccer team ..don't like it
11/29/23 20:30	F944	I like the curved lines in this design and appreciate the simplicity of the star compared to the other flag finalists. I think this design will be the easiest for children to draw.
11/29/23 20:33	F944	Please don't choose this one. It looks like it's a logo for some conference or something entirely forgettable. Swirls like this don't belong in a state flag. I do like the bright blue color and the star, though.
11/29/23 20:33	F944	This one is the winner! The design speaks to our lakes and rives, our summer and winter, and the northern lights. Love it.
11/29/23 20:34	F944	NO to the swirls and curves. Leave them off, or choose another flag altogether. Not easily drawn by anyone, much less an elementary child. Amend to Just One Star on blue background: YES
11/29/23 20:36	F944	I vote No keep the flag the same as itâ€™s been
11/29/23 20:39	F944	The design of this flag is lovely, but it feels very current and NOT timeless. It does not project the majesty of a state flag but rather something minor, like a city/community.
11/29/23 20:40	F944	Not thrilled with any of the designs but I like this the best.
11/29/23 20:45	F944	This has been my favorite design since the very start!
11/29/23 20:46	F944	I like the look of F944. It gives me the impression of the aurora shining over the Mississippi.
11/29/23 20:47	F944	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS
11/29/23 20:48	F944	I LOVE this one!!! the accidental loons especially!!!
11/29/23 20:52	F944	Love the symbology in this flag and how unique and beautiful it is. I would be honored to have this flag represent our state!
11/29/23 20:53	F944	Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 20:54	F944	I really like the reflection of the water imagery in this design and feel it is the most unique and evocative of whatâ€™s special about MN

11/29/23 20:56	F944	This design captures Minnesota's beauty perfectly. It represents all of what is beloved about our state!
11/29/23 20:59	F944	Beautiful - I love the flow of the river and clouds. Gotta have the North Star. Perfect!
11/29/23 21:01	F944	The whisps & bends are nice but maybe the shape of a loon or pronto pup could find itself mixed in .
11/29/23 21:10	F944	I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, it's history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, don't ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:11	F944	Love this flag!
11/29/23 21:16	F944	To busy
11/29/23 21:19	F944	Not the best;overcomplicated and unclear
11/29/23 21:22	F944	I honestly hate to leave a negative comment, but I'm not fond of this design in the least. It looks far too corporate (like a logo for a hospital) An *overwhelming* majority of people have said the same exact thing;of it looking too much of a logo. It might work as a city flag (of some city, somewhere) but *not* as a state flag.
11/29/23 21:22	F944	I'm sure the revisions, if any, would look better, but honestly too many people dislike this design to even bother with it. It also looks like it'll be dated in about 5 years.
11/29/23 21:22	F944	IMO This sky-aurora/River swoosh is the most attractive flag & symbols resonate with me. It stands out from other state flags. The flag expert suggested it should be more geometric/triangular, wider blue/wider white areas, or simpler as solid swooshes without the two thin lines. Thanks for your work on the flag committee.
11/29/23 21:23	F944	I love the more dynamic nature of this flag relative to many of the other finalist designs, which tend to be more static.
11/29/23 21:25	F944	The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.  F944 looks like it would become dated within 10 years and doesn't feel like an enduring banner.
11/29/23 21:25	F944	F29 is the best choice. The design is simple and timeless. Please select F29.
11/29/23 21:25	F944	F944 - no. The swirls are more like a corporate logo than a serious flag. By trying to look like everything they look like nothing. But the rich blue color is excellent, and the simple shape and color of the star are appealing.
11/29/23 21:31	F944	This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity. The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time. The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.
11/29/23 21:32	F944	This flag is... fine. But it's not great. The symbology is clear, the star is prominent, but it fails one of my tests for a good flag: it's just too curvy. A great flag is made of up simple geometric shapes that a child could draw from memory. With the curves of the sky and the water and especially those cutout lines in them I could easily see this flag being hard for an adult to draw properly, let alone a child. Furthermore the star is just too rounded for my tastes.
11/29/23 21:32	F944	All in all I would not be too sad if this flag won, but it's far from my favorite.
11/29/23 21:32	F944	This flag really represents Minnesota. It has the star of the north. The clouds mirroring the river is an homage to the land of sky blue water.
11/29/23 21:33	F944	This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity. The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time. The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.

11/29/23 21:38	F944	Sorry but very boring. I can't believe you folks choose these. Many better ones were sent in. My cousins agree. Finalist have either too modern that says nothing about MN and others just boring. You need to have an pine trees, loon, North Star not so huge, a deer or moose or something. Very non exciting. Sorry. Over 50% of men are colored blind so make sure this is not a fact when choosing please. Also I have thought you are making a major mistake by not having a feather or something relevant to the first peoples of this land. What are you thinking?! Is is a bird or a plane , no is 2 swiggly lines that mean nothing. Modern is not MN.
11/29/23 21:38	F944	This is my first choice. Unique and encompasses the components requested for submissions. It honors Native Americans history in our state.
11/29/23 21:41	F944	Oh this is fascinating. My vote is serious, I think a combination of some of Most of the flags proposed would be best. I would take the white+blue water background graphic of F944, "Mirror of The Sky," <sup>TM</sup> except I would put two lines of green on the bottom blue stripes, and one line of blue in the "Sky" <sup>TM</sup> with 2 cloud lines above it. For the star, I would place it in the top left like F944. HOWEVER, I would use the star graphic from F2100 in yellow, with the white snowflake atop like shown here in F29. So. Blue Background. Water and sky swirl but two green lines two blue, two white. A star in the top left corner, but yellow and the shape of the star in F2100. And, a snowflake, for sure like F29, in white.
11/29/23 21:41	F944	This is my preferred design as it includes the river and our position as the North Star.
11/29/23 21:44	F944	I love this flag! It is my favorite and to me, represents our state.
11/29/23 21:45	F944	This one best represents MN but I must say none of the 6 flag choices chosen by the commision include the obvious true identity to anyone of the state bird. The loon is so much MN how can it not be included in a state flag choice.
11/29/23 21:50	F944	Really like the wave look but the star could be a little jazzier. Like this one the most!
11/29/23 21:51	F944	My favorite. Strong design.
11/29/23 21:51	F944	Too safe. If selected, please get the designer to fix the misshapen star graphic.
11/29/23 21:53	F944	TOO GENERIC. THIS DESIGN COULD BE USED FOR MOST STATES. TOO ABSTRACT.
11/29/23 21:56	F944	This is the winner!
11/29/23 21:58	F944	Looks like a sports team logo. Not dignified. Speaking of sports teams, the Loons great logo looks more Minnesota than any of these finalists.
11/29/23 21:59	F944	Love this design! This is a flag befitting of the great state of Minnesota.
11/29/23 22:04	F944	I like the design and energy flow of this one. Only problem: that gold Diamond "star" □ reminds me of the symbols on the helmets of the PittsburghSteelers. ( In their case, it was proper, because it referred back to the US Steel Company, a major employer in Pittsburgh.) Replace that "star" □ with a normal multi-point white star - then it <sup>TM</sup> would be good.
11/29/23 22:20	F944	It looks nice and is a strong concept, but is too stylized to age well. It looks like the logo for a sporting event.
11/29/23 22:24	F944	The state flag needs to be timeless. This lovely design is great for a soccer team or business card.

		<p>F29: This is an excellent flag and the only good one the committee picked. When Minnesota started this process, this is what the process was supposed to result in—a proper flag. This one adheres to the historic principals of flag design and has the sort of iconic design Minnesota is looking for. I feel represented by this flag and would feel proud to fly it. This flag is a beautiful representation of our state. Keep these bold, darker colors, they look great and will also convey the formality required by the state flag's use in more formal settings. Starflake is the only choice.</p> <p>F944: This is, as Minnesotans say "interesting." Frankly, this is a terrible flag and it is troubling to me that the committee even selected it. This one looks like a 90s bank logo. If this is the choice, the committee will have failed.</p> <p>F1154: This isn't much better, it looks a bit more formal than F944, but it still looks like a bank logo. The committee should not adopt this flag.</p> <p>F1435: Good flags don't have small details, it is one of the most glaring issues with the current flag from a design standpoint, and this one is just too much. It also looks like 1980s clip art. The blue on green doesn't really work either here. Please do not pick this flag.</p> <p>F1953: This is a bit better but still not great, colors look a bit bland, make the horizontal points on the star more narrow, the proportions look bad here. But really, don't pick this flag either.</p> <p>F2100: Eh, this is okay but not great. Make the colors darker. Swap the powder blue and navy (MN shape is powder blue, water is navy). But also do not pick this flag.</p> <p>General comments: This started as a really exciting process for Minnesota and it really feels like the committee dropped the ball with narrowing the selections. Extensive public feedback should have been sought for narrowing options down. I realize you were short on time, but members raised this issue during the first meeting, and it should have been rectified. So many wonderful designs were cast aside without a second thought while some very bad designs were elevated. Not only has this made the process less fun for the people of Minnesota, it has harmed the entire project, fueling the opponents of this effort. It is especially disappointing the North Star Flag was rejected from further consideration—people have widely adopted it as an unofficial state flag for decades, and to not consider it or give the public a chance to submit meaningful comment on it, is almost insulting. Frankly, I think you need to admit to the legislature that this timeframe was too compressed and request more time. The public should have been allowed to engage further in the narrowing of options (and yes, I submitted comments during the first round as well). From the public reaction so far it seems you are deeply out of step with the public, and with the rejection of the North Star Flag, and other really great designs, for this set (besides Starflake) it seems you are also out of step with the people that pushed for this in the first place. I would strongly urge you to either revisit the other designs and try again, pick starflake and let MNleg sort this out, give us the North Star Flag (perhaps with the darker colors of F22), or pick nothing and tell MNleg you need more time. This is a very important decision for Minnesota, and it seems like this is very quickly running off the rails. Fix this. Thank you for your time and service to the state.</p>
11/29/23 22:33	F944	
11/29/23 22:34	F944	<p>This design is breaking the rules of the commission: "ission Purpose of the Commission Develop and adopt a new design for the official state flag and the official state seal no later than January 1, 2024.</p> <p>The Commission shall develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the official state flag. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design. "</p>
11/29/23 22:42	F944	I like this the best. Snow, water, aurora and north star inspired by the Ojibwe tribes.
11/29/23 22:50	F944	If we must change our current flag, this is by far, the best of the 6 designs chosen. There are relevant symbols that represent our state: water, a generic star that in no way represents the star of the north, shapes that represent water and resemble loons. Thoughtful design that everyone can get onboard with, but it doesn't specifically represent MN. It could be Wisconsin's flag, or the flag of any other state with flowing water, where you are able to see a star in the sky at night.
11/29/23 22:56	F944	I like this flag. It's stylish and represents our abundant lakes, that we are the North Star State and our aurora.
11/29/23 22:57	F944	I like this flag. It's stylish and represents our abundant lakes, that we are the North Star State and our aurora.
11/29/23 22:58	F944	F944 looks the best.

11/29/23 23:13	F944	This design looks cool and I don't mind it, but I worry that the wavy lines might be a bit too much of a good thing when the flag is actually flying and waving around in the wind. There is such a thing as too much waviness...
11/29/23 23:22	F944	This one is my favorite. Simple and clean, but yet dynamic at the same time. Fingers crossed!
11/29/23 23:23	F944	This one is the best. Please go with this one!
11/29/23 23:29	F944	Love this one!!
11/29/23 23:36	F944	It is bland, looks like a quilting square and legit has no direct meaning for our state. UGLY
11/29/23 23:37	F944	None of these designs grab me or say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 23:54	F944	I really don't feel like this design will age well. While it's modern, it's too reminiscent of corporate logos.
11/29/23 23:59	F944	The two flowing images are so abstract that the flag would have to be accompanied by the artist's description to help the citizens in the rest of our republic understand what they see. The flowing theme has merit. The creator of F1629 presents a much more recognizable set of symbols using a similar technique. Our state bird is strikingly rendered in the flow, and one does not need crib notes to understand what is in front of them. 1629 is a better version of this approach.
11/30/23 0:04	F944	The best of the options given. But, still lacking as a state flag option. Too simplistic.
11/30/23 0:11	F944	This is my favorite! It is dynamic and reflects the water and sky. It's a nice representation of MN.
11/30/23 0:23	F944	This pairs nicely with loon seal
11/30/23 0:50	F944	The "star" if that is what it is strikes me as too weird-looking. Maybe try a more traditional-looking star. This is a great design other than that, though.
11/30/23 1:08	F944	This design is very pleasing. It flows beautifully and I very much like the fact that it uses Native symbols.
11/30/23 1:13	F944	<p>This flag is very complex and impossible to sew.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to recreate it.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from a distance.</p> <p>Mandatory: Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.</p> <p>Simple Iconography: The design should be simple enough to be easily reproduced and recognizable even when scaled down.</p> <p>Typical display: The Commission should consider the flag's visibility when it is displayed on a pole, without the full design visible, and the impact of weather elements when displayed (cloudiness, windiness, etc.)</p>



		<p>Like F1953, this flag is fine, it follows all the rules, takes few risks, and does nothing truly distinctive. It would be a respectable foundation, but it needs considerable work.</p> <p>I'm including this note on multiple flag feedback comments in the hope that the committee reads/hears this: I understand that the committee decided against including the loon on the flag as it is not found in all parts of the state, but this reasoning falls short when looking at other great state flags. Mississippi's recent redesign was nearly a perfect state flag, and they built it around the state flower, the Magnolia, which is actually not found in the majority of Mississippi.</p> <p>California, for another example, has one of the best flags in the entire world. It breaks several vexillological rules and is built around the grizzly bear, which is not found anywhere in California in the present era!</p> <p>The state flag redesign can not be built around checking boxes and following rules, the goal needs to be selecting a flag that will distinguish Minnesota from every other state and country in the world, just as all the other phenomenal state flags in this country do for their people (Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Maryland, etc).</p> <p>These flags, while sometimes a subject of debate of vexillologists, are widely loved and embraced by their citizens, making them effective. This must be the measure by which our new flag is selected.</p> <p>I was overjoyed when I learned that my state would be getting a new flag. I wrote a senior thesis paper about redesigning it, I'm very passionate about this topic, and I'm very thankful for the committee undertaking this great challenge. However, I implore the committee to go back to the drawing board and re-select a new group of finalists with the goal of selecting a distinctive, daring, and unique flag that will truly, loudly, and proudly represent the great state of Minnesota. Legendary flags aren't legendary because they followed all the rules!</p>
11/30/23 1:27	F944	
11/30/23 1:35	F944	<p>Unsure about the curvature for a flag, although beautiful. Consider making the star thinner? Would be an awesome sticker!</p>
11/30/23 2:08	F944	<p>This might interest me if the color scheme was a bit more diverse. I don't see the aurora, clouds, or wisps of snow. I see water and a confusing, white looking river that doesn't represent snow to me except in color.</p>
11/30/23 3:23	F944	<p>All six designs have a generic clip art look.</p>
11/30/23 5:29	F944	<p>Hideous.</p>
11/30/23 5:58	F944	<p>Too new age and abstract</p>
11/30/23 6:05	F944	<p>These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever.</p>
11/30/23 6:18	F944	<p>I don't know why the river and clouds have lines running down the middle. It's a weird aesthetic that I don't think will age well.</p>
11/30/23 6:21	F944	<p>This is a winner it's simple it's aesthetic and easily identifiable</p>
11/30/23 6:22	F944	<p>Too reminiscent of a hockey team logo for me</p>
11/30/23 6:23	F944	<p>sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.</p>
11/30/23 6:23	F944	<p>This is my favorite of the finalists. Would you consider replacing the star with a small-scaled image of one of the state seal finalists (e.g. S224 in full color)</p>
11/30/23 6:36	F944	<p>This flag uses design principles that are popular today, but will look outdated in 10 years.</p>
11/30/23 6:43	F944	<p>I do not like this flag because it's too complicated to draw from memory. It also seems to depict a river, when we're more known for our lakes.</p>
11/30/23 6:45	F944	<p>I love this flag F944. There is a feeling of movement in the flowing designs. I like the colors. The Designer Statement makes a lot of sense.</p>
11/30/23 6:49	F944	<p>This is the only one that I like. The others look computer generated from the 80s. I personally think the state flag shouldn't be changed. This gen X and gen Z pop want to erase all past history.</p>
11/30/23 7:01	F944	<p>I appreciate the intentional symbolism and representation of Minnesota's natural physical landmark and pays respectful homage to MN native communities with a modern design.</p>
11/30/23 7:01	F944	<p>F944</p>
11/30/23 7:10	F944	<p>Where is the loon!</p>
11/30/23 7:10	F944	<p>I feel this design will look dated fairly quickly. The symbolism is nice but I don't think it works for a flag.</p>

11/30/23 7:12	F944	This design evokes the mighty Mississippi River, the night sky, the snows of winter. I believe that nature is the foundation of what makes Minnesota great! Of all the finalists this one is the best at capturing all that. However, please check the symbolism of the 4-pointed star (the North Star to some) with the Indigenous tribes of the state. Is it really of significance to them? Or only a reminder of the French fur traders? Is an 8-pointed star more appropriate? If we are redesigning the flag to rid ourselves of derogatory images of Indigenous people, should we not have as a part of the flag a symbol to honor the people who first lived here?
11/30/23 7:14	F944	This design evokes the mighty Mississippi River, the night sky, the snows of winter. I believe that nature is the foundation of what makes Minnesota great! Of all the finalists this one is the best at capturing all that. However, please check the symbolism of the 4-pointed star (the North Star to some) with the Indigenous tribes of the state. Is it really of significance to them? Or only a reminder of the French fur traders? Is an 8-pointed star more appropriate? If we are redesigning the flag to rid ourselves of derogatory images of Indigenous people, should we not have as a part of the flag a symbol to honor the people who first lived here?
11/30/23 7:17	F944	Perhaps. It is the best of the six finalists. IF it is selected: - do NOT add colors to the river or sky flow (i heard a suggestion to add green to represent agriculture -- do NOT do this. Ag should not be near our waterways). - the only change would be to use the star design of F105. Negatives: - the star...something. Positives: - love the flow. love the colors. love the design. and it looks great on a flag blowing in the wind.
11/30/23 7:19	F944	Do not like
11/30/23 7:19	F944	Of the flag options you have chosen this is the best;BUT, in attempting to simplify the flag, you have gone to an extreme. You really need one with a loon on it. Otherwise, you lose the distinctive Minnesota brand.
11/30/23 7:30	F944	This Design! Love the bold design with the abstract loon, water, Northern lights and North star represented!!
11/30/23 7:35	F944	This is the most interesting of all of the designs
11/30/23 7:36	F944	This is a great design option. It includes the waterways Minnesota is well-known for, and the North Star that's part of our history. This has a classic feel while still being modern. The other options look AI generated in a bad way.
11/30/23 7:38	F944	This is by far the best of the finalists. However, I strongly feel the flag designs are all VERY weak, and a much better option could, and should be sought.
11/30/23 7:39	F944	Although I appreciate the cleverness of this design, I think it will look outdated in a short number of years.
11/30/23 7:45	F944	Looks like something from a communist country! NO
11/30/23 7:48	F944	This design represents both the lakes on the State and the beauty of our natural resources.my number 1
11/30/23 7:48	F944	I'm not sure that I have ever looked at a flag and said to myself, "that really speaks to me", F944 feels like it does indeed speak to me about what Minnesota has been and is today. No Minnesota flag would be complete without a north star. The clouds and rolling waters embody the nature over which we are blessed to have stewardship.
11/30/23 7:54	F944	This flag is a problem with the bad arcing sky designs, it could not be repeatable by memory, and the arcs will not stand over time. Also hard to make as a real flag without printing due to the arcs. Looks stupid as small scale
11/30/23 7:55	F944	Easily the best option. It is a simple yet unique design that stands out from all other state flags. Additionally, it truly encompasses what our state is and what we think of when we hear "Minnesota".
11/30/23 7:59	F944	This is a very flowing design, not boxy with stock graphics, and will wave wonderfully in the winds.
11/30/23 7:59	F944	Best representation of our state by far!! I hope this will be our next flag.
11/30/23 8:00	F944	My vote is for this design.
11/30/23 8:00	F944	This flag truly represents all aspects of what it means to be 'Minnesota'. From our beautiful waters, brilliant skies, and our North star that guides all who visit or live here. Please make this our new flag as the star is not the only part of MN and this flag is the only one to capture all of MN. Thank you!
11/30/23 8:07	F944	This looks too corporate for me.
11/30/23 8:10	F944	This is the best of the 6. If you're going to pick one of the 6, I hope it's this one, but I feel we can do better.
11/30/23 8:12	F944	This is my favorite. Curvilinear instead of boxy, highlights the Mississippi of which MN is the source, simplifies the north star.
11/30/23 8:14	F944	This design is best, by some distance.

11/30/23 8:15	F944	I really love the symbolism in this choice. They're subtle, but as an artist myself, I like art which isn't obvious upon first glance. One thing I don't see written in the explanation is the shape of Minnesota is seen in the blue on the left. Congratulations to the artist for creating such an interesting and clever design. I hope this one will be chosen.
11/30/23 8:19	F944	Flag F944
11/30/23 8:19	F944	this looks a lot like all the others. Time to go back to other entries. find some that reflect Minnesota - evergreens, lakes, loons, etc... this one is blah!!
11/30/23 8:21	F944	This is my favorite design. Like the the water feature and particularly like the star referencing the Dakota and Ojibwe natives as first settlers, rather the more Scandinavian flavor of some others, which somehow seems more exclusionary to the rest of that emigrated later from other places.
11/30/23 8:23	F944	This one is recognizable and stands out from the other submissions. I would fly this one outside my house. Very nice!
11/30/23 8:23	F944	This is the best flag. Suggest to replace the star with the one from F2100.
11/30/23 8:24	F944	I like this one best, it's not like other flags & reminds me of water & the north star.
11/30/23 8:28	F944	This is my favorite, Flows well like a flag should.
11/30/23 8:30	F944	I vote for this one but could a tree or loon, maybe a wolf be added? I know you want basic but all of these are too basic IMO (not that you asked LOL)
11/30/23 8:30	F944	This is my pick. Love this one because it's different and it will stand out. Love the symbolism.
11/30/23 8:30	F944	This is my favorite of the finalists. Water is so important and the aurora, lakes, and north star are great highlights
11/30/23 8:31	F944	It is every cool and beautiful and it has loons on it
11/30/23 8:35	F944	looks good in a flag. Well balanced and interesting
11/30/23 8:43	F944	LOVE IT IT DEFINITELY SAYS MN
11/30/23 8:44	F944	The colors are a little boring but I do not mind this design over all as the swooshes look like Northern lights, which is an image I associate with the northern part of the state. I can also see a river which would be another symbol of this state although we are known for lakes not rivers. If I really use my imagination I can even image the swooshes as loons which I think is the ultimate symbol of the state.
11/30/23 8:46	F944	No
11/30/23 8:49	F944	I really like this flag design because the aurora and river have a striking look (and look like abstract loons!) although I get the feeling that this flag will not make the cut because of the wavy design. However, if you do go with this flag I'd ask you to kindly consider restyling the star. I don't think this version is terribly attractive (both shape and color).
11/30/23 8:49	F944	Most of these designs do not seem to convey much about Minnesota.
11/30/23 8:50	F944	The best of the lot, but still boring.
11/30/23 8:50	F944	While this is the best option of the finalists, there still needs improvements. The color of the star and the deep blue are spot on. With so much discussion about the flag trying to represent so many varied interests, the one constant has been the north star, and that should definitely be on any flag (there are certainly options regarding the final star design,) But with the deep blue background representing the lakes and rivers that are in all parts of the state, I suggest adding simple outline of the state to the north star. The state represents all of us, and we can avoid the back and forth about, "there are no loons in southern Minnesota versus, there are no farm fields in NE Minnesota." Everyone will be free to decide what the state means to them.
11/30/23 8:55	F944	This is my least favorite of the 6. It looks like the logo to an energy company. Too contemporary and I think it will go out of style in the near future.
11/30/23 8:56	F944	I appreciate that this design honors Minnesota's Ojibwe and Dakota heritage. I think it is very fitting our current flag design.
11/30/23 8:57	F944	This is the most eye-catching and modern.
11/30/23 8:57	F944	Out of the final flag designs chosen, this would be my first choice. As a designer myself, I can appreciate the simplicity of the graphic which will present well both flat and furled. I feel this design also encompasses the diversity and dynamic energy of the people of the state of Minnesota, which I have recently made my home.
11/30/23 8:57	F944	The natural elements define Minnesota and the North Star kind of says it all. I see an abstract representation of the loon in the top portion of the blue and white water elements as well. In my opinion this is the finest of the six final designs.
11/30/23 8:57	F944	Color scheme is great, the star is nice and simple, but the the flowing reflections need to be heavily simplified. There doesn't seem to be a need to have the gaps between the flowing lines, and the curves could be simplified where the sky and water meet.

11/30/23 8:58	F944	This is the only flag that I remotely like, to be honest. The others don't feel Minnesota to me at all. It doesn't matter what an artist writes about the symbolism of their own design, its about the feeling one gets when looking at it. So many of the submitted designs look so flat and the colors are jarring and compete with each other, do not evoke a good feeling. The state seal with the loon and the wild rice stalk is absolutely beautiful~ I wish something like this would have been a finalist for state flag.
11/30/23 8:58	F944	Flag Submission number F944 has my vote for the new state flag. Thank you!
11/30/23 8:58	F944	This would be my first pick of the one's available to vote on. It has the north star and rivers, it seems to represent MN well.
11/30/23 8:59	F944	944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol. Very wrong.
11/30/23 9:00	F944	This is my family's favorite flag design!
11/30/23 9:00	F944	beautiful and great representation of water, northern lights and a nod to our native american heritage.
11/30/23 9:00	F944	F944 This is my favorite of the flag finalists. It has a lovely sense of movement and that is US! Minnesotans are always on the move, be it winter or summer. I live outside of Park Rapids and in the summer it's all trailers with boats and campers. In the winter, it's just as many trailers but swapped with snowmobiles and ice houses. :) The colors are cohesive and I love the star of our tribal nations. I would be proud to raise this flag at my home.
11/30/23 9:01	F944	None of the Flag finalists could be recognized as Minnesota, they could be for almost any state. Please bring back the submission with the canoe on it - that instantly says Minnesota. If not F944 is the best of the 5 bad examples.
11/30/23 9:02	F944	This is the one!
11/30/23 9:02	F944	Simple design, but anyone who see it will know it's the flag of Minnesota. Many designs have nothing to note it's our flag and some look like a simple picture of a gift wrapped box. Thank you. Best of the lot, but you should add a nice gold "Minnesota" printed on the bottom blue stripe.
11/30/23 9:03	F944	Not a fan, too cartoon-y
11/30/23 9:04	F944	I like this design
11/30/23 9:04	F944	Looks too much like cigarettes' smoke
11/30/23 9:05	F944	This looks like a professional sports team logo, not a state flag. I would not select this design.
11/30/23 9:06	F944	Would prefer a background color other than black but this one was my clear favorite
11/30/23 9:08	F944	Stands out among other state flags in its sweeping forms, native symbology and less reliance upon symbols of snowflakes... after all, we have pretty good summers as well!
11/30/23 9:08	F944	I vote for this design. I believe that it captures so much of what Minnesota is in one lovely design
11/30/23 9:09	F944	i like this one because of its simplicity the colors mix well together
11/30/23 9:09	F944	This is the only design with something to look at with the "movement of the water and the sky and the north star. Although who would know it's the flag of Minnesota? The others are pretty much the same and boring. Your could add "Minnesota" in gold in the bottom blur swirl.
11/30/23 9:10	F944	Very simple design but does everything it needs to
11/30/23 9:11	F944	This could be my favorite, but it you should stretch the swirls, from the top to the bottom of the flag so their shape more obviously mimics the contour of the state's eastern border.
11/30/23 9:11	F944	I think its quite simple yet cool looking, it also like its representation and meaning.
11/30/23 9:11	F944	I love the flow of this design. The others are purely geometric with all straight edges. This one flows like the Mississippi.
11/30/23 9:11	F944	Why are we wasting \$\$ on this? This flag looks like we support Israel which is good, but it doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It's boring and does nothing. Keep old flag.
11/30/23 9:11	F944	This is by far the best of the 6 finalists. It is unique and represents the water, and northern star, can't imagine anything nothing offensive. Will last the test of time. I think as it blows in the wind the moving water will be lovely. Good colors. simple and pretty. Distinct from others.
11/30/23 9:12	F944	This is my favorite. I'm finding it hard to believe that of all the awesome submissions, these are the 6 finalists. At least this one demonstrates a bit about what make Minnesota unique--water, open sky, the obvious breeze (I can practically hear the breeze in Mannheim Steamroller's Silent night as I look at this flag!).
11/30/23 9:12	F944	I like this flag because its more simple and it isn't only just the star in the middle, this flag would make me a proud Minnesotan
11/30/23 9:12	F944	What is is? River? Okay, but what is the white part? Too swishy. However a lake would be nice.
11/30/23 9:13	F944	I choose this flag because I like how it is something simple and can tell easily what it represent.
11/30/23 9:15	F944	This one is my favorite;the colors go well together, and the design feels very Minnesotan
11/30/23 9:15	F944	Of the six finalists, this one is probably my favorite. The one color it's missing for me is green, representing the trees and greenspace of Minnesota's great outdoors.



11/30/23 9:50	F944	F944 is a strong, bold design that conveys a sense of movement even in a static, two-dimensional representation. Imagining it on a pole in the wind, this flag design would be eye-catching and easily recognized and understood from a distance. The minimalist design reflects elements of North Star, sky, water, snow, furrowed fields and energy--all things that have universal, cross-cultural associations of the State of Minnesota. The fact that representations of a loon can be discerned is serendipitous. I would be proud to fly this flag.
11/30/23 9:51	F944	This flag definitely caught my eye. Might be a tad too busy, though - seems a little more appropriate for a sports team in my opinion.
11/30/23 9:54	F944	I like the feeling of movement with the swirl, but embarrassingly simple.
11/30/23 9:54	F944	I don't see anything the artist is trying to convey except the four point star. This doesn't represent Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:55	F944	I like this design because it is unique.
11/30/23 9:58	F944	This is the most artistic and image appropriate choice, pleasing to look at.
11/30/23 9:59	F944	I feel this flag submission represents an all encompassing design for the state of Minnesota. The outdoors, the "North Country", staying in step with the land we cherish in Minnesota. Weather, landscape, and the sky above are all depicted here. A great representation of our state, Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:04	F944	I find this design the most compelling of the finalists for state flag!
11/30/23 10:06	F944	This design says nothing
11/30/23 10:07	F944	I like flag finalist F944 because of the water and flowing design. If you plan any tweaks it would be to the star. For the Seal, my favorite is S224, with the Star snowflake coming in second.
11/30/23 10:07	F944	Too swirly, too easy. Also Northern Lights are not seen by all.
11/30/23 10:10	F944	This is by far my favorite design. I love the flow of it and think it will truly ripple in the wind. However, the dark navy background reads too dark and should be adjusted just a bit. Thank you!
11/30/23 10:11	F944	The F944 design is my favorite because it encompasses the idea of our whole environment from sky to earth. We cherish the natural environment in Minnesota and this flag states that in its beautiful flowing lines and transitional colors. The only thing I would change is to replace its star with the star from design 2100. The star is weak in F944.
11/30/23 10:12	F944	This is my favorite. The design moves your eye to different elements within the flag. The blue of the water element turning to white representing our winters. I also like how the shape of the river is an abstract of the state bird, loon. Wondering what this would look like with a deep green used in place of the blue on the right side of the flag. Green represents our commitment to nature/sustainability, the forests and agriculture.
11/30/23 10:13	F944	maybe the best of the designs but what state is this? Not really telling me that.
11/30/23 10:14	F944	I do not understand or agree with why we are changing the flag in the first place. Not only is this pointless it's going to cost a ton of money to change. Keep it the same!
11/30/23 10:17	F944	Do not like this at all! It is way too busy, looks like a flag for a sports team. The star is especially uninspiring.
11/30/23 10:19	F944	As a lifelong Minnesotan, this is the perfect flag to represent our State. In my opinion, it's a no brainer.
11/30/23 10:21	F944	No, it looks like a sports team flag. Too busy, star is poor design.
11/30/23 10:25	F944	This is the best of a bad lot.
11/30/23 10:29	F944	None of the designs really showcase the state but this one may work but you'll really have to sell it to the public that it's Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:31	F944	This flag would not be able to be easily drawn or recreated by younger children, which is a universally-accepted standard among vexillologists for flag design. It would be better-suited as potentially a city flag, for a city that has a river through it perhaps. It doesn't represent the whole of what Minnesota has to offer.
11/30/23 10:31	F944	Nice, easy to look at and understand. We have water galore in lakes and one of the world's great rivers. This flag shows all of it. Very nice.
11/30/23 10:33	F944	This might be nice for a sports team or a mish mash of several car logos, but not of the history, people and place of Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:35	F944	This is one of my favorites. I like the design of star, snow and waters
11/30/23 10:35	F944	This design is ok but a little cold and depressing in color.
11/30/23 10:36	F944	Black background should be avoided. Hate this design
11/30/23 10:37	F944	This is my favorite flag design
11/30/23 10:39	F944	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them.
11/30/23 10:40	F944	This is my first choice for the flag.
11/30/23 10:40	F944	I vote this as best State flag design for a state that prides itself on 10,000 lakes and the tourism we benefit from here and enjoy ourselves
11/30/23 10:40	F944	Of the finalists, this one is my favorite. I could see this on my flagpole and me enjoying its aesthetics.

11/30/23 10:43	F944	Honestly, these are all tremendously underwhelming and the process should be started over. Was AIGA MN included? We have so many talented designers in this state I refuse to believe there are the six best options. A huge missed opportunity.
11/30/23 10:49	F944	Love this option! I also appreciate that the swirls give resemblance of an "M" - to represent Minnesota. I think this option is unique and would be instantly recognizable as Minnesota's flag atop a flagpole.
11/30/23 10:49	F944	How is this a finalist when your own rules stated that symbolism of a single group could not be used?
11/30/23 10:53	F944	This is my favorite of the submissions. I would like to see this win.
11/30/23 10:56	F944	I'm not too excited about a MN State flag redesign, but if we must I like this design because I feel people can look at the design and know the meaning of it without needing to read the description. At least I could clearly see the blue waves represent our lakes and rivers, the white waves represent snow and clouds in the sky and the north star.
11/30/23 11:03	F944	I like this flag because itâ€™s unique and i really like how they did the rivers.
11/30/23 11:06	F944	My choice would be F944. I disagree with all the opposition to our current flag. The controversy seems to center around what is and always will part of the Stateâ€™s history. It is impossible to just sweep away the parts of our history that people donâ€™t like, and changing the flag wonâ€™t make it go away either.
11/30/23 11:07	F944	I love this one right now - it is unique and represents the state very well.
11/30/23 11:07	F944	Like this one the best of the 6 options! A loon image would have been nice.
11/30/23 11:08	F944	I like the colors on the flag. The star and the river goes well with Minnesota. I think this flag is the best one.
11/30/23 11:11	F944	Donâ€™t care for it
11/30/23 11:13	F944	This won't work as a flag. It will look like nothing with or without the wind
11/30/23 11:14	F944	This is good.
11/30/23 11:17	F944	Maybe . . . if the star is redesigned.
11/30/23 11:20	F944	This flag exudes energy! Sky, water, and the star of north, all combining to represent Minnesota.
11/30/23 11:22	F944	This is nice!
11/30/23 11:25	F944	My "vote" would be for this one. I love the striking design and sense of movement and the meaning the designer describes in their statement.
11/30/23 11:31	F944	It's ok. One of two that's ok
11/30/23 11:32	F944	This is my favorite design, especially because of the "hidden" mirrored loon element to the design. I think it represents us well and is visually distinctive.
11/30/23 11:35	F944	I am offended by this one. The white star is representing the native american tribes of Minnesota and no other cultures. I have native american family and they are not offended by the current flag! The flag is overly boring. Again, another waste of my hard earned money.
11/30/23 11:39	F944	This design is bland and boring. Please reject all the finalists and start over.
11/30/23 11:40	F944	I've noted a raft of irregular voting on the MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) site where this design has taken 1,100 votes on their poll, in a short period of time without others seeing any noticeable increase. I have lots of screen grabs with time stamp data of each new odd total. This action can really only be done with BOT voting methods for reasons to influence the commission in the direction of the "winner".
11/30/23 11:42	F944	The pathway imagery is reminiscent of many mental health and addiction treatment centers' logos-- see MN Adult & Teen Challenge, The Retreat, Northstar Regional, Riverplace Counseling Center, etc.
11/30/23 11:47	F944	Like every choice, this is much worse than existing flag and looks like it was drawn by an elementary student in ten minutes.
11/30/23 11:48	F944	I would like to see this our new Flag
11/30/23 12:01	F944	Do not like the snow flake. To many people from other states think was are a land of cold and snow but we are not
11/30/23 12:03	F944	I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color (too many the same). This is bad.
11/30/23 12:04	F944	I really don't like any of the flags but f944 i could live with.
11/30/23 12:12	F944	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:13	F944	Don't think this design is even worth considering. Bad, Bad. BAD.
11/30/23 12:14	F944	Uniquely different from the rest. I like that it's not rigid shapes, and I can almost see a loon there. Good representation of our many rivers and streams, including the headwaters of the Mississippi.

11/30/23 12:15	F944	I like the design of the flag but I wouldn't look at this flag and think Minnesota. I think there should be some words on that that signify that it is the Minnesota flag. I also really like the idea of the North Star being incorporated. Out of all the flags, this one is my favorite!
11/30/23 12:17	F944	This is a fun design, but I'm concerned it won't look good on a flag pole.
11/30/23 12:19	F944	F944 Please S6 please
11/30/23 12:23	F944	It looks like a generic can of pop... We can do better than this insultingly simple garbage.
11/30/23 12:23	F944	No, this would look better on a sports jersey. Not on a state flag.
11/30/23 12:25	F944	This flag looks like it's a poor design of a minor suburban town. It's not iconic and forgettable. In addition, this flag would look terrible and unrecognizable flapping/flowing in the wind.
11/30/23 12:25	F944	This flag is beautiful. It reflects the beauty of the state and honors it's Native American history.
11/30/23 12:30	F944	These are disappointing in their similarity. Nothing stands out. They all look like block print fabric from the 70s. None say MN distinctly. This one F944 comes closest to potentially generating a narrative. Although we are known for our lakes, not our rivers. None imply 10,000 lakes.
11/30/23 12:30	F944	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag.
11/30/23 12:31	F944	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag.
11/30/23 12:32	F944	Distinct. A worthy contender.
11/30/23 12:36	F944	I think this design is the strongest contender for many reasons, the most important being that it feels all-encompassing of everyone's experiences here in Minnesota. The emphasis of the Mississippi and the Dakota and Ojibwe-inspired North Star bring inclusivity and true representation to the forefront of this design that our original state flag didn't have before. It also shows dynamic movement through the lines of the water and the aurora in the sky. We are always changing and are on a trajectory of growth and inclusion in our state and I am confident that this design captures that essence. I also love the Gestalt design moment of the water looking like two loons across from one another. I think this flag has potential for all kinds of symbols, emblems and designs to come from it. I also think the deep midnight blue paired with the bright beaming star is a beautiful color combination and feels more sophisticated than a lighter blue or green would. This is a beautiful design and I think it would honorably represent our state and all of the diversity within it, both in people and in nature.
11/30/23 12:36	F944	This says nothing about Minnesota. It does not represent anyone or any thing of Minnesota!
11/30/23 12:37	F944	This flag has something for everyone. North start, Bdote, aurora borealis, even loons if you squint. It looks distinctive from other state flags and uniquely Minnesotan.
11/30/23 12:43	F944	Love this design!!!
11/30/23 12:46	F944	I like how it pays tributes to the tribes and the snow.
11/30/23 12:47	F944	I appreciate the inclusion of Dakota and Ojibwe tribe-influenced imagery however the water and clouds look like a corporate logo and I don't think this image will stand the test of time/isn't a "classic" enough image to not wear out over time
11/30/23 12:47	F944	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:47	F944	looks very different from the others.
11/30/23 12:47	F944	I chose this one because I think its very creative
11/30/23 12:48	F944	This is my favorite flag of the six.
11/30/23 12:50	F944	I like how it shows our bird and I'm guessing he white loon displays our harsh winters and I love that.
11/30/23 12:50	F944	i like it cause its blue
11/30/23 12:52	F944	Start over.
11/30/23 12:53	F944	Mirror of the sky is my favorite, both for what it stands for and aesthetically. It also is unique and not similar to other Country's flags like some other designs do.
11/30/23 12:55	F944	simple but not bland, the colors are nice
11/30/23 12:57	F944	this is the best of very good options
11/30/23 13:00	F944	I really like the colors in this flag and the river
11/30/23 13:01	F944	I like the design of this flag because it is too loving and unique I like the yellow star.
11/30/23 13:02	F944	The bending waters are a bit much, but I like it
11/30/23 13:05	F944	I love this submission, F944! Thinking the black background is too much, I would love to see the stylized loons, one in black and one in white, then the background in blue. Thanks



11/30/23 13:10	F944	Although it is attractive, this design feels a little too busy and complex.
11/30/23 13:15	F944	This is a beautiful design. The star is a nice symbol and the wisps that are reminiscent of the northern lights is a lovely touch. I also appreciate the nod to the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes in the design.
11/30/23 13:17	F944	F944. I like the design but do not know if this will stand the test of time. This would be best if utilized for our State Tourism and Marketing teams as a campaign idea.
11/30/23 13:18	F944	F29 Snowflakes are six points, we will look like we deserve the achievement test scores of the Mpls. Public Schools with this design. F944 - looks like a rendition of the Cow Jumped over the Moon F1154 looks like something I doodled in a meeting F1435 would be better as a quilt - I think that's where that design came from F1953 reminiscent of the flag of at least 25 developing nations F2100 would lake a great Christmas card design. No way I will buy, nor salute, any of these mediocre designs
11/30/23 13:22	F944	This flag design represents a simple and elegant design for all of Minnesota.
11/30/23 13:24	F944	F944 --this design looks too complicated to manufacture.
11/30/23 13:25	F944	this is the worst option. it looks like a high school soccer team logo. or like someone whipped it up in microsoft word.
11/30/23 13:27	F944	Out of all the flags that I could leave a comment on this one was the best. I think this may be too simplistic and could even use some green in the image to resemble our northern lights. Overall I like the flow and the almost movement feel of the flag.
11/30/23 13:31	F944	I think this is the best design out of the six which isn't saying much. The choices were bland and boring. At least f944 stands out with the black background. Improve it by adding a loon. Thank you.
11/30/23 13:34	F944	I love the curves, but it doesnâ€™t totally fit with Minnesotaâ€™s personality, which is more â€œsensible, straight linesâ€ than â€œego with the flow.â€
11/30/23 13:35	F944	Definitely my favorite
11/30/23 13:36	F944	The meaning and flow of this one stand out. Beautiful!! I can envision it blowing in the wind.
11/30/23 13:38	F944	This comment is meant for all the submissions. Not bad for AI clipart We have many talented artists that could put some character and respect into the design of a state we are all proud of Please reconsider these flat images Thank you for letting me comment
11/30/23 13:38	F944	I donâ€™t really care for any of the designs. This one is the best of the choices.
11/30/23 13:40	F944	This could work, but it should be tested and obvious to anyone itâ€™s Minnesota, loon, State outline or Purple (sports & Prince) would distinguish the flag as Minnesota. Please use this opportunity and test with a test group to see if anyone recognizes the flag as Minnesota and hire a professional brand graphic artist to design the final flag based on clear criteria.
11/30/23 13:40	F944	Best of the 6, however overly simple
11/30/23 13:42	F944	An absolutely beautiful flag. I love how it includes the north star, but also has the twin stylized loons for water and snow and simple colors. Definitely distinctive from other state flags. Concerns: 1) Will most people see the loons? Or are they too hidden/stylized? 2) Will the flag look good hanging vertically from a ceiling or hanging at rest on a pole? 3) Can elementary aged kids actually draw this flag?
11/30/23 13:47	F944	This is the best of the 6
11/30/23 13:49	F944	Based on the choices, this should be selected
11/30/23 13:53	F944	In my humble opinion, none of the finalists depict our state and represent what Minnesota is and who we really are as people. All of the finalists with the exception of one, are almost indetical in design and appear to be stolen from a Dan Brown novel. I'm disappointed in the committee's work. The only finalist which comes even close would be the one with the loon in the middle. Go back to work Committee. I'm all for a politically correct flag which can bring all of us together so use the loon, north star and perhaps a pink lady slipper to represent Minnesota. Make it simple, eye-friendly and understandable and do not get too bizarre with your designs and 'curly cues'. The finalists you've selected do not represent our state. Thanks for asking for public opinion. I hope you will listen and go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 13:54	F944	It's a nice combination of the North star, flowing rivers, and wispy snowy skies. It leans into all that is special here.
11/30/23 13:54	F944	I feel strongly that the flag should not have been changed at all. History shouldn't be changed, or forgotten to fit present day attitudes. This design is the best out of six horrible options.
11/30/23 13:56	F944	This is my favorite of the finalists. It is nice to see the water, snow, north star, and loon. It looks simple/clean yet includes different facets of our state.

11/30/23 13:57	F944	This one's okay â€” 3rd place of the six for me. I like the dynamic forward-moving feel of the blue swirls and the way it brings to mind the natural environment of our state. My first thought, though, was that for some reason it felt more like a professional sports team flag than a state flag, for reasons I can't quite put my finger on. Still, this one could work and is definitely better than some of the others.
11/30/23 13:57	F944	Specific: Totally boring General: lack of color, uninspiring, like the swirls.
11/30/23 13:59	F944	The flag "template" of what makes a good flag is contestable. The Committee has an obvious bias for pointy stars. Why not pick two with pointy stars and give us some more alternatives? what is this?
11/30/23 13:59	F944	This is by far my favorite option. It clearly represents MN while being elegant, subtle, and distinct. I would proudly call this our flag.
11/30/23 14:02	F944	My #1!
11/30/23 14:08	F944	This design makes me dizzy and it does not look professional.
11/30/23 14:09	F944	Add a loon or a fir tree and I would really like this one.
11/30/23 14:09	F944	BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING
11/30/23 14:10	F944	I like this one best, as is.
11/30/23 14:15	F944	Probably the best, but still not ideal. Makes me think "river" (not lakes) and maybe Northen Lights. Where's the trees and loons?
11/30/23 14:16	F944	Don't like the design of the North Star! The design is too esoteric for someone to understand what Minnesota has to offer (lakes/ivers, varied topography (3 biosphere regions), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine -- all state notables). Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:16	F944	I'm just a kid but I like this one because it makes me think of the Mississippi River
11/30/23 14:22	F944	To basic the normal flag itâ€™s okay donâ€™t change it itâ€™s perfectly normal and awesome ðŸ’
11/30/23 14:23	F944	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:26	F944	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project
11/30/23 14:26	F944	This design captures the natural beauty of Minnesota - one of our greatest assets.
11/30/23 14:28	F944	This is wonderful. The star from the F1435 flag design could be used instead. Both stars are good.
11/30/23 14:29	F944	foward looking but a bit star trekky for me. like this one best.
11/30/23 14:32	F944	Good flag for a local pro soccer team, but not for the state
11/30/23 14:34	F944	It's my favorite
11/30/23 14:35	F944	i really like this one because it has a more organic feel as well as includes the snowy aspects of the state.
11/30/23 14:36	F944	could be better, very bland
11/30/23 14:37	F944	I don't think the curves on this design work especially well for a flag.
11/30/23 14:38	F944	could be better, very bland
11/30/23 14:38	F944	i like this one because it has water and a simple design too
11/30/23 14:38	F944	i like this flag because fit is minimal and fits the minesota feel
11/30/23 14:39	F944	I really like the colors and even the water it really gets me to focus because there are lots of lakes in Minnesota and it reminds me of the Mississippi river.
11/30/23 14:40	F944	Nope. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. I know we are also the headwaters of the Mississippi, but the design should evoke water more than one particular body of water. Please reconsider F408, the loon head design!
11/30/23 14:41	F944	It is my choice out of the six. It is boring but at least if flows like a flag.
11/30/23 14:45	F944	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:47	F944	I vote for this one.
11/30/23 14:50	F944	This is beautiful, but it is too hard to see at a distance. While I like the lake-to-northern lights look, I worry that it would get indistinct quick.
11/30/23 14:51	F944	I love this flag, but with one caveat. I think the star on this flag should be replaced by the star on submission F29.

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11/30/23 14:54	F944	This flag looks like it's straight out of a 90's chain restaurant. (see "Jazz (design)" on Wikipedia at <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_%28design%29">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_%28design%29</a> ) Please don't choose this.
11/30/23 14:54	F944	Eh. It looks a lot like something someone drew up in MS Paint for a soccer club. Not a good flag design.
11/30/23 14:56	F944	This is the most dynamic of the flag choices. It appears to be waving even when still. It is artistic and inspiring.
11/30/23 14:57	F944	I like this one the best as I think hidden in the design is 2 loons if you open your mind to it - the wavy lines form the loons. This one has the best features...
11/30/23 15:00	F944	Pick this one!
11/30/23 15:01	F944	meh
11/30/23 15:09	F944	Dropping the star and adding Seal Submission S224, having the rivers wrap around the seal would result in a more representative flag, including not only the star and saying of L'Etoile du Nord, but also the state bird, grains, trees, and lakes.
11/30/23 15:10	F944	I love how cool the flags looks and how it looks very neat, the white and blue striped look really nice but the meaning of it is even cool. The face the white is showing snow, clouds, and minnesota has a lot of snow, and the blue representing bending waters. the coolest thing on this flag though is how it has a guiding, four-pointed North Star inspired by the Dakotas and Ojibwes tribes which were the people orginally from minnesota.
11/30/23 15:14	F944	This is my top choice of the flags, but I would honestly rather see the full color version of the S224 seal be on the flag over any of the finalists you've selected.
11/30/23 15:15	F944	This is the best one
11/30/23 15:20	F944	I personally like this flag the best of all the finalists. It creates imagery of both water (land of lakes) as well as north/North Star
11/30/23 15:22	F944	I love the rivers and snow idea as well as the inclusion of the four-pointed star. I think the river/snow connection is too large and goes too high up on the flag, making it look more like a logo for an environmental energy company perhaps? I think if it cut more horizontally across the flag it would be better.
11/30/23 15:24	F944	My favorite of the six options.
11/30/23 15:24	F944	Please start over. They're all terrible.
11/30/23 15:25	F944	This is my favorite flag submission. I hope this beautiful design will be noted for its nod to our lakes/rivers, and to being the North Star state.
11/30/23 15:25	F944	This doesn't say anything about our state
11/30/23 15:27	F944	Needs some work. Needs a better star, this one is too simple. I get the mirror thing, but would rather see a representation of the Northern Lights in green above the pale blue water/Loon image.
11/30/23 15:30	F944	Submission F944 is by far my favorite flag. There is a sense of movement and it is simple, but still interesting.
11/30/23 15:31	F944	Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state. Is this supposed to be the Mississippi River?
11/30/23 15:34	F944	This is the least hideous of the choices provided. These colors work best together compared to the other choices and it looks the least like it is trying to be another countries flag. A less simple design would be preferable. Add a loon, slipper orchid, blueberry muffin or even the dreaded mosquito, anything would be better than this cheap, simplistic looking star with some scribbles.
11/30/23 15:35	F944	This one looks like a hockey team logo, which is fine cause we are the state of hockey but it isn't my favorite
11/30/23 15:35	F944	The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.
11/30/23 15:35	F944	Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:36	F944	I would not vote for this one. Ever. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:37	F944	This is my favorite of the flag proposals. It clearly represents Minnesota as the North Star state as well as our beautiful sky, snow, and abstract loons. I would, however, replace the simple 4-point star with a more complex 8-point star, either in yellow or in white.
11/30/23 15:38	F944	Anemic, bland, totally nullifies settlers and native Americans from Minnesota. Is that the point settlers and native Americans make up Minnesota. This is from a native American who's affiliated with the white earth tribe. Horrible design. No connection to our history or are 10,000 lakes headwaters of the Mississippi North Star state etc . Totally generic and dismissive of our culture and state. Apparently a handful of sensitive people want to erase our history. Good or bad. Ridiculous
11/30/23 15:39	F944	My third grade class voted and chose this design! They liked the "squiggly lines" like water, the star, and the colors. It reminded them of the Mississippi River, which is by our school, and they liked the star at night.

11/30/23 15:39	F944	The "Mirror of the Sky" design is, and there is no nice way of saying this, horrific. It looks like something that was created in 2002 using clip art. Please, for the people of Minnesota, do not select this design. All the other designs are solid and acceptable. I am not a design expert so that needs to be accounted for, but this one is clearly amateur.
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11/30/23 15:43	F944	This is my first choice. I love the inclusion of the North Star and the incorporation of our most important features, our beautiful waters and lovely sky.
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11/30/23 15:44	F944	Love that there is some curves in this design. The other selections and seem to have harsh, rigid, straight lines, which I don't thing represents the people of Minneosta.
11/30/23 15:44	F944	Make field a deep, dark violet. This would keep with the theme of a snowy winter night while adding some warmth, as well as serving as a nod to the state flower: violets
11/30/23 15:45	F944	This one! It has movement and doesn't look like somebody designed it using a stencil.
11/30/23 15:48	F944	It's disappointing that this design disregards Minnesota's rich history and fails to represent our statehood accurately. This new design is a disservice to fellow Minnesotans, as it offers no insight into our state's unique identity. It has been needlessly simplified and lacks the depth and complexity our state's history deserves. This design needs to include Minnesota's history and represent our statehood. Sure, here's the rewritten version:  Without proper representation, my identity and culture are being erased. The design does not represent my ethnicity.
11/30/23 15:51	F944	This is an utterly horrible flag. The curving 'swoosh' design looks dated already, like something from a 1990s mall food court. It looks like a flag for a suburb of fifty thousand, not a flag for an entire state. A redesigned flag should be held to a high standard and this does not meet that bar or any bar. It would be the worst state flag in the union;F29 would be close to the best.
11/30/23 15:52	F944	The dramatic curves would be lost on a flying flag. I like this star shape the best among the finalists.
11/30/23 15:54	F944	F944 is my 5th out of the six choices. I actually initially liked this one a lot, but after some time with it, I think it has a corporate logo look to it, a little bit busy, maybe hard for someone to hand draw (not that that is a requirement). Also, the northern lights are typically red or green. So, maybe the upper swoop would be green and the lower swoop be white (for snow).
11/30/23 15:59	F944	This design is my favorite of the finalists. It is clean and simple, yet it contains so much symbolism. It is modern and contemporary but still honors our great state's history. I can envision this design becoming as iconic as some other well-known flags in the U.S., such as the flags of Colorado and Chicago.
11/30/23 16:00	F944	Best of the state flag designs although, as suggested by others, I would add red eyes to the stylized loons. There are numerous flags with a star on them so using just a star does not tell an observer what state this flag represents. Adding the stylized loon, like the California bear, immediately tells the observer which state this flag represents. As a benefit the wavy loons also pay homage to the waters, snow, and auroras of Minnesota. Along with the simple star paying homage to the state Indian tribes, this design is uniquely identifies this as Minnesota's flag, unlike the flags with only a star. Just add the red eyes - done!
11/30/23 16:03	F944	Loved the colors and flow right away. Not 100% sure it looks like a State flag, but hey, Minnesota likes to be different sometimes. Well done!
11/30/23 16:04	F944	F944 is too busy. Feels like winter...we have 4 season. Not sure what swirls represent.
11/30/23 16:04	F944	This is the only flag that has a nice design, fluid and graceful. However, don't forget the placard on the flag pole so that people understand it! This is the best out of all the flags.
11/30/23 16:13	F944	This is the only flag of the finalists that doesn't suck
11/30/23 16:15	F944	Thisiscisky favorite
11/30/23 16:16	F944	F944 is the best. Symbolic and dynamic
11/30/23 16:17	F944	As a Minnesotan I enjoy all 4 seasons but don't want to be reminded of snow year-round. We have more than just water with lots of trees, northern lights and more. This is one of the better ones but adding some green would be nice. Could use the imagery from the license plates and MN tourism logo to tie it all together on a new flag. So many better flag designs were submitted.
11/30/23 16:18	F944	This is my favorite design. Like the the water feature and particularly like the star referencing the Dakota and Ojibwe natives as first settlers, rather the more Scandinavian flavor of some others, which somehow seems more exclusionary to the rest of that emigrated later from other places.
11/30/23 16:18	F944	It symbolizes the great rivers that originate in minnesota and flow out to the world
11/30/23 16:20	F944	I love the simple beauty of this design and what the artist states it represents.
11/30/23 16:23	F944	I would be so disappointed if this were the selected design, it is too Logo-esque, does not feel like a flag. It looks so corporate and will definitely not age well
11/30/23 16:26	F944	My top two votes would by for flag designs 944 and 1953. I like the simple designs and what the artists state about what they represent.

11/30/23 16:28	F944	This is my choice
11/30/23 16:30	F944	There is nothing offensive about the existing state flag. This is just more BS brought to us by the people that want to destroy our state and country. Keep our existing Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11/30/23 16:30	F944	My top two votes would be for flag designs 944 and 1953. I like the simple designs and what the artists state about what they represent.
11/30/23 16:31	F944	I like F944. I feel like it represents MN the best.
11/30/23 16:33	F944	I love the stripes for the Tribal Nations and counties and the Ojibwe loom design, I would like these stripes and Ojibwe loom style wild rice and pine trees added to the flag f944(the one with the white and blue zigzags)
11/30/23 16:34	F944	First off, the 6 final flags that have been selected are awful, they do not look like flags and look as if they were made by a cheap software. As a Minnesota History teacher, I am VERY disappointed in the options available. I would think we would take care to acknowledge where our past has been. I believe we should have something to acknowledge how this land belonged to the Dakota and Ojibwe, before it belonged to Minnesotans. I ask you to reconsider changing the flag, or at least select one that represents our past and what Minnesota truly means.
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11/30/23 16:38	F944	This is my favorite of the designs. The bending water and sky create a dynamic look that is easy on the eye and reflects the state name's etymology (mni-sota).
11/30/23 16:39	F944	If this becomes our state flag I am leaving this should have not have made it as a finalist I have seen far better in the submissions than this. This flag should not have made it into the top hundred
11/30/23 16:43	F944	I don't think that this flag represents Minnesota very well. It does not make a statement about who Minnesotans are. However, I do like the Northern star.
11/30/23 16:44	F944	This design really says Minnesota to me. I can feel the winds of winter, the warmth of summer, swirling snow, running waters. The stars and sky are represented too. What I love about this flag is that I don't just see it, I can feel it. Great Design.!
11/30/23 16:45	F944	Perfect!
11/30/23 16:45	F944	Finalist F944 This is only flag that has some interest to it.
11/30/23 16:54	F944	Love it. Love the abstract loons.
11/30/23 16:58	F944	F944 gets my vote
11/30/23 16:59	F944	It represents Mn
11/30/23 16:59	F944	Disappointed overall but I like this best of the finalists
11/30/23 16:59	F944	This is the weakest flag design on the six finalists. This design is cartoonish and the swooping curves create an impression that can't be taken seriously. Please choose a different flag to recommend.
11/30/23 16:59	F944	2nd choice
11/30/23 17:02	F944	I love the suggestion of water and movement
11/30/23 17:02	F944	I'm pleased with the simplicity of the North Star and the reference to its long-held guidance of the Dakota & Ojibwe peoples. It is dynamic and moving, as implied by the currents of wind, sky & water. Life in Minnesota is always in dynamic interaction of nature & its varied peoples & industries.
11/30/23 17:05	F944	I pick this one.
11/30/23 17:06	F944	First choice: F944 My second choice: F2100
11/30/23 17:06	F944	My favorite. Captures the sky, water and North Star. Best represents MN
11/30/23 17:07	F944	The least visually jarring of the choices. Is it too late to start over? I'm sure hard work was involved. But these are embarrassing, Sorry.
11/30/23 17:07	F944	ðŸ‘Œ ðŸ‘Œ¼
11/30/23 17:08	F944	I like this flag the most. I think it best fits Minnesota out of all the others. I'm not super fond of any of the flags. They all feel too simple, and very amateur took one class of graphic design and this is one of my tests. That isn't a bad thing, but still, I think this one is best.
11/30/23 17:08	F944	My favorite
11/30/23 17:09	F944	Hate it
11/30/23 17:09	F944	This one is my favorite because it is beautiful, original, simple, and conveys a clear narrative that embodies the essence of the state.
11/30/23 17:10	F944	By far the best design. Simple yet captures the north star and water MN is known for. Especially brilliant is that the water is in the general shape of a river, as the MN is home of the headwaters of the Mississippi River.
11/30/23 17:11	F944	I would like to vote for F944

11/30/23 17:11	F944	This one is my favorite by far. Simple. Elegant. With movement. Some others are too generic looking.
11/30/23 17:11	F944	Northstar, water and snow...that's Minnesota!
11/30/23 17:11	F944	Not great by any means, if it were up to me I would start over, settling for thisâ€¦
11/30/23 17:11	F944	It looks cold rather than welcome g, and doesn't look indicative of Minnesota
11/30/23 17:13	F944	too much motion. Also hard for crafters (or school children) to reproduce
11/30/23 17:13	F944	I love the elegant design of this flag. I can see all of the Minnesota images that are dear to many: North Star, Aurora, Loon and flowing waters. This flag represents Minnesotaâ€™s spirit and essence.
11/30/23 17:13	F944	I think this design should be the new MN flag. It is simple and flowingâ€¦ like the flowing of the beautiful Mississippi River.. like the flowing of the people who never seem to stand still. We, as a community, flow. We grow in wisdom every day. I think this flag represents all of us!
11/30/23 17:13	F944	This design is my favorite.
11/30/23 17:13	F944	If this becomes our flag I am leaving and becoming a greenbay packers fan LORD HELP ME
11/30/23 17:14	F944	This option is my favorite because it highlights the north star and our beautiful water options from the headwaters to our many lakes.
11/30/23 17:15	F944	This is the flag design that out of the 6 most represents our state looks like waterways and snow path for our seasons and of course the north star.
11/30/23 17:16	F944	I prefer F944 submission.
11/30/23 17:18	F944	The best!
11/30/23 17:18	F944	F944 This ties for last place.
11/30/23 17:20	F944	My choice - water, sky and stars!
11/30/23 17:22	F944	I love how simple this is, and how it reflects the water, which is so important to our state.
11/30/23 17:22	F944	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:22	F944	Really dislike this one. The swooping lines don't evoke anything for me -- certainly not a loon, nor a waters and clouds. I could see this as an entry in a middle-school art contest.
11/30/23 17:24	F944	I like this flag with the flowing water and drifting snow. However I am not a fan of this particular star. I really like the star on the F2600 flag.
11/30/23 17:24	F944	My favorite, by far!
11/30/23 17:26	F944	My favorite, by far!
11/30/23 17:28	F944	I really donâ€™t like any but this is best of the choices.
11/30/23 17:30	F944	My 2nd choice
11/30/23 17:31	F944	Nice, but I don't see how the star symbol was derived from Indigenous symbols. Too much of a stretch there.
11/30/23 17:33	F944	Too modern, will be outdated soon. Need something classic.
11/30/23 17:35	F944	I like this one.
11/30/23 17:36	F944	I prefer this one! Though I wish the North Star had a snowflake with it. I like the meanings and stunning shapes that show from a great distance. Itâ€™s creative and lovely.
11/30/23 17:36	F944	I prefer this one but I think it would benefit from improvements like the one mention in the 11/30/23 StarTribune article. In fact, I suggest there be a second design round for at least the six finalists to see if they want to change their proposed designs based on the feedback they've been getting.
11/30/23 17:37	F944	Dull, colorless, unimagitive, too simple, no vibrant colors. The competition was not advertised enough nor long enough.
11/30/23 17:39	F944	I like what this flag is going for, but the wave patterns are far too complicated for their own good and thus drag it down.
11/30/23 17:40	F944	I love F944, as it references not just the water, but I feel it most closely resembles the loose Dakota translation of "The land of sky blue water". I also think that the North Star and Aurora Borealis go hand in hand.
11/30/23 17:40	F944	I like this one the best because of the multiple symbols it embraces. Especially the waters and the hint of the loon.

		Awful. It looks like a decorative banner at the mall, not a state flag. I don't mean to offend the artist, but the simplistic design looks like it was done as part of an art project using photoshop clipart on an iPad.
		I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it. You did a great disservice to the the State of Minnesota by not commissioning legitimate artists and designers to create a legitimate flag - and if you did pay some of them - Minnesotan's didn't get their money's worth.
11/30/23 17:41	F944	Yes, Minnesota will now have one of the worst - if not THE worst - state flag of any state in the union. This is what you get when you task committees to make decisions and dumb everything down to the least common denominator. You end up with something less than mediocrity. Sorry, I cannot embrace this. I vote (G), none of the above.
11/30/23 17:45	F944	The river would be too hard to re-create by hand, if that is a goal for the new design.
11/30/23 17:50	F944	My first choice
11/30/23 17:52	F944	In addition to honoring those here before us, the "movement" of the sky and water triggers a feeling of peace and harmonious possibility for our future.
11/30/23 17:53	F944	Please don't select a flag with curves and waves. Curves age even more quickly than fonts.
11/30/23 17:55	F944	F944 is too busy. Why not have real wind to move this flag rather than making it look like wind. Also, more company logo than state flag worthy. Please drop this from consideration.
11/30/23 18:03	F944	F944: my pick. Unusual and captivating
11/30/23 18:04	F944	This would flow in the wind. I love the river. All of Minnesota has flowing waters.
11/30/23 18:05	F944	It's OK, but why didn't you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag? And why can't it have our state bird and fflower etc? students won't even know what those are anymore.
11/30/23 18:07	F944	This one is okay.
11/30/23 18:10	F944	My pick for the new flag.
		This is a very cool design. I don't know that it's the best design for a flag, but it's a cool design for a t-shirt or for a sports team. It could be useful in that way.
11/30/23 18:11	F944	I would also like to say that I appreciate all the work y'all are doing. ALL of these options are MILES better than the old flag. Don't listen to the haters.
11/30/23 18:13	F944	The white aould be green for northern lights. But this one is the best by far. More interesting.
11/30/23 18:16	F944	Flag Submission number: F944 is my third choice. Not bad but I liked others better.
11/30/23 18:16	F944	Love it!
11/30/23 18:16	F944	F944. Although the waves looking like a loon is cool. The overall shape looks messy and strange.
11/30/23 18:16	F944	Love it!
11/30/23 18:18	F944	A bit busy, but a possability. Just put the outline of the state around the star. Something to tell us it belongs to MN.
11/30/23 18:19	F944	Wisps also conjure images of loons. Seems to work vertically, too.
11/30/23 18:19	F944	Nice design, but not a state flag.
11/30/23 18:21	F944	This is the most interesting one but I think it would be more interesting if it was reflecting the northern lights
11/30/23 18:27	F944	I vote f944
11/30/23 18:31	F944	I like this one the most. It even has an abstract loon in the pattern.
11/30/23 18:32	F944	I vote for 1989 North Star flag. It is the only flag design that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 18:32	F944	Looks like a kid did it. None of them represent MN so childish.
11/30/23 18:33	F944	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OP MINNESOTA. Do not embarras us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:38	F944	Too much like the flag of Alaska

11/30/23 18:40	F944	This is my favorite of the finalists reflecting the most important aspects of the State. It is a nice composition filling the space with unique interests in all four quadrants. I see the flowing river that simultaneously looks like an graceful loon. Notice the head touching of the blue one next to a mirrored loon head. The 3 lines of the river is the wing of the loon. This design helps fortify the States emphasis on conserving waters and wildlife in the 21st century. Omitting any green displays unity and is very visually appealing.
11/30/23 18:42	F944	I vote f944
11/30/23 18:42	F944	This is my 2nd choice. I like it dynamic movement and I see a loon.
11/30/23 18:42	F944	Vote for this flag
11/30/23 18:44	F944	Beautiful flag that captures our states natural resources and love of the natural world and interaction with these facets.
11/30/23 18:46	F944	I think this design (F944) is the most beautiful and still is very simple and representative of our state.
11/30/23 18:49	F944	Great design that is ACTIVE and appropriately diagrammatic!
11/30/23 18:50	F944	I dislike all the presented designs. As a born & raised Minnesotan, of French & Native American descent, I can't relate to any of the designs. I see nothing in these to identify with. If I must pick from the presented options I prefer 944, at least there is a vague resemblance to water
11/30/23 18:50	F944	I like this design but it seems so simplistic (hard to know what it represents just from the art)
11/30/23 18:50	F944	I like this one by far the best. Even the shapes of the water looks like a loon!
11/30/23 18:51	F944	This is my favorite. It feels unique yet memorable.
11/30/23 18:51	F944	Need to include a loon
11/30/23 18:52	F944	This is my favorite - it represents MN well with the water, and I like the darker blue.
11/30/23 18:53	F944	this has to win it is by far the most unique and aesthetically pleasing flag.
11/30/23 18:53	F944	Need to include a loon
11/30/23 18:55	F944	I like this one the best as it is more rounded and shows flow, like the lakes that Minnesota is known for. I do also like the shape of the star and not as angular as the rest of choices. I love the colors.
11/30/23 18:55	F944	NO NO NO NO EMBARRASSING
11/30/23 18:58	F944	I like Flag f944 the best of the finalist. To be honest I don't see anything Minnesota in any of the others. F944 has what could be considered a loon in the light blue wave which could be a lake wave by stretching your imagination. I would be happier if there was a lake, Loon, the State flower or a Norway pine Tree. I would rather keep our flag since it depicts the historical struggles of our forefathers. I also question why we are doing a flag redesign. I'm know there are more important tasks within our State government and legislative group to do. More important than creating work and creating a new flag. Look at the cost of this change for taxpayers. State seals, new flags, text books..it's a long list. We are fixing something that isn't broken and it's sad.
11/30/23 18:59	F944	We need a new flag commision
11/30/23 19:05	F944	F944 is my choice. The soft curves of snow and water contrast with the bold navy-blue background. Imagine what the curves will look like when the flag is in a breeze. Geometric forms are nicely simplistic, but tired. The curves in this design are distinctive, and there is no other state like Minnesota, so let's allow our flag to be unique, in this handsome way.
11/30/23 19:06	F944	All of these designs are a joke and a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE MY STATE FLAG!!!
11/30/23 19:06	F944	This flag is the one!
11/30/23 19:08	F944	This speaks to so much more than what is described, even the abstract sounds of the the unintentional loon that plays to the senses and heart of all those who see and hear it. As a Minnesotan with connections to many parts (agricultural, rural, forest, mining, freighter and tribal nations) I feel the kinesthetic movement of the waves with both the power of the energy and calm they can create.
11/30/23 19:10	F944	This is my 2nd place choice
11/30/23 19:12	F944	This should be the one.
11/30/23 19:15	F944	The natural elements and flow are beautifully expressed and simple. They catch the eye and give nuance to our beloved Minnesota.
11/30/23 19:16	F944	My favorite. I love the movement and composition. The slight detail of lines in the water/sky aren't necessary. The undulating blue & white are sufficient.
11/30/23 19:17	F944	A nice flowing design that reminds me of the auroras and rivers. I like the four pointed North Star too.



11/30/23 19:18	F944	This is my favorite flag option! I love the water and aurora swirls combined with the North Star. It's beautiful and simple.
		Negative on this one.
11/30/23 19:25	F944	I still believe a Loon should be on since it is our state bird after all.
11/30/23 19:25	F944	I like the swirling design denoting movement. The North Star has a nice simple design
11/30/23 19:31	F944	I like this one best. It is the most dynamic. I like the reference to the many rivers in Minnesota. I wish the star was more intricate.
11/30/23 19:31	F944	I like field of blue with the visuals of water and snow with 4 point star
11/30/23 19:31	F944	Paying omige to the tribes that resided in Minnesota, the true HISTORICAL representation of this land is an importance that should not be overshadowed by ignorance. Placing our history on the flag is a must!
11/30/23 19:32	F944	I love this. It encompasses the best feelings I have of my beautiful, diverse home.
11/30/23 19:32	F944	I don't think this flag will age well.
11/30/23 19:35	F944	Looks like a sports team emblem . Does not convey anything concrete
11/30/23 19:38	F944	I like the mirror of the sky concept, and I think it looks very cool, but this doesn't feel like a timeless flag to me. It honestly reminds me of a cool transition you'd see on TV while watching a hockey game.
11/30/23 19:39	F944	I think this is beautiful. Calm, serene, simple but I also see strength. It feels empowering to me
11/30/23 19:39	F944	I think this is beautiful. Calm, serene, simple but I also see strength. It feels empowering to me
11/30/23 19:40	F944	F944 is the best of these disappointing flags. It needs a loon on it - those who object don't have legitimate reasons. It is our state bird, and is seen and heard on lakes across the state during different times of the year.
11/30/23 19:43	F944	This is the flag that should proudly fly over the capitol.
11/30/23 19:43	F944	I liked this design the best. I like the wavy pattern that symbolizes the Mississippi River, snow or clouds, AND the Northern Lights. I think it is a very creative and attractive design.
11/30/23 19:45	F944	How do I know this flag represents Minnesota when it does not say Minnesota on it
11/30/23 19:47	F944	Mirror of the Sky has all the components of a complete flag thats visually appealing and symbolic of Minnesota. Quite simply amazing and refreshing.
11/30/23 19:50	F944	I truly love this design and all of the meaning behind the different elements. I hope to see this one chosen!
11/30/23 19:51	F944	My son is 8 years old and would like to say he likes this one best because the mirror design is pretty and it has everything Minnesota is known for-snow water and big skies.
11/30/23 19:54	F944	Interesting, but I wonder if it will feel dated as it is so stylized and so contemporary.
11/30/23 19:54	F944	This is just nonsense. Mirror of the Sky! I did not grasp that at all. Again, no green to depict our forests, no loon to indicate our state bird, and the plain yellow star is just boring.
11/30/23 19:57	F944	This one please
11/30/23 19:57	F944	F944 reminds me of a United Healthcare billboard I see driving on I-94 so it is my least favorite.
11/30/23 20:07	F944	Love the flag
11/30/23 20:09	F944	This is a strong submission. I love the North Star. Love the Navy Blue background. The water and snow are evident. I worry about how it will look in the wind and I also wonder if snow (in a warming climate) should be prevalent on the flag.
11/30/23 20:09	F944	I love this one
		I don't like the star in this one. It just doesn't evoke "star" to me. I also don't like the swoops. Looking at this design blind before reading the description, I was genuinely confused about what they were supposed to be, if they were water, or if they were supposed to be birds or something. The whole design looks sloppy and unbalanced to me.
11/30/23 20:09	F944	In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited;I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.
11/30/23 20:10	F944	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!

11/30/23 20:10	F944	This one has more life to it. Looking at it raises my spirit. It's a positive way to represent Minnesota.
11/30/23 20:10	F944	Too busy.
11/30/23 20:10	F944	Mirror of the Sky is Minnesota in a nutshell. It's perfect
11/30/23 20:11	F944	This is my first choice! Love the imagery that recalls "land where the water reflects the sky".
11/30/23 20:12	F944	This design is by far my favorite as I think it represents the landscape of Minnesota the best. I love the bend of the water to represent the lakes and rivers of Minnesota.
11/30/23 20:12	F944	Best design in my opinion.
11/30/23 20:14	F944	I like this. Overall i wish the outline of the state could appear.
11/30/23 20:20	F944	The elegance of this design is beautiful. The wisps of snow and clouds also evoke the profiles of two loons meeting in a lonely lake. The acknowledgement of our indigenous heritage feels appropriate. This is elegant, simple, and inclusive.
11/30/23 20:23	F944	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.
11/30/23 20:23	F944	I like this one the best. The wave is interesting and embodies water and snow. I wish the star were slightly different though, like some of the other design finalists.
11/30/23 20:24	F944	None
11/30/23 20:26	F944	F944 is not a good flag. The waves make it look dated despite the fact that it hasn't even been flown yet. To me it looks like a relic of the 90s. It fits better as a park board flag than for a state. However I do like the color scheme.
11/30/23 20:27	F944	F944 will not work as a flag. I heard someone say that all the designs should be made in fabric and run up a flagpole to see how it looks. I like the concept of the Aurora, the river, the star. Alas, I did not like this version of a star when the Minnesota Twins adopted it as their new logo. Also, two shades of blue next to each other will fade into one in the sunshine. Please choose another design.
11/30/23 20:30	F944	Of all of the finalists, this one best represents the spirit of Minnesota. With its loon-esque water and cloud formations it sums up the very name of our state taken from the native language that was here long before our pioneers came: water. Regardless of which etymology one uses to derive the remainder of our states name, cloudy or blue, the design of this flag completes that meaning. Our status as the star of the north is incorporated perfectly. In short this flag summarizes concisely what Minnesota is all about, without making a reference to the other scourge for which we are known: snow!
11/30/23 20:30	F944	This is one is by far my favorite. Love all it signifies.
11/30/23 20:31	F944	Nice my second choice
11/30/23 20:33	F944	By far my favorite design of the six finalists. It feels like the one that really represents Minnesota the best for me out of all of them. The Star of the North is an important symbol of course, but I've always valued water as a more tangible symbol of our state, and seeing that more directly represented here I find really appealing. Plus, it's a really unique design in general in that I've never seen another flag like it. And I'd like to think that Minnesota deserves a flag that stands out.
11/30/23 20:36	F944	Love this flag
11/30/23 20:37	F944	I love this idea as it symbolizes the lakes and winds of Minnesota as well as having a clean design and the beautiful star inspired by the Ojibwe and Dakota tribes.
11/30/23 20:39	F944	Just looks horrible. Looks like kids drew it

11/30/23 20:39	F944	While designed well, this makes me think of a manufacturer for snowmobiles or company logo for snow boots or winter gear or a stylish design for any kind of company . I don't think of Minnesota or a state flag or a flag design for any kind of group, for example, the Boy Scouts.I also think the background color is too dark and maybe should be green.
11/30/23 20:39	F944	Love this! This is really unique and beautiful. I like the aurora/water/snow/cloud swirls. I also see loons which is a fun uniquely MN twist. The north star is simple and mirrors that of the one on the capital rotunda. This to me really feels like it was designed and less like someone designed it with clipart (as some of the others have that vibe). It is beautiful, complex, and simple all at the same time. It doesn't have the green representing nature but you can't have everything. I think this is the winner for me! Print it on a hat for me! I think it would look really awesome flapping in the wind on top of the capital.
11/30/23 20:42	F944	Least boring of all the finalists, perhaps pays some tribute the Mississippi which runs through most of our state and the swooshes leave some room for interpretation. best of what I think is a mediocre bunch at best.
11/30/23 20:43	F944	Love the flag
11/30/23 20:44	F944	This is one of our families favorite design. Love the soothing flow of the water and wind.
11/30/23 20:51	F944	If you want our state to be represented with an early 21st century corporate logo, then this is the flag for you!
11/30/23 20:53	F944	This is one of my top two favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 20:55	F944	I love this one
11/30/23 20:56	F944	This is by far my favorite of the finalists. The curvature of the light blue and white patterns makes it more interesting than the other entrants, which mostly consist of angled patterns, and also differentiates it from most other state flags. It's simple yet meaningful, and very distinct. My only suggestion would be to consider changing the background color to the background blue of the state existing flag. I do like that color.
11/30/23 20:59	F944	This design stood out the most to me
11/30/23 21:04	F944	Flag is nice but swoops are a little too complicated. I don't remember anything about the flag when not looking at it other than it's swoopy and has a star
11/30/23 21:04	F944	This is my vote
11/30/23 21:05	F944	This is my vote
11/30/23 21:05	F944	Great flag bruh
11/30/23 21:07	F944	By far my favorite of the flag finalists. A dynamic design with Aurora and North Star.
11/30/23 21:08	F944	Both of my kids LOVED this flag design. I'll be honest, it is not my favorite, but my kids will have to live with the new flag longer than I will and their thoughts are important.
11/30/23 21:08	F944	Nothing about this says MINNESOTA. The swirls on this one are difficult to look at and difficult to draw or sew. Looks like a child's art experiment.
11/30/23 21:09	F944	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858.
11/30/23 21:10	F944	Simple yet inclusive of major symbols of state: blue sky, green vegetation often covered by snow, and remembering the gold star of the first nation peoples.
11/30/23 21:10	F944	1st choice
11/30/23 21:15	F944	No, leave the flag alone!!!
11/30/23 21:18	F944	I am very excited about the choices for new Minnesota flag and seal that have submitted and selected, and feel any would be a significant improvement over the present. My favorite flag is F944, a "Mirror of the Sky." It has a real flair and uniqueness that suggests that we do not need to model ourselves on what most flags have done before, but can set out to aspire to something new and special. My second favorite is F1953, which is more traditional but also has an appealing shape and color scheme. F29 and S6 obviously share an emblem, and I greatly prefer it in seal form. As a flag, it is a bit empty, given the lack of any further design. But as the centerpiece in S6, it is a strong anchor that is well supported by the rest of the seal's text, banner, and border. I believe it would be completely reasonable to select S6 as Minnesota's new seal, even while selecting a different flag design. Coming in roughly even with S6 is S224, which has more going on its center, with several colors and representative elements, more similar to the present seal, but presented in much more attractive iconic, expressionist forms, rather than the semi-realism of the existing seal. I am also very fond of S147's more simple but very attractive design, and believe S2 is a strong 4th best. As above, I am very pleased by the submissions, and very excited that two of these designs will represent my State going forward.
11/30/23 21:20	F944	I love the dynamism of this design. It is a great tribute to the headwaters and a celebration of the 4 seasons.
11/30/23 21:21	F944	I like that this design is simple.

11/30/23 21:22	F944	I love the F944 "Mirror of the Sky" design as it beautifully captures the importance of water and natural and honors the North Star and by the symbols and astronomy of Dakota & Ojibwe tribes.
11/30/23 21:23	F944	This is also a beautiful, simple and memorable design. I love the different blues, and the depiction of the river/water, and the lovely golden North Star. This is my second choice.
11/30/23 21:24	F944	Not the worst, but still looks like a logo for a company, not a state flag. I don't like any of these.
11/30/23 21:28	F944	Absolutely love this onennnn
11/30/23 21:30	F944	I appreciate that this design reflects the water element of our state. It's a stunning design.
11/30/23 21:30	F944	The reCaptha did not pop up for my original comment so this might be a repeat comment. By far my favorite design in the flags, the blue swoosh could be seen as the Mississippi which runs through most of the state and there's a nice water and sky play, and the swooshes could be seen as abstract versions of our waterfowl in our state, not specific to one type that the flag committee seems to hate, the use of dark and light colors in this design make it more interesting than some of the others.
11/30/23 21:32	F944	This design looks like a bunch of wavy lines. Nowhere does this representing our state of Minnesota? Where are the prairie parklands, the pines, savanna's, Lauren rain hills? This design gets an F.
11/30/23 21:38	F944	This is my favorite one, I love the colors and the meaning behind it.
11/30/23 21:39	F944	Unless you have the designer statement, one wouldn't understand this design.
11/30/23 21:43	F944	This is the most recognizable and is creative.
11/30/23 21:43	F944	I think this flag perfectly encapsulates the meaning of our state name "Minnesota". Which, in Dakota language means, where the waters reflect the sky.
11/30/23 21:47	F944	This flag does not describe Minnesotans or Minnesota well. However, I do like the gold North star.
11/30/23 21:49	F944	This flag spoke to me. I love this flag because it captures the spirit and the essence of Minnesota. You can feel the power and importance of our riverine resources as well as our value of the natural world.
11/30/23 21:58	F944	The swooshes are too complicated. If it only had the star, it would be a much better flag.
11/30/23 21:58	F944	I think this flag looks too modern to have a lasting impact as our state flag. The design choices will quickly go out of style and make this option look dated. I like the creativity and the artistic vision of the flag, but I think there are better options in the finalists.
11/30/23 22:01	F944	My 2nd choice
11/30/23 22:08	F944	I voted for this flag after reading another article about the author. The flag had more meaning when the artist provided background. The info above provides a description but more detail on why they selected the design would have helped. I also liked the swirls of water and clouds with the star- it's less plan and asymmetrical with the water flow.
11/30/23 22:10	F944	The snow clouds and river are definitely unique, but it seems a little complex and non-symmetrical. I would do this. Move the star to the center of the flag and make each of the 3 colors (dark blue, light, blue, and white) each into one third rectangles of the entire flag. Adjust them however (French flag or Dutch flag orientation). You would have three solid colors representing something different about Minnesota with a star in the middle. You could keep the symbolism and colors, but it with a much better layout.
11/30/23 22:10	F944	Love this flag SO much, its so striking!
11/30/23 22:11	F944	This is my personal favorite.
11/30/23 22:12	F944	This is the flag design that I feel represents our state the best of the finalists.
11/30/23 22:13	F944	Top choice!
11/30/23 22:13	F944	This design is going to look so dated in five or ten years it will be embarrassing and need another redesign. It doesn't have a classic, timeless look. And, it's too busy.
11/30/23 22:13	F944	I think this flag represents the most of Minnesota
11/30/23 22:14	F944	I love this awesome original flag design! Let's go for this one!
11/30/23 22:14	F944	I like this one. I wish there was some green on it. Maybe between the lines of the river.
11/30/23 22:14	F944	None of the above
11/30/23 22:14	F944	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible.
11/30/23 22:14	F944	If I have to pick one of your finalists this would be it.. but I liked the one that kept the circle and put a loon in it....
11/30/23 22:15	F944	REJECT: poor design to replicate for multiple uses, nothing denotes Minnesota.

11/30/23 22:15	F944	This flag, to me, embodies the essence of Minnesota: winding rivers, sapphire skies, and natural wonder. It is simple yet beautifully designed and deeply representational of Minnesotan culture.
11/30/23 22:17	F944	Most unique design.
11/30/23 22:17	F944	My 1st choice. Modern, and the flag will come â€œaliveâ€ when blowing in the wind with the water and aurora lines.
11/30/23 22:17	F944	1st choice. It fill the whole field. Could still be seen hanging or flying
11/30/23 22:18	F944	Has the North Star, but too abstract. Could be much better.
11/30/23 22:19	F944	This should be the winner! Itâ€™s unique, itâ€™s got movement to it, itâ€™s exciting! Itâ€™s the one that reminds me the most of Minnesota with the river, the snow, and how it also looks like the northern lights. The others are chunky and borrrring! This one is lively and intriguing! It would make me interested in Minnesota if I were living in a another state!
11/30/23 22:19	F944	1st choice. F944. It fill the whole field. Could still be seen hanging or flying
11/30/23 22:19	F944	My favorite. Love the colors and flow. This wavy art depicts the varying look of the state. The state is guided by the beautiful North Star.
11/30/23 22:19	F944	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.
11/30/23 22:20	F944	Love thisâ€¦ reminds me of the land of sky blue water!!!!
11/30/23 22:20	F944	This is a wonderful redesign.
11/30/23 22:20	F944	This design is the most striking and dynamic of the finalists. The best representation of our diverse and beautiful state.
11/30/23 22:20	F944	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:20	F944	This my #1 choice. It's striking and catches your eye immediately. The explanation is perfectly clear. I love it!
11/30/23 22:22	F944	Again abstract. Background should be water blue. WHY do we need to change a flag that represents our heritage. History is ugly. But it should be honored and remembered. We shouldn't have to spend 20 minutes trying to decipher what some artists impression means for our state flag or seal.
11/30/23 22:22	F944	This looks like itâ€™s for a sports team. Itâ€™s too casual for a state emblem.
11/30/23 22:23	F944	I was slightly disappointed upon seeing the final selection. I feel they are all too similar. What happened to the state bird/loon or state flower/Lady's Slipper. Of the selection provided I think this is the most interesting. Thank You.
11/30/23 22:23	F944	This is the only design that doesnâ€™t look generic and actually means something to Minnesotans without needing an explanation of how it relates to MN
11/30/23 22:26	F944	I like this one the best. It could use some green because agriculture made the state great. None of the choices are good so this one is the best of the worse.
11/30/23 22:27	F944	My 3rd favorite
11/30/23 22:29	F944	As a lifelong Minnesotan, I find none of these abstract flags representative of MN or what those around the country think of our great state. The flag should be what represents our state, not necessarily found everywhere in our state, that should be displayed. Lakes, loons, lady slipper, clearly displayed. We should have done better!
11/30/23 22:30	F944	None of the above
11/30/23 22:35	F944	Don't like it. I don't feel like any of the designs have alot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:38	F944	I feel that this flag design best shows Minnesotaâ€™s natural beauty & what our beautiful stateâ€™s outdoors are all about, a Red eye on each of the Loons would be a nice addition. Thank you.
11/30/23 22:39	F944	I like the north star, but the river part would be difficult to draw and might be too detailed to clearly see from a distance, and will turn into light blue and white blobs.
11/30/23 22:40	F944	I vote for this flag.
11/30/23 22:42	F944	I really like this one. The "mirror of the sky" theme is readily apparent and it tells a story that everyone will get. The star and all the elements are perfectly positioned in the perfect colors. I could get behind this as our state symbol.
11/30/23 22:43	F944	F944 - This is my least favorite. Its meaning is obscure - people wonâ€™t get it.
11/30/23 22:44	F944	This design would be better if it also contained things MN is known for like a loon, walleye or lady slipper flower?
11/30/23 22:45	F944	I like the curves but would use the eight-pointed star shape of other finalists.
11/30/23 22:45	F944	Tied with F2100 for very best new flag design. It integrates so much that makes our state unique. I love the dynamic, yet simplistic, design.
11/30/23 22:45	F944	Itâ€™s unique, and not too simple. I like the 4 point star and the meaning behind the design. My favorite flag of the finalists.

11/30/23 22:49	F944	My favorite of the finalists. Simple but dynamic and distinctive. Swooping lines suggest rivers, waves, aurora, and even loons. Star could be bigger, and I like stars suggesting a couple other designs. I think final flag should include loon, star, lakes
11/30/23 22:49	F944	No. Boring
11/30/23 22:51	F944	This is a nice design! (F944). I think it looks very modern with the wavy lines (which I don't necessarily think is a good thing) but it is striking, unique, and I would be able to guess that this represented Minnesota should someone present just the flag design to me with little context. I like it, but I don't love it. I worry how it may look waving in the wind.
11/30/23 22:51	F944	Perfect combination of elements of our state. Clear, concise design. Beautiful!
11/30/23 22:54	F944	Again, too simple, too graphic, too modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state! What is with the swooshes - felt like Nike! What happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 22:54	F944	None of these flag finalists represent Minnesota, when there was a ton of options I saw one that had a loon, a lake, trees, and the North Star. Unfortunately I can not find it again, it was one that got me excited, it was simple, good colors and was easy to understand. That would best represent this state, frankly I find it insulting that such plain and seemingly meaningless flags would be the finalists, there is nothing in them that makes me think Minnesota. But if i had to pick the best one of these 6 this would be the best of the 6, though I beg you to reconsider, and start over, maybe make a special voting session so everybody in the state can have a say.
11/30/23 22:54	F944	Better than most other entrees -maybe the best of the six, but still needs a more comprehensive look at state - loons, forests, etc.
11/30/23 22:55	F944	I like the spirit that this flag represents, with Minnesota being the headwaters of the Mississippi. I feel that there's a missed opportunity to represent the river coming out of Lake Itasca, and the pine forests that it traverses.
11/30/23 22:56	F944	This is the only one of the selected 6 that catches my attention
11/30/23 22:57	F944	Since the choice is only of these six, this one F944 at least includes an allusion to snow which MN is well known for. It shows power in water and snow and a wise star. This is my vote. Thank you. Too bad it wasn't better publicized where to give public input before the media showed us the final 6. These are all so generic. Basic Anthropology, and Sociology informs us that trying to please everyone pleases no one. These could represent anything from a Girl Scout troop or a cult flag. Very disappointing that you didn't try to get the media to put out information to gather public input before a few people on a panel seem to think they know what most Minnesotans would want and still honor your mission. But do appreciate all the thought and effort behind this project. The others can all represent any of the United States. A color and geometric pattern does not signify MN or symbolize what makes unites us and brings out the best in us.
11/30/23 22:58	F944	A number of other submissions were more favorable to me. I was disappointed I didn't see any of them as finalists. Of the finalists you chose, this was the most fluid and contemporary.
11/30/23 22:59	F944	Clean, concise, beautiful and inclusive of our native population.
11/30/23 23:00	F944	F29 is far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much. F944 is probably best of the six, but still needs other aspects like loon, forest, etc.
11/30/23 23:01	F944	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
11/30/23 23:08	F944	Design F944 is the best design with multiple dimensions that represent the state while staying quite simple. F1435 is a bad design that is hard to remember and hard to connect to its meaning. Others are mediocre.
11/30/23 23:08	F944	You should also re-consider the original 1989 North Star Design. It was quite good. But F944 is a worthy choice.
11/30/23 23:08	F944	I really like this flag because it has organic curving shapes compared to the rigid geometric shapes of the other submissions.
11/30/23 23:08	F944	The sky/water swoosh looks like some environmental non-profit logo... too complex for a state flag that will already be rippling and hanging. I can't think of an existing flag with 2 shades of blue. I do think the 4-pointed star in gold in the top left corner is the best star among the flag finalists. It would be awesome combined with the background waves of finalist F2100.
11/30/23 23:08	F944	This is my favorite redesign for the State flag
11/30/23 23:09	F944	Nothing about this design says Minnesota. I'm born and raised in Minnesota and I have to assume those curvy lines represent rivers, but which ones? Why do I have to assume what they stand for? Give me a design that screams Minnesota please.
11/30/23 23:18	F944	Like this the best, really like the aurora (or maybe the Milky Way) and the flowing water.
11/30/23 23:19	F944	Trendy, not good
11/30/23 23:19	F944	F944 looks too busy

11/30/23 23:20	F944	Like how the placement of the star makes it feel like it's up in the sky. Sweeping patterns a little loud and confusing, almost busy, and somehow looks corporate-y.
11/30/23 23:20	F944	Honestly, I don't really like the designs. I was hoping that there would be the loon on the design and that it would not look so plain.
11/30/23 23:22	F944	I like this one but wonder if it will look dated in a few decades
11/30/23 23:29	F944	No!
11/30/23 23:30	F944	Way too busy, chaotic, and cartoon like.
11/30/23 23:33	F944	I love F944 the best because it really reflects what Minnesota is all about simply. Thanks
11/30/23 23:34	F944	Truly unique! I would welcome it, even though it's my third in preference. It shows a dynamism, an energy controlled but not stifled, and even a sense of freedom.
11/30/23 23:36	F944	I could like this one, except for the star; I'd change the design to be more like the star in F2100. It's too plain. It should sparkle like a star in the night sky. I like the dynamic curves. I can see the waters and the clouds and the aurora, and it's dynamic like Minnesota.
11/30/23 23:36	F944	No. The waves representing the sky and water are annoying.
11/30/23 23:43	F944	I like the stark dark blue, and I've never seen anything like this before. Nice.
11/30/23 23:46	F944	Feels more like a logo than a flag. Not a fan of the curves
11/30/23 23:55	F944	I love this one!! I think it really captures what Minnesota is, land of 10K lakes! And it's beautiful with the North Star!
11/30/23 23:55	F944	Please read the article in the November 30 STrib (pages B1+5). I agree so much with those commentators. I would recommend running a mock-up of this design up a flag pole to see if it is really too complicated from afar (but he's the expert!). I like the symbolism of water and snow (I didn't catch the loon reference). And when we learn about the indigenous origins of the star shape, I believe we can come to admire it, although I didn't at first. Probably my favorite unless you come up with an amalgam of elements from the six finalists (and the 1989 design - but ditch the five-pointed star!).

		<p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status.</p> <p>But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. The website user awkward and unaccepting of the most popular image file types. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>If tasked to describe F944 verbally what would come to mind? A wintertime automotive wreck? The blue and white swooshes going both vertically and horizontally across the flag are heraldically bizarre and ineffective, and verbally painful to describe to one who has never seen it before. The swooshes are trend of today's graphic artists for sure, but will be laughably outdated in a decade or two. Look at the flag of Rochester, MN. The IBM font that was "trendy" of the then giant company is now archaic and its creator nearly extinct. Flag symbolism endure time and not age. The Flag of Denmark bears a White Nordic Cross on a Red background and dates to 1219 C.E. and has not changed since;it also inspired every other Nordic flag. Simple, enduring, inspirational;just like the North Star flag.</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative who had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F944, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation. If the commission seeks to have carried out its duties to the utmost effectiveness, it has taken the most difficult route to the worst outcome by neglecting to include the North Star Flag, the most popular successor to the current Minnesota flag for the last 3 1/2 decades!</p> <p>Did you note how many times the North Star Flag was submitted? And how many variants are such close descendants of it? And the city flags of Crystal and Duluth? Its basic symbolism resonates deep through our souls. F944 perplexes our minds and strains our eyes.</p> <p>One of the chief guidelines for the entries states that "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design". The creator of F944 declares that the flag bears "four-pointed North Star inspired by the symbols and astronomy of Dakota and Ojibwe tribes". This does not need any further analysis. Such a blatant violation of the guidelines cannot be allowed to pass. Should it pass, the commission will have desecrated its sacred duty to uphold the rule of law and the will of the people. This flag is illegal, yet it replaces the popular North Star Flag? The Masses denied their favorite to make way for a criminal flag? Dereliction of duty on the part of those who selected it. But you right their wrong;let the North Star Flag, which is ethnically and ideologically neutral in every aspect, back into the race, let there be 7 flags and let the people choose!</p> <p>"L'etoile du Nord, Star of the North. Read the word "star". What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. The public will too. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. They attract us innately. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The Four-pointed star on the flag of Aruba stands for the island's four main languages. This is an example of historical significance behind the use of a different star style. Five pointed stars are universal for depictions of "independence", "liberty" and so on. Minnesota has no connection to a four-pointed star and thus arbitrary usage of it would be most unprofessional negligence of the commission's due diligence.</p> <p>I do not insist that F944 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian "survival of the fittest" race between it and The North Star flag begin;and may the best flag win. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F944 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the deeply popular North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
11/30/23 23:55	F944	
11/30/23 23:56	F944	I love this F944!! I think it really captures what Minnesota is, land of 10K lakes! And it's beautiful with the North Star!
12/1/23 0:04	F944	Glad to see flowing water. We are a state farms, state parks and forests. How can we have a MN state flag with no green !? How can you pay tribute to our state's rich, diverse and dynamic landscape if it is missing any green !! MN rich soil and natural beauty is sacred to all tribes, native or immigrants, and treasured by all citizens for its beauty.
12/1/23 0:11	F944	What aurora ??
12/1/23 0:11	F944	Don't like f944
12/1/23 0:29	F944	This one is gorgeous



		F944 Like the river, don't like the Star design. Background too dark. Would like some green in the design.
12/1/23 0:45	F944	â€œNoâ€ for me.
12/1/23 0:58	F944	Very attractive. Great colors.
12/1/23 1:03	F944	This flag design is my favorite. The other ones are pretty boring.
12/1/23 1:25	F944	I'm not a fan of any of these flags and think you should redo the contest. It's shocking what was chosen, given the hundreds of flag submissions. I looked at all of them, all 2000 or so. Very disappointed with the choices. If forced, this flag would be my 2nd choice of what you've selected.
12/1/23 1:33	F944	1st choice for me. The river brought the Mississippi to mind before I read the text. I see motion in this design.
12/1/23 1:44	F944	Yes!!!
12/1/23 1:48	F944	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?
12/1/23 2:22	F944	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible
12/1/23 2:29	F944	I really hope the commission brings the North Star flag (F22) back into consideration. The fact that it was disregarded despite organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans was very disappointing. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag. While I commend the creator of the Mirror of the Sky design for putting in the effort to create this design, it somehow seems much more like a logo to me than a state flag.
12/1/23 2:42	F944	This flag along with Flag F2100 are my husband and my favorites - maybe with F2100 having the edge. HOWEVER we think that any choice should have something to make it look a little more "official", not just like something that a home crafter ran up on the sewing machine to hang outside for spring. WHAT ABOUT putting a vertical strip along the left side of the flag spelling out "MINNESOTA" in a semi-formal (?) font?
12/1/23 2:55	F944	I like the look of this flag. It looks very cool but it might be a little too complex for a flag. I like the way flags F1648 and F2118 do that in a simpler way. This flag finalist looks way better than those two examples, but maybe there's a way to simplify this one more to the complexity level of those two other examples?
12/1/23 3:22	F944	I think it would also be interesting to see this flag with other variations of the star including number of points and trying white as a color.
12/1/23 3:44	F944	Mirror of the sky gets my vote!
12/1/23 3:44	F944	Too cartoonish
12/1/23 4:01	F944	F944: This has elements to commend it, but again F2100 seems better. The star feels less star-like, almost with a question of whether it is a star. The white feels it needs bordering, and maybe the light blue also. Though then, and maybe in general, there's almost too much dark blue. However, I am drawn to the white/light blue mirroring and the piece's interplay.. So, in a way, I want both more and less here.
12/1/23 4:02	F944	I love the flow in this design. I have traveled throughout our state and have lived in the SE part, central part, and twin cities. This feels like MN to me. While it doesn't display green to highlight our beautiful trees, I still feel them (oddly). The star design is soft, sharp, and goes so well with the flow of the other design. It's a wonderful connection!
12/1/23 4:18	F944	Nice simple design, but more than just a star
12/1/23 4:48	F944	This is my pick because I like the movement. Rivers and winter aspect movement. Simplicity of color.
12/1/23 5:04	F944	Nice and artistic.
12/1/23 5:10	F944	This one is my favorite! Although, I'd like to see one more color in there. Green would be nice - maybe added into the white swoop somehow?
12/1/23 5:18	F944	I like this flag design F944
12/1/23 5:24	F944	This is my favorite of the flag choice's. I feel the flow of the blue and white to represent water, snow, and sky.
12/1/23 5:42	F944	Unfortunately reading the designer's statement, this flag clearly violates 507.0945 Section 118 Subdivision 4 by using symbology that only represents the Indigenous community. â€œ Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.â€

12/1/23 5:47	F944	My favorite!
12/1/23 5:57	F944	I like this design the best. I like it having the north star and blue water. Although O would have liked a loon on water with a north star best.
12/1/23 5:57	F944	I vote for this one. Some of the others look too much like barn quilt patterns.
12/1/23 5:59	F944	This design is inspiring and the gives a sense of adventure. The flowy design will be extra cool waving in a breeze. The wisps also remind me of 2 loons in a unifying position, with the different colors representing racial unity.
12/1/23 6:04	F944	This is my 4th choice.
12/1/23 6:09	F944	I like the representation of the different aspects of Minnesota
12/1/23 6:30	F944	1st Choice
12/1/23 6:32	F944	This flag is the least timeless option of the final 6. It reminds me of a professional soccer team logo.
12/1/23 6:35	F944	Probably my favorite. Represents North Star, snow, water and northern lights.
12/1/23 6:40	F944	This is my favorite, love love love. Representing our lakes/ water, 4 seasons and the infamous north star. Respect to those who have been here before and the many diverse groups of people who call Minnesota home now.
12/1/23 6:44	F944	Looks like a river. We're the land of 10000 lakes, not rivers
12/1/23 6:47	F944	The color selection does not feel like Minnesota, don't like the idea of having a flag with a black background, it's so dark, and missing any nod to Minnesota forests (no green). Don't really like the swoops in this design - they don't really communicate anything that feels truly like Minnesota to me. And of all the north stars designs, this is one of my least favorite. The four points is fine, I just like the north star designs with longer points. This is one of my two least favorite designs.
12/1/23 6:48	F944	Like this design. I see water and Northern Lights. But I think the star should be more multi pointed
12/1/23 6:52	F944	Of the six designs, this is the only one that represents Minnesota to me. It contains the water for which Minnesota was named and pays tribute to its native heritage.
12/1/23 6:56	F944	The state flag final 6 are severely lacking in substance. None of the designs speak of MN as a whole. They are overly simplistic to the point of having no representation of Mn.
12/1/23 6:58	F944	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
12/1/23 7:00	F944	While this flag design does the best job of the finalists to capture the broad and diverse landscape of Minnesota , it does not resonate with me as to the unique and wonderful things that make Minnesota special. I would highly recommend that the commission relook at more designs that include our lakes , loons, and perhaps the Mississippi River headwaters to give us a flag we can identify with and that matches what we love about Minnesota
12/1/23 7:01	F944	Love the meaning behind this one, all the finalists our great but this one is my favorite.
12/1/23 7:03	F944	Best option of design finalists.
12/1/23 7:06	F944	I prefer designs that incorporate green & blue - like so many MN departments already do. Consistency in branding is really helpful for tourism and identity.
12/1/23 7:07	F944	Looks like a company logo, not a flag.
12/1/23 7:08	F944	I like the sweeping waters but I do not like the black background
12/1/23 7:08	F944	This one represents water the best. Specifically, it reminds me of the boundary waters of Northern MN. I think water should be a vital consideration for the flag. Plus, it looks organic and I think that looks soothing to the Eye, with the curvy lines.
12/1/23 7:09	F944	I vote for this flag. It represents all aspects of Minnesota.
12/1/23 7:12	F944	Of the 6 finalists, F944 is the only one that has any eye appeal at all. For the most part, the selections are uninteresting and elementary.
12/1/23 7:13	F944	Interesting but kind of commercial arty.
12/1/23 7:14	F944	I like f944 the most.
12/1/23 7:15	F944	Another great design - And especially like the reference to the indigenious people.
12/1/23 7:16	F944	The only one that doesn't look like all the rest. Boring! I like the river flowing into the aurora.
12/1/23 7:18	F944	This is my #2 choice, again a more inclusive design that invokes thoughts of lake superior and the North star. Again, not too much of a scandinavian design(which is good as we have many natives who were here before us immigrants). Please stay away from the "quilted" scandinavian type designs when you decide. I love my heritage, but MN is more natural beauty and it should be emphasized by the design

12/1/23 7:19	F944	I like the bold and crisp simplicity of this design and the symbolism. I believe this should be one of the finalists. It is aesthetically pleasing and makes me want to know more about the images and all they represent.
12/1/23 7:20	F944	Flag, F944 has a great look.
12/1/23 7:22	F944	I vote for this flag.
12/1/23 7:23	F944	No green, strange "æstar" ☐
12/1/23 7:24	F944	Simply put, this design speaks more Minnesota to me than the others. When comparing to other state flag designs, I believe this one would have the best chance of being 'guessed' as belonging to MN.
12/1/23 7:27	F944	My top choice for flag is F944, it includes an eye catching depiction of the star of the north and lake waves, and most importantly, looks great hanging from a pole, or laid flat.
12/1/23 7:31	F944	This should be the winner!
12/1/23 7:33	F944	This flag would be my second choice.
12/1/23 7:35	F944	No. This is the visual sign of the sound of a toilet flushing.
12/1/23 7:37	F944	Beautiful, inclusive of all,. To me the blue represents all of our lakes and rivers and the white our snow.. the swoosh creating a loon image is a subtle bonus Some of the other flags have too much of a Scandinavian feel for our state that is becoming more diverse
12/1/23 7:38	F944	My choice for flag
12/1/23 7:38	F944	This is my son's favorite flag.
12/1/23 7:40	F944	I like the rivers and north star
12/1/23 7:40	F944	I think this one is the best design, for a new Minnesota state flag!..
12/1/23 7:42	F944	My favorite
12/1/23 7:43	F944	I appreciate the subtle hints of the loon in this flag solid choice.
12/1/23 7:45	F944	I think this one is very eye catching
12/1/23 7:46	F944	These finalists submissions lack creativity. There were many amazing submissions that were creative and ties in mn in a meaningful and recognizable way. These do not deliver that.
12/1/23 7:48	F944	This is a nice looking image, but it's very 2023 and will not make a good flag 100 years from now. Please do not select it.
12/1/23 7:48	F944	As a Minnesota, my family and I feel this flag represents us as a state.
12/1/23 7:48	F944	As a Minnesota, my family and I feel this flag represents us as a state.
12/1/23 7:49	F944	This flag is my first choice because it evokes not only water and snow, but also the northern lights. This is the only flag design that manages to do that
12/1/23 7:52	F944	This is 2nd worst. What is it? A river? Ice? Whole family hates this one too.
12/1/23 7:54	F944	F944 is my first choice because it evokes not only water and snow, but also the northern lights. This is the only flag design that manages to do that
12/1/23 7:55	F944	I like this one
12/1/23 7:56	F944	This one's pretty good - my second choice.
12/1/23 7:56	F944	Do not like. Maybe if we live in Norway. Doesn't represent Mn.
12/1/23 7:57	F944	I love this one.
12/1/23 7:58	F944	This looks like a running shoe.
12/1/23 7:58	F944	My #2 favorite. Its swiping design and deep blue color symbolizes our waters and includes a nice star of the north likeness.
12/1/23 7:59	F944	Love it! Represents our state's waters beautifully.
12/1/23 8:00	F944	F944 is a fun design. However, I believe this will become a very dated design in the near future. Additionally, the visuals will become obscured while the banner is blowing in the wind
12/1/23 8:02	F944	Best one of the 6 choices
12/1/23 8:02	F944	Too casual. Reminds me of a sports team logo.

12/1/23 8:04	F944	This flag emerges as the paragon of my affections, for it seems to authentically embody the essence of Minnesota. Though not native to Minnesota, I find myself irrevocably enamored with the enchanting landscapes of Minnesota. Its allure is not confined to the splendor of summertime; rather, when adversities cast their shadow, a profound contemplation transpires, casting a reflective gaze upon the encompassing world. In those moments, an irresistible yearning overtakes me, beckoning me to linger and contemplate in sheer reverence. Nature, in its exquisite tapestry, serves as an eloquent mirror for humanity, wherein the reflections of our collective existence intertwine in a symphony of profound interconnectedness.
12/1/23 8:07	F944	I see a North Star, the Mighty Mississippi, lakes, loons & a beautiful sideways M that you could ice skate on, or it could be a hockey blade!!!! This one has lots of hidden gems!
12/1/23 8:08	F944	Way too busy, the commission dropped the ball narrowing choices down, there were some really good ones that represented the stated goals.
12/1/23 8:09	F944	I like the symbolism of the two rivers coming together along with the north star. might confuse people as to what the two lines are.
12/1/23 8:09	F944	Very much like this.
12/1/23 8:10	F944	This thing looks too much like a corporation logo (although every finalist flag suffers from that problem to some degree or another). No passion, soulless, everything wrong with neoliberal society. Please do not pick this thing.
12/1/23 8:11	F944	Yuk, no style, looks like a cheap snip off the internet!
12/1/23 8:14	F944	This is the most alive and dynamic of the 6 choices, with the motion created by the bending waters and clouds. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:14	F944	This is my favorite design because it symbolizes the river, North Star. It is very simple.
12/1/23 8:15	F944	looks computer generated Actually hate it
12/1/23 8:16	F944	I enjoy how this flag alludes to the northern lights as well as the many lakes located in this beautiful state.
12/1/23 8:17	F944	F944 makes me see winter, running water, and stars with its fluid lines moving together in harmony.
12/1/23 8:17	F944	I like this design, and think that it portrays the beauty of our state well. It doesn't feel overly structured like some of the other designs. I've always liked Alaska's state flag because of its simplicity, and how it stands out amidst other state flags. This design feels similar in that respect.
12/1/23 8:18	F944	I think that this flag is a very good option, I believe it suits the state of Minnesota very well. To me the colors have this Minnesota feeling to them and the design is very soothing.
12/1/23 8:19	F944	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:21	F944	Please do not pick this ugly design!!!
12/1/23 8:22	F944	This is a pretty design but not a very good flag in my opinion. It's hard to draw and replicate. Flags generally favor straight lined color blocks and I don't think Minnesota should be "trying something new" with their flag, but rather adopt something timeless.
12/1/23 8:22	F944	None of these look like a state flag, more like a soccer team flag. Try again.
12/1/23 8:23	F944	This looks like someone threw up after eating blueberry ice cream.
12/1/23 8:23	F944	This is by far my most favorite design. It is by far the most appealing design submitted. The others are too plain and I don't believe that they portray anything that says Minnesota. It is stylish, incorporating colors of MN with green for the woods and grass, the North Star and the swirling snow of winter as well as capturing the movement of water and the 10,000 plus lakes as well as the mighty Mississippi River that begins its journey right here in Minnesota!
12/1/23 8:23	F944	Best of the worst, need a loon
12/1/23 8:26	F944	This is my favorite. I love the dynamic curves and how such a simple design can reflect so much that is Minnesota
12/1/23 8:30	F944	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:31	F944	Love it
12/1/23 8:31	F944	Stunning design which represents our state in a diverse fashion.
12/1/23 8:33	F944	F944 is the best submission with the star and the wave representing snow and or water
12/1/23 8:34	F944	Stunning design which represents our state in a diverse fashion. F944
12/1/23 8:34	F944	I think this design best reflects the state of Minnesota.
12/1/23 8:34	F944	Hands down my favorite one. I would be proud to display this flag.
12/1/23 8:35	F944	I love this design! It captures everything I love about the state!

12/1/23 8:36	F944	I think this is the best design
12/1/23 8:36	F944	My eye is drawn to the right third, following the lines of the water and sky to the point where they meet. Love the sound of this, don't like execution. I don't know if it needs other colors or a minor revamp but the whole flag isn't visually appealing to me. With the leading lines, the star gets left out and turned into a minor detail. Maybe shift the sky and water meeting the middle third?
12/1/23 8:37	F944	The waves on the flag represent our lakes and will wave nicely when blowing in the wind. The other flags have stars that can confuse our flag with others.
12/1/23 8:37	F944	I like this one! I see the lakes/ivers that we all love. I see the big beautiful sky, and the North Star. It is simple and clean, but still has a message.
12/1/23 8:37	F944	This is my favorite. Beautiful flag!
12/1/23 8:40	F944	I'm not a fan of the "bending waters" and reflective clouds design;something about it looks unbalanced. The simple four-point "star" looks more like a diamond being squished than a star.
12/1/23 8:40	F944	Not bad
12/1/23 8:41	F944	I am not a huge fan of any of them, but this one draws me the most.
12/1/23 8:42	F944	In my opinion, this is the best of the final selection. I certainly didn't expect the choices to be so simple. I do wish there was a bit more on it, like a Loon, Lady Slipper. More character not so plain.
12/1/23 8:44	F944	It's terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. Its screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:44	F944	I am not fond of the snowflake. Along with many residents I do not embrace Minnesota winters, I tolerate them. I enjoy living in Minnesota for other reasons.
12/1/23 8:44	F944	I think the wavy lines of this one are too trendy and will look dated quickly. This is my bottom choice of the 6 finalists.
12/1/23 8:45	F944	I love the simplicity. And it needs no explanation to know what it represents.
12/1/23 8:47	F944	Too swoopingâ€”the design will not reflect well on a flying flag.
12/1/23 8:48	F944	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:49	F944	Truly truly ugly. And it feels dated, like those swoops designs we saw in the 80s and 90s, and so isn't classic in the way we'd want a flag to be. Please, not this one.
12/1/23 8:50	F944	Lake Country Montessori School students voted on the 6 flag finalists and they overwhelmingly voted for this flag. F29 came in second and F1435 came in third. Our 300 + students are 3 years old through 8th grade.
12/1/23 8:50	F944	I like this one it's more distinct and will look good on a flag pole
12/1/23 8:51	F944	This flag includes the colors and symbols that best represent Minnesota. I was attracted to the movement of the piece but it was an MPR report that shared the fact that the river and snow are in the abstract shape of loons. That helped me decide this flag was the winner. A few others are also nice, but this is one I can see billowing in the wind and and looking like it truly belongs in Minnesota.
12/1/23 8:54	F944	I would like to see F944 as our state flag.
12/1/23 8:55	F944	I think this flag needs an outline of the state in the back of the star to make the artistic expressions meaningful. Without showing the name or state outline on the flag, it is difficult to interpret the waving colors.
12/1/23 8:57	F944	Love the design and colors. This flag would beautiful blowing in the breeze.
12/1/23 8:57	F944	I vote NO for this. Seems a bit confusing with the swooshes.
12/1/23 8:57	F944	I realize the yellow marking in the left is intended to be a star, but it doesn't look like a star. I also fear that the wisp design will look dated within 20 years. The linear designs on the other flags are more timeless.
12/1/23 8:57	F944	I like this flag the best. The others look too simplistic and cut/paste.....
12/1/23 8:59	F944	Yes
12/1/23 9:01	F944	I like that it represents the state and mirrors the sky Mni Sota. I like the designs and looks like a river and I like the colors. I like how it looks like the northern sky and the star symbolizes the four directions.-Poppy
12/1/23 9:01	F944	I would prefer to see a Loon on our state flag!!! Of the flags in competition I would choose # F2100 or F 944 and of the Seal I would chose S224. Thank You
12/1/23 9:05	F944	I like the colors. The north star should be more like the stars on the other flags, more points. I like how it looks like a river - Mississippi and Minnesota rivers are very important in our state.
12/1/23 9:05	F944	This one is my absolute favorite. It is eye catching with a good balance of symbols and colors. I would be proud go call this my state flag!

12/1/23 9:06	F944	Feels substandard - more like a suburban city versus a state level graphic. Overly simplified and "swoopy"
12/1/23 9:06	F944	Confusing. Star is too plain. The swirls do bring some energy.
12/1/23 9:07	F944	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:07	F944	Favorite flag!
12/1/23 9:07	F944	Just realized that perhaps the comment is not linked to the image so an edit to my previous comment. F944 is my absolute favorite. It is eye catching with a good balance of symbols and colors. I would be proud go call this my state flag!
12/1/23 9:09	F944	Best of the state flag designs although, as suggested by others, I would add red eyes to the stylized loons. There are numerous flags with a star on them so using just a star does not tell an observer what state this flag represents. Adding the stylized loon, like the California bear, immediately tells the observer which state this flag represents. As a benefit the wavy loons also pay homage to the waters, snow, and auroras of Minnesota. Along with the simple star paying homage to the state Indian tribes, this design is uniquely identifies this as Minnesota's flag, unlike the flags with only a star. Just add the red eyes - done! After reading commentary by two flag experts in the Star Tribune, I have some additional thoughts. They seem to prefer a traditional star(s) and/or bars design. I would argue that this design is a star and bars design that stands out from other state/country designs with the flowing water/sky distinguishing it from other more generic star and bar design. When viewed flying on a flag pole that flowing star and bar design will stand out as distinctly Minnesota. When viewed close up, the design pays homage to symbols that are closely associated with the state. Along with the North Star, I would include the waters of the 10,000 lakes and the loon as the most common symbols that represent our state. This flag design pays homage to each of those Minnesota symbols. Further perusal of this flag design close up reveals other connections to other important state attributes. The star design reflects Minnesota's Indian heritage, the flowing green reflects both our forests and farmland, the flowing white can reflect either winter or the northern lights. To summarize, at a distance this flag presents a flowing star and bar design that would distinguish it from other star and bar flags. A close-up inspection reveals, with a little thought, a design that incorporates a connection to many symbols of our Minnesota heritage but does it in an uncluttered way. As stated above - just add the red eyes - done!
12/1/23 9:09	F944	Best design
12/1/23 9:10	F944	First choice
12/1/23 9:10	F944	I like the flowing water. This one is my favorite.
12/1/23 9:12	F944	I like this flag. It's clean, river, snow, north star, has a modern feel to it. I like it the best.
12/1/23 9:12	F944	This flag is too complex. It is not easily replicated and looks like the logo to a Real Estate agency. This will be outdated in 20 years, at least. In addition, it will look indiscernible when hanging limp on a flagpole. This would be a mistake if chosen. We need a simple, recognizable design.
12/1/23 9:14	F944	Love it!!!
12/1/23 9:15	F944	This is my first choice for the new Minnesota State Flag. Replacing the star with a more vivid multi-pointed star would improve the flag.
12/1/23 9:15	F944	This design feels more appropriate for a website or non-profit organization where the branding can be refreshed every so often. The whimsy of the design is not serious enough for a state flag and is not timeless. This will feel very dated in two to three years.
12/1/23 9:15	F944	I appreciate what this design is trying to do, but it is far too busy. It would not be discernable as a flag blowing in the wind. It should not be selected by the commission.
12/1/23 9:16	F944	I like it because the star is subtle but valid. The lines are soothing and peaceful. Just needs a hint of an outline of the state. Most of the other flags have the star too prominent and who wants all the pointy ends on a flag. Thanks
12/1/23 9:17	F944	The smooth flow of this design fits symbolically with our state of great lakes.
12/1/23 9:17	F944	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology.
12/1/23 9:17	F944	Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded.
12/1/23 9:17	F944	This says North Star, twincities, lakes & the Mississippi River.
12/1/23 9:17	F944	I believe that this flag not only shows the flowing beauty of our state it also represents the North Star. This flag has all the qualities and would fly beautifully on a flag pole. How the flag looks when it's flying and how it looks when it's hanging our major considerations that need to be looked at and I think this flag does that very very well. I thank you for reading my submission.
12/1/23 9:17	F944	F 944: I like it because the star is subtle but valid. The lines are soothing and peaceful. Just needs a hint of an outline of the state. Most of the other flags have the star too prominent and who wants all the pointy ends on a flag. Thanks
12/1/23 9:18	F944	The snow meets the Northern Lights! This design is hands down the most magnificent of all those entered. It reflects Minnesota's beauty together with its innovative cultural and artistic sweep its people bring to our beautiful planet. Please please ride this stunning new wave with us as we stand for harmony and brotherhood in the great state of Minnesota and everywhere!
12/1/23 9:19	F944	First choice! Please pick this one!

12/1/23 9:19	F944	This is a pretty flag. Doesn't quite feel 'flag-like', but very gorgeous design!
12/1/23 9:20	F944	Best design
12/1/23 9:20	F944	The snow meets the Northern Lights! This design is hands down the most magnificent of all those entered. It reflects Minnesota's beauty together with its innovative cultural and artistic sweep its people bring to our beautiful planet. Please please ride this stunning new wave with us as we stand for harmony and brotherhood in the great state of Minnesota and everywhere!
12/1/23 9:21	F944	This is my second or third favorite. I like the inclusion of our North Star. I also like how the blue represents our lakes and the white and blue swooshes look like the loon, our state bird.
12/1/23 9:21	F944	My second choice behind F29. Without background knowledge, it doesn't appear to reflect our northern reality. The river element is clear enough, and it's a good one. The white curving element is potentially puzzling. I also dislike using the aurora borealis conceptually because so few people have ever actually seen it. The design should clearly reference the common experience of all Minnesotans, this one doesn't. I also have a strong intuition that this one will look dated in time -- to my mind the curving elements already look that way: something designed by an advertising agency in the groovy 60s. Nice for a retro travel poster, not an enduring cultural emblem.
12/1/23 9:23	F944	This is too much like a corporate logo. And it does not have the timeless feel a flag should have. Don't choose this one.
12/1/23 9:24	F944	I like this the best
12/1/23 9:26	F944	This is my top design. I like the overall "flow and feel" and North Star symbology.
12/1/23 9:27	F944	This flag doesn't represent the people, only the place. Also, curves in flags don't complement the rectangular shape of a flag.
12/1/23 9:29	F944	This design is certainly the "edgiest" to me in terms of a modern look. I know that rubs a lot of experts the wrong way, but I don't have an objection on that count.  I do like the call out to the Dakota name Mni Sota in the imagery of the reflection of the sky/water pairing.  I don't agree that the star is commonly recognized as a native symbol. I think this could be done better. I do really like the gesture and attempt, however; just not the execution on this front.  I'm disappointed that this design (all of them, really) seems to miss an opportunity to better conjure anything related to the indigenous experience, history, or naming of the land. I don't think it's enough to make things right by simply remove the offensive imagery in the current flag.
12/1/23 9:29	F944	I'm not a true fan of any of the options. But of the five it's the most whimsical. Kind of reminds me of snow blowing acrossed the land on a windy day and northern lights. Also, when the flag blows in the wind the wavy colors would show more motion.
12/1/23 9:31	F944	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.
12/1/23 9:31	F944	Second best to F29. Perhaps a bit too busy for a flag, but I do keep coming back to this one. The "star" is a too simple in design, and the background is nearly black where it should be dark blue. F29 is still the best.
12/1/23 9:34	F944	Dynamic.
12/1/23 9:38	F944	This design is pretty and I like the symbolism behind it but I don't know that it meets the "easily recognizable" or "memorable" criteria for me.
12/1/23 9:40	F944	It is what our state exemplifies w our star of the north, our beautiful rivers and waterways, our beautiful skies, a tribute to our people.
12/1/23 9:40	F944	Among the Minnesota flag finalists, I would vote for this one. Although I think all of the finalist designs selected are uninspiring and do not make anyone think of Minnesota. They all look like bank symbols to me. But if our choices are among the finalist designs, this one looks the least like a bank emblem.
12/1/23 9:41	F944	Its hard to believe that of all the submissions these are the 6 chosen. I don't like any of them. I am embarrassed that any of these six would be our state flag. They remind me of a flag for a sports team not the symbol of the great state of Minnesota
12/1/23 9:42	F944	I like the idea of this one: North Star, water and snow, but it seems a little too complicated. Flag designs should be simple and easily replicated, the blue and white swooshes just seem a little too detailed. I also don't like the 4-pointed star.
12/1/23 9:44	F944	Star is a little too simple. I like the sweeping motion, but it doesn't have green---could be swooping darker blue on a field of green.
12/1/23 9:45	F944	The color scheme is too close to the Minnesota United Colors
12/1/23 9:46	F944	This is my first choice
12/1/23 9:47	F944	The inclusion of a Dakota and Ojibwe-inspired star on this design is neat. I'd love to see the star from F944 swapped into the F2100 design.
12/1/23 9:47	F944	I don't like this flag. Not really sure why.

12/1/23 9:48	F944	I like the simplicity of the north star in submission F944, but the swirling water and swirling wind/snow seems a little too spring decorative-y and less flag-y (real words?). I remember in elementary school having to draw and color flags, and I think the swirling elements in submission F944 would be too complex to reproduce for kids, and even many adults. :)
12/1/23 9:53	F944	To abstract and not representative of MN! Go back to the drawing board!
12/1/23 9:53	F944	Comments from 4th grade class: - It is color coded - I like it's design - I like the shapes of the Loon - I like how the water and sky look like the loon - I like how the blue and white stripes fade out. -
12/1/23 9:56	F944	This flag is very beautiful and displays how coordinated Minnesota is.
12/1/23 9:57	F944	I think all of the finalists did a great job of incorporating meaningful symbolism in their designs. This one is the most visually appealing to me. I love the flow of it and that it captures the essence of Minnesota.
12/1/23 9:57	F944	This is the best one. Representing the snow and water we have abundance of. Also looks most like a flag with a flowing design. This one should be our new flag.
12/1/23 9:57	F944	Elements of North Star, water, sky in the shape of loons capture a lot of imagery. Tying the star type to the seal would be a bonus, but it doesn't seem like that is likely with this and F944 which seem to be the two most eye-appealing flags.
12/1/23 9:58	F944	It is important to have a unique flag design to represent the state. This design is very unique and representative of Minnesota with its symbols
12/1/23 9:59	F944	I wanted to say all of these design choices look great and are an improvement on our current flag. Thank you for your efforts and I look forward to the final decision.
12/1/23 10:00	F944	There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!
12/1/23 10:03	F944	This flag (F944) looks like it was designed in the year 1995 in Microsoft Paint. It will not age well if chosen.
12/1/23 10:04	F944	Don't like any of the flag entries.
12/1/23 10:05	F944	This flag is the most unique, the most creative, pulls from Native American symbolism, and has a beautiful, distinct color pallet. I also love how the water resembles a loon! This is the best candidate by far.
12/1/23 10:05	F944	This is my favorite of the new flag designs. I feel like it's the perfect combination of simplicity and complexity. I love how it reflects so many different symbols of our state all at once; from the astronomical (North Star and the aurora) to the geographical (our rivers and lakes) and metereological (our snow). I also appreciate how the design features the hidden image of a loon, our state bird. This is a perfect, all encompassing flag, and I hope it will be chosen to be our state's next flag.
12/1/23 10:08	F944	The submission guidelines specified 2-3 basic colors... this has four. Also, it would be hard for a child to draw in a satisfying manner.
12/1/23 10:08	F944	Ick, start over.
12/1/23 10:09	F944	This flag is most acceptable of the six for me.
12/1/23 10:11	F944	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks more realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.
12/1/23 10:12	F944	This looks very corporate, and not like a flag. Most "good" flags (NM, Canada, Nordic cross flags) contain a form of symmetry and geometry that this flag does not really possess. Sure, the "river" in this image mirrors that of the clouds, but the star is placed somewhere else. Just like putting a symbol in the top left of a Nordic cross, it already ruins the not great symmetrical design.
12/1/23 10:14	F944	Perfect. Represents the North Star, water and a blending of seasons & people. Love this one.
12/1/23 10:15	F944	No. Looks like a logo for a kids' hockey team.
12/1/23 10:15	F944	Most interesting of the designs. Changing the white portion to include greens or purples would be more indicative of an aurora, and place this flag among a limited cadre of flags using purple, which has a history in Minnesota symbols. Otherwise, this is my preferred option as the most unique of the available designs.
12/1/23 10:16	F944	My favorite. The bending water/ snow shapes also hint at the shape of a loon.
12/1/23 10:22	F944	All options are awful. It feels like we are in an episode of the Handmaid's Tale picking a new flag for Gilead. Let's put some real thought and artistic aspect into designing a new flag if that truly is needed.
12/1/23 10:26	F944	This looks too much like a sports team logo



12/1/23 10:28	F944	1st choice
12/1/23 10:28	F944	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:29	F944	I love this flag because of the river and sky motif, I think it would be improved by adding the snowflake from the first flag to the star! Prettiest flag around
12/1/23 10:32	F944	I would love for F944 Mirror of the Sky to be selected. It's colors are associated with water and Minnesota's natural beauty, it has long lasting capacity in its simple design, emphasis on the natural landscape, and inclusion of Native symbols.
12/1/23 10:32	F944	I wish we would just keep what we have. Waste of time and money selecting new. The existing speaks to our history.
12/1/23 10:32	F944	Really dislike this design. It looks very "corporate" to me - like a logo for a retreat center. Please do not choose this one.
12/1/23 10:33	F944	Of the seal finalists, this design resonated with me to best reflect what Minnesota represents. I love the movement of the design rather than the static designs. Minnesotans are active people and the design represents the resources we are surrounded by and utilize.
12/1/23 10:35	F944	Too simple. Looks like a sports team banner. Rate at 1/10 ten is high.
12/1/23 10:36	F944	Love it! Bold, iconic.
12/1/23 10:40	F944	This is brilliant, incorporating the North star, water and loon. It is my second favorite.
12/1/23 10:41	F944	this is one is okay
12/1/23 10:44	F944	Reminiscent of the "Jazz design" disposable cups from the 90's. It has the vibe of a pharmaceutical commercial. This one is guaranteed to make the top of any future "Worst State Flag" lists. No one should take this design seriously.
12/1/23 10:46	F944	I like the fact that this proposed flag has a North Star and ribbons that look like water.
12/1/23 10:48	F944	While I do not prefer any of the submissions, of any, this would be my choice. The common refrain with my comments is that I think it'd be advantageous to have another round of selections. Designs have some great details on their own, but in terms of color scheme and elements that more broadly represent Minnesota, I'd prefer to have another round of submissions and selections.
12/1/23 10:53	F944	First choice! But only with editing. Give it the white star from F2100. Four points is not a star; it's a car logo, or maybe an ad for Diamond Lil's.
12/1/23 10:53	F944	This would be my choice. Feels sort of like a sports logo, but I like that it has curved lines instead of just straight lines like the other flags.
12/1/23 10:53	F944	This looks like a city logo and not a flag in my opinion. The curved lines appear dated already and look bad on a flag.
12/1/23 10:54	F944	Not only is this flag a great representation of Minnesota from an artistic standpoint, it also represents Minnesota from a symbolic standpoint perfectly. I think this is a perfect flag to represent our great state of Minnesota!
12/1/23 10:56	F944	no, too abstract
12/1/23 10:57	F944	Boring, too plain, needs more regarding Mn
12/1/23 10:58	F944	I think this is the best one but I don't like any of them. The seal and the flag should represent each other and I think you have a winner in the seal with the loon. Now I would revisit the flag and find something that fits with that seal. Something that represents our state well, is timeless, not trendy or modern, but something that fits well with other states and will fit well with what a classic state flag should be. The sad thing about all this is that the original flag showed that the early settlers can coexist with the natives peacefully, but now the native presence is being driven off our flag as well. I don't think history will look well on this whole decision.
12/1/23 11:00	F944	This design is too busy to be seen clearly at a distance.
12/1/23 11:02	F944	Beautiful image! Please select this for our next Minnesota state flag.
12/1/23 11:05	F944	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design
12/1/23 11:06	F944	graceful, simple, echoes water, sky, snow, and has 4-point star. Could go with a white star or more points. Attractive and unique. LOVE this one!
12/1/23 11:07	F944	The wavy lines will not look good years down the road. It's too 2023.
12/1/23 11:09	F944	This one is decent, maybe with one of the more intricate stars?
12/1/23 11:09	F944	Best of the six choices. Shows water snow in the North Star.
12/1/23 11:11	F944	This design looks cool, but it's more graphic design than flag. It strikes me as (very cool) corporate branding but not a great flag.
12/1/23 11:11	F944	This flag captures the movement of the aurora borealis. It looks good when static or moving. It makes sense in all seasons. It also has a very subtle and abstract loon for those who are disappointed no loons were chosen.

12/1/23 11:14	F944	I think this flag looks like it belongs to a city government. I'm not sure why, but it just doesn't seem like a great option for a state flag.
12/1/23 11:15	F944	Love it!
12/1/23 11:16	F944	This design is the least offensive of the unacceptable designs
12/1/23 11:16	F944	I love this design. I like the combination of river and sky, and inclusion of the north star. It is simple and modern, and will stand out among other state flags. This flag is my top choice.
12/1/23 11:16	F944	I like this flag design the best out of the options presented. I appreciate the representation of the north star, as well as the wave designs that could be interpreted multiple ways like our waters, sky, snow, clouds, northern lights, and maybe even loons.
12/1/23 11:17	F944	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:18	F944	I really like how it represents the snow and water in Minnesota. I think it really shows who we are as a state.
12/1/23 11:19	F944	Looks more like a sports team logo than a state flag.
12/1/23 11:20	F944	I appreciate that this design shows our confidence in our state and how the meaning of our name. I appreciate that it shows the clouds reflecting off the water. I think it could be more detailed. Overall, well done! I really enjoyed this design.
12/1/23 11:21	F944	I feel this is the best choice of the finalists. It is simple and invokes snow and water more instantly than the representative color bands in the other flags.
12/1/23 11:21	F944	This is the best, looks like loons. However the star needs to be different. Use the star from the design w green on the bottom, a white line separating the blue on top. Love that star!
12/1/23 11:22	F944	Add Loon, center on water. Add snowflake upper left or inside star. As to the Loon not being "common in all parts of the state". If the whole state was like southern MN (where I grew up) we would have no identity at all.
12/1/23 11:22	F944	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:24	F944	Really like this design! It's bold and distinctive and I feel it does represent what makes MN unique, like the Mississippi River (which should be included on any MN state flag in my opinion), the lakes, the vast sky, the north star, snow, and water.
		After much debate from the committee about not wanting to choose a design that would feel modern now, and dated in 20 years, it was extremely disappointing to see this design make it to the top 6 then. It feels like a flag designed solely in 2023, and is not going to stand the test of time. Consider the North Star Flag, or other state Flags such as Colorado, New Mexico, or even South Carolina. Those designs were not created in 2023, but if someone told you otherwise, it would be hard not to believe them.  The only good part about this design is the shape of the star. But otherwise this design is way to busy, and none of the proposed tweaks would be able to fix it either.  I would like to ask the committee to reconsider their decision to exclude the North Star Flag in the finalists. it's a very popular flag, and should have been included because of its design merits, and the beloved status of it!
12/1/23 11:25	F944	I hope the committee will consider my comments!
12/1/23 11:25	F944	This submission actually looks pleasing. Add our state name.
12/1/23 11:25	F944	I like the concept and colors of this submission. I think it's unique and reflects our state. It is a bit "cartoonish" but I think that's okay; to me it's a bit reminiscent of the California state flag. This may be my favorite; the others that top off my list are F1953 and F2100.
12/1/23 11:26	F944	Looks too much like a sports logo
12/1/23 11:26	F944	Awful. I look at the flag and there is nothing that would tell me it is the Minnesota flag. Looks like something religious. All remind me of the Star of David.
12/1/23 11:29	F944	Looks like a sporting event flag
12/1/23 11:29	F944	Looks like a sporting event flag
12/1/23 11:32	F944	I like this one.
12/1/23 11:35	F944	F944

12/1/23 11:38	F944	I admire the design's symmetry & simplicity: Bright colors & strong lines impart movement which portrays progress, action & direction. Visibly bold, this graphic will print easily on any medium. Clearly represents all that is distinctive & unitive among Minnesotans.
12/1/23 11:39	F944	I love how inclusive and graceful but still dynamic and intentional this design is. Just like Minnesota. :)
12/1/23 11:41	F944	Please choose this design. It encompasses so much that is quintessential Minnesota, including the stylized loons that can be seen in the swirls of water and snow.
12/1/23 11:42	F944	If the flag must be changed, this is the best design of the final selections
12/1/23 11:43	F944	I vote for F994 it's the least boring.
12/1/23 11:43	F944	This flag looks more suitable as a design for a sports team and not for a whole state.
12/1/23 11:43	F944	The North Star Flag by Lee Herold should be considered. This design is far from simple.
12/1/23 11:45	F944	Like all but 1 of the patterns, it is devoid of living nature, plants & animals. UNLESS, a red dot was put in each of the "heads" of the 2 swirls, to be symbolic of the loon, which they could represent.
12/1/23 11:45	F944	This is the number one pick. Why not have a flat out vote?
12/1/23 11:45	F944	The options are great if the goal is a corporate logo. None are appropriate for any state flag, much less Minnesota. The emphasis on the star is like the Somalia flag. What about our wildlife, forests, lakes (not rivers)?
12/1/23 11:46	F944	This is my favorite flag submission. It is beautiful and symbolic at the same time.
12/1/23 11:47	F944	This is my first choice among the finalists for the state flag. The Native American heritage complements the natural beauty of the land, waters, and sky. Well done!
12/1/23 11:48	F944	i strongly disapprove of this design. Every state has rivers and stars. Low quality image that does not appropriately represent the flag of a this great state.
12/1/23 11:50	F944	F944 is the least worst design of the final selections. Of the available options, this would be my pick
12/1/23 11:51	F944	This looks incredibly dated already, and will look even more so over time.
12/1/23 11:53	F944	1st choice
12/1/23 11:55	F944	I strongly approve of Minnesota redesigning the flag-- it needs it! This one in particular is not a good option, however. It looks like it could be a logo for a bank or credit union. Will this one age well? Will it look good in 10, 20, 50 years? Please reconsider asking the Legislature for more time for the commission to design and choose a new state flag. Let's put time and money into making a great symbol for our state. The final 6 options aren't great.
12/1/23 11:57	F944	I did not get northern lights out of this at all, maybe if the top swirl had corresponding color to it, of the six this is at least toward the top but I don't care for any of them. It is like we are afraid to show anything about Minnesota because one small area might not feel it represents them. for 165 years our state symbols have been good enough. I like the idea of the Mississippi river being represented- I would suggest including something that does represent southern MN--a head of wheat, etc so there are several items representing the different parts of the state. Every thing does not have to be for your little part of the state when we are so diversified in topography etc.
12/1/23 11:59	F944	Strongly dislike this- it looks like a soccer team logo
12/1/23 12:00	F944	Love this one!
12/1/23 12:01	F944	Mirror of Sky
12/1/23 12:03	F944	Where are the loons? Prefer F29 of the flag finalists.

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11/22/23 14:30	F1154	The star should be yellow to stand out.
11/22/23 14:45	F1154	F1154 is ok but kind of boring.
11/22/23 14:54	F1154	This flag looks more like a flag than F29. Clean and evocative.
11/22/23 15:10	F1154	F1154: I like it but it reminds me of a Scandinavian design, which seems then to represent just a portion of our population.
11/22/23 15:11	F1154	This is okay, but the colors are bad and there should be a better color in the middle of the star.
11/22/23 15:56	F1154	As a proud MN lifer. This flag feels instantly ownable and accessible to Minnesotans in a very universal way. It is well designed, easy to remember and simple to understand. This flag feels right.
11/22/23 15:58	F1154	It is a modern look with vibrant colours, yet still retains a classic feel. It naturally drawn into the center and the many layers of symbolism.
11/22/23 16:03	F1154	I love the star, symmetry, and simplicity of the flag! It's easily recognizable but unique to the state. I also like that it is just the star. I know things can be political with different groups within the state but I think we can all find beauty and unite in the North Star. We are the North Star state!
11/22/23 16:04	F1154	I love this option! It's one of my two immediate favorites of the finalists. It encompasses a lot of symbolism without being too busy. I love the nod to water, snow and the North Star. I also like that the design elements evoke the traditional shapes of both indigenous and Scandinavian craft.
11/22/23 16:19	F1154	This design is so amazing! It is so balanced and it just feels like MN!
11/22/23 16:45	F1154	Why does this remind me of a health industry logo? Or an outdoors hiking store? Or a bank, or life insurance, or state government? It's very generic. Maybe that's good, it's a blank slate, people can read anything into it. It is appropriately simple. The design isn't terrible, but maybe it could be jazzed up with better contrasting colors. As it stands it doesn't seem official enough.
11/22/23 16:50	F1154	Fine flag -- though it looks more like a quilt, I appreciate that more was done to at least make it more than a simple symbol on a single color field. However, the colors definitely need to be tweaked if this one is chosen; that blue is a little blinding and doesn't mesh well with that shade of green. Maybe some darker shades.
11/22/23 17:04	F1154	F29. Nice. Maybe too quilt like.
11/22/23 17:05	F1154	This flag embodies what good flag design is. Simple, memorable, and it just feels Minnesotan. This design above the other finalists has a lasting aesthetic that can be embraced for the long haul. By elevating it, it will also show the world that Minneapolis is home to incredible artists and designers as well.
11/22/23 17:10	F1154	This is the one.
11/22/23 17:12	F1154	This flag really encapsulates Minnesota in a unique way
11/22/23 17:17	F1154	The clear winner in the bunch. A flag should be simple enough that a child could draw it. Yet complex enough that it makes those flying it proud of all that it represents. This one passes both tests.
11/22/23 17:20	F1154	love this one!!!
11/22/23 17:31	F1154	LOVE THIS ONE
11/22/23 17:34	F1154	I very much want to like this design, and I feel like it's almost there. I think the colors are an opportunity for tweaking, in particular. For one, the star-within-star should not be the same color as the lower half of the background. Perhaps try it in a golden color? Additionally, I think different shades of blue and green could be a big benefit here - either darker or lighter could be stronger, but these particular shades feel off.
11/22/23 17:36	F1154	STOP this NONSENSE, LEAVE OUR CURRENT FLAG IN PLACE.
11/22/23 17:38	F1154	THIS SUBMISSION MEANS NOTHING SAYS NOTHING, DOES NOTHING TO REPRESENT OUR STATE.
11/22/23 17:38	F1154	F1154 is the best of the finalists. There were some better options that were overlooked.
11/22/23 17:39	F1154	Looks like it was done in photoshop by a kindergartener. You have to be delusional to think this is appropriate for our state flag.
11/22/23 17:52	F1154	The best!!! Perfect representation of this great state!! Love this one!!
11/22/23 17:56	F1154	Clear win!
11/22/23 18:01	F1154	Really like how simple this is. Maybe the colors need adjusting- the north star would stand out more if it were yellow perhaps but in terms of a memorable flag and being iconic, this has it all.
11/22/23 18:04	F1154	The best of the options! Simple, bold and clear. I'd definitely fly it proudly!
11/22/23 18:10	F1154	Genius use of negative space. Strong, iconic and supremely scalable. Similar symbols as other entrants, but the simplicity, craft and refinement make it stand out above the others. It will last for generations.

11/22/23 18:10	F1154	This is number one for me. I love the two stars, and how they are built on a clever interplay of positive and negative space. I also think the subtle rounded edges of the negative space inside the inner star is a nice touch and takes it away from being all hard edges. I also love the color - this color combination is very Minnesota. It is used by the State Fair, the most Minnesota of things, and represents to me our states beautiful forests and plentiful water. Also a nice clever touch is that the color banding does not run through the inner star. It's another subtle touch that I think makes this feel very well considered while also possessing the minimalism that is so critical to a great state flag.
11/22/23 18:26	F1154	This is my favorite flag. Strong, bold, cheerful and has a timeless simplicity.
11/22/23 18:35	F1154	This one is my favorite!
		No.No.Please No. It didn't even make my top 250 list. It is the second WORST finalist. Negatives: - It's a logo, not really a Minnesota flag design. - Whose quilt is it? Can't tell with this flag. - Do not like the use of color. The bottom half of the inner star should be green. Positives: OK, it's not a five-point generic star. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1.use this star to replace the star on F799 or F1465, or: 2.use this star to replace the snowflake on F682.
11/22/23 18:35	F1154	A BETTER IDEA: Replace in its entirety with F873, F1235, or F1917.
11/22/23 18:45	F1154	Love this graphic! Reminds me of snow and the compass rose.
11/22/23 19:02	F1154	This is my favorite " so smart and simple, truly iconic! I would be so thrilled to see this design become the MN flag. The symbolism and aesthetic is strong, inclusive, and will stand the test of time.
11/22/23 19:52	F1154	Nope. Again. A star. That does not "say" "north"
11/22/23 19:54	F1154	This flag design is an improvement over our current state flag, but there are better flag submissions. This design is good, but not great.
11/22/23 20:07	F1154	I love the color contrast and how the design melts into the flag but it's also simple and beautiful!
		Awful A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:  (1) Loon/Star combo " F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409, (2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo " F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073, (3) Star Only " F318, F1472, (4) Loon Only " F959 (5) MN and Star combo " F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650
11/22/23 20:42	F1154	
11/22/23 20:59	F1154	Been playing around with it. It's only just OK. Needs some horizon breaks - we see them as triangles pointing inward to the star shape. Needs a minor color change. Maybe swap green and blue order in the fess. Maybe red star for the loon eye or the lost red text of Minnesota. Overall score 3 out of ten - you can do so much better with work you through away. Please contact us vexillologists.
11/22/23 21:00	F1154	Green and blue touching is a vexillological nightmare. Why do all the options look like a phone company logo or a quilt.
11/22/23 21:17	F1154	F1154 I think is the most eye-catching of the finalists, and I very much like that it incorporates Dakota design, and that it manages to combine that with the Nordic Snowflake. I also appreciate the lighter tones used in the blue and green. I find myself longing to fly this.
11/22/23 21:28	F1154	This looks like a company logo to me.
11/22/23 21:30	F1154	Has my vote
11/22/23 21:33	F1154	This flag captures the essence and elegance of the state, really nicely done
11/22/23 21:45	F1154	F1154. Again with the snowflake? We're a wintery cold state and we're a state that leans liberal politically. Why would we make the flag a snowflake? NO.

11/22/23 21:57	F1154	This design represents all the best aspects of being a Minnesotan in such an elegant and sophisticated way. I would be proud to fly this flag.
11/22/23 22:07	F1154	Nothing recognizable relating to MN. Again, grandma's quilt.
11/22/23 22:07	F1154	Love this design! Bold, modern and clean.
11/22/23 22:13	F1154	Great design. I like how simple and clean it is while still being bold and expressive. Hope to see this up on the flag pole next year.
		This flag uses a nice and simple geometric design. That strength is also a significant shortcoming, however. The precision by which the 4-pointed star fits into the 8-pointed star is suggestive of the algorithms that generate computer screensavers -- it's elegant math and fun to look at, but ultimately forgettable and devoid of meaning.
11/22/23 22:25	F1154	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/22/23 22:32	F1154	Do not care for this at all....way too geometric
11/22/23 23:23	F1154	I think this design is perfect. It's captures so much about Minnesota while being so simple and bold and recognizable. Terrific!! A++
11/22/23 23:28	F1154	The simple beauty and boldness really shows in this submission! It has my vote!
11/22/23 23:43	F1154	All these designs look like were designed by 7 yr olds on Microsoft Paint or the people that homogenized the UND Fighting Sioux logo into the postal service hawks.
11/23/23 0:13	F1154	Make the star in the middle yellow/gold and slightly modify the colors of the blue and green to different shades and this is perfect
11/23/23 0:54	F1154	Is it a vagina or a butthole? Oh a star and snowflake? Snowflakes only have six points.
11/23/23 2:35	F1154	This one is artless. i don't hate the design, but looks like 5 mins in Microsoft paint. Reduce the size of the snowflake design and choose a better color palette.
		As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for its strong focus on the central North Star. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, the overlapping blue and white stars in the centre make the North Star appear "empty" or "broken", regardless of its original intention. Secondly, there are major contrast issues between the green and blue that break the "rule of tincture" that Ted Kaye mentioned to you and that would limit visibility for colour-blind individuals, limiting its inclusiveness (a major consideration for your commission). Thirdly, the positions of the colours do not represent Minnesota's landscape effectively, as it purports to place the green land above the blue sky. There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 3:22	F1154	
11/23/23 5:22	F1154	Another credit union logo. Pass!
		The shades of blue and green sear my eyes. They don't look natural together because they're both bold tones of their respective colors. From afar, the white star, looks like it has been shot or punched out in the middle... kind of like the gut punching when I saw this design was picked because this much green on the flag represents Islam not natural resources. Oh! How the old flag must be my Rosebud if this hideous design is the chosen one.
11/23/23 7:27	F1154	
11/23/23 8:32	F1154	F1154 - This looks like a logo for a snowmobile or electric company. I like the brighter colors (compared to darker colors in other designs), but hate the star(s) in the middle. This one is also overly simplistic.
		The overall concept of this flag is not bad, but it needs a lot of work on the details. The interior white star looks very amateurish and could use a contrasting outline along with a professional redrawing
		The blue and green should match the color shades used on state websites.
		It would be nice to see yellow included in the design.
11/23/23 9:22	F1154	I do not particularly like this flag as it is too abstracted and does not symbolize much about Minnesota. it is however an aesthetic design and definitely could work given some professional editing
11/23/23 9:29	F1154	Lovely, strong, meaningful design.
11/23/23 11:14	F1154	I appreciate the simplicity of this design!
11/23/23 13:36	F1154	When I talk with others, this flag always comes up last when ranking the submissions. The inside of the "M" star is just 'icky' feeling to me. The colors don't seem to help much either.
11/23/23 13:53	F1154	Too simple, Too boring. Not a unique message about Minnesota. Do we want winter to so heavily represent our state.

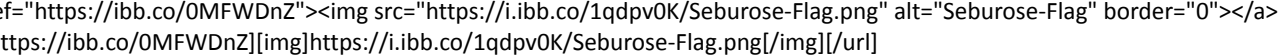
11/23/23 14:15	F1154	I'm not excited about any of the flags but I like this concept the best. The flag is clearly the harder design problem. Maybe the winning seal should be adapted for use as the flag;the seal submissions were more interesting overall I thought.
11/23/23 14:57	F1154	Not sure how this represents our state. Too ugly
11/23/23 15:44	F1154	This flag is simple yet elegant. I would be proud to see this flag flying all around our state.
11/23/23 16:01	F1154	No
11/23/23 16:42	F1154	Out of all the finalists this feels strong but it need simplification. Just use the center four pointed star and make it white. Or eliminate the center blue star and replace it with a white interior.
11/23/23 19:02	F1154	This is one of my least favorite finalists, but it would be better if the star in the center was yellow instead of blue
11/23/23 22:29	F1154	I love this simple yet beautiful design representative of l��™Etoile du Nord!
11/23/23 22:56	F1154	While this flag bears an extremely simple solution, it also sends a bold, single-minded message about land, water, sky, stars, and seasons.
11/23/23 23:26	F1154	I really like the design of this flag, but the star isn��™t as eye-catching as the other! It is probably my 5th favorite design.
11/24/23 0:09	F1154	No NO!
11/24/23 4:29	F1154	This is close to looking like something, but comes up short. The star in the middle should be yellow. Even better, just use the North Star Flag!
11/24/23 8:12	F1154	I love this design. It is smart and appropriately simple, capturing the character and elements of Minnesota in a way that makes me proud!
11/24/23 8:21	F1154	As a graphic designer, I view all of the six finalist designs as extremely juvenile and amateurish. I really think there should be another round of submissions. However, some may work with some variations. This one might do well to have the white area a symmetrical eight point star shape with a gold shape of Minnesota in the center and a white horizontal line where the green meets the blue.
11/24/23 9:04	F1154	This flag is one of the best of the finalists. I've recreated it and tried different colors which I think would allow it to stand out much better. Flipping the green and blue so blue is on top, making both a bit more standard/ darker and even making the center 4 star gold add a lot. Lots of potential.
11/24/23 10:10	F1154	This would be great without the inscribed four pointed star.
11/24/23 11:41	F1154	I think it's difficult to design a flag that is iconic without feeling overly simplistic, and similarly enough to design something that is flexible enough so that it can support multiple color schemes without feeling like it ultimately says nothing about a place or its communities. This flag manages to capture the north star that is so emblematic of Minnesota while also evoking the poignancy of a flower in full bloom. I think the juxtaposition of blue on the bottom of the flag, and green on the top, also manages to communicate the context of so much of Minnesota's culture being centered on meeting where land and water meet.
11/24/23 11:47	F1154	The colors are too close - and they feel like randomly chosen shades. Why is the inside of the star/snowflake blue? Why not a new color? Symbolism outside the basic blue, green, white, and star or snowflake is unclear to me.
11/24/23 12:00	F1154	This is a wonderful design and would be proud to fly it.
11/24/23 12:08	F1154	BORING. Doesn't say Minnesota. Pass on this one.
11/24/23 12:11	F1154	Perfection!
11/24/23 12:55	F1154	This is a good 2nd choice. 1953 is best. Could the star snowflake be changed a bit in the middle? But just pick 1953.
11/24/23 13:37	F1154	Personally, I think this is not a good-looking, unique or memorable flag. I thought there were far better comparable submissions, such as F205. I do not think this flag should be considered for our state flag.
11/24/23 13:43	F1154	Like this one!
11/24/23 13:45	F1154	I like that this uses all three main state colors of white, blue, and green while keeping the north star theme. Maybe come tweaks of the colors matching up better with already established colors in state imagery? For the star in the center I personally still prefer the design of F29
11/24/23 14:10	F1154	It's OK. Looks more like a corporate logo. The colors are certainly appropriate for a state that will still have water (and therefore green) when other places have become arid and crispy. Relatively easy to describe from memory, which is good, just kind of boring.
11/24/23 14:15	F1154	What does this have to do with Minnesota?
11/24/23 14:59	F1154	Love this classy and beautiful design. l��™d look forward to buying merch with this for my Minnesota family!!!
11/24/23 15:14	F1154	I love how this design encompasses the beauty of Minnesota no matter the season. Blue for fresh water, beautiful evergreens and forestry, and of course crisp, white snow.
11/24/23 16:12	F1154	No

11/24/23 16:21	F1154	This design is modern, beautiful and well designed! I would love to see this flying across Minnesota.
11/24/23 16:34	F1154	What a beautiful design to represent a beautiful state. I LOVE it!
11/24/23 16:57	F1154	I find the green to be especially harsh in this design, and the shape around the star to be a bit confusing and awkward. It doesn't scream Minnesota to me like some of the others do.
11/24/23 17:25	F1154	Yuck! Not at all stately.
11/24/23 17:37	F1154	This looks like a Middle Eastern design, not Minnesota
11/24/23 18:06	F1154	Please don't use any of these 6 for the flag. They don't measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:26	F1154	It looks like a quilt block. Not something I would want my state flag to look like.
11/24/23 18:29	F1154	All respect to the creator of this submission, but I think it's too plain for our state flag.
11/24/23 19:01	F1154	Make this one the flag please
11/24/23 19:02	F1154	This one is really ugly
11/24/23 19:25	F1154	A very handsome design! strong yet elegant and graceful.
11/24/23 19:34	F1154	Magnificent design that the population can be proud of. The color combination is more unusual and well represents land and water.
11/24/23 19:42	F1154	Bold, simple, and would be iconic flying from a flag pole or worn proudly on a hat! Minnesota would be represented well with such a great flag.
11/24/23 20:03	F1154	Awful. Unimaginative, dull, and meaningless. In no way does this represent Minnesota. No observable connection to Minnesota at all. Terrible.
11/24/23 20:06	F1154	I don't like the colors or design.
11/24/23 20:06	F1154	I live this simple, but striking design.
11/24/23 20:07	F1154	This is fantastic! Without question I can see this beauty flying, representing the State of Minnesota. Well done.
11/24/23 20:20	F1154	This looks like something from communist china. Something Tim walz would be proud of
11/24/23 20:33	F1154	ðŸ¥±
11/24/23 20:34	F1154	Nothing about this says "Minnesota"
11/24/23 20:37	F1154	Love it. Simple but tells alot about Minnesota
11/24/23 20:42	F1154	Another barn quilt design. There is nothing Minnesota about this design.
11/24/23 21:39	F1154	F1154: the center star should be yellow.
11/24/23 21:43	F1154	Beautiful design! The star of the north representation evokes Nordic design elements and Ojibwe pictographs in a clean simple design. Versatile, elegant iconography
11/24/23 21:45	F1154	F1154. Kind of nice, actually. Green base to represent our beautiful countryside with forests and farm land. The top half is blue to represent our status as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" along with Lake Superior. A giant snowflake in the middle to acknowledge the reality here. What the blue thing is in the middle of the snowflake is I do not know but it makes me feel happy, as if we as a state have a positive attitude. I could live with this as our flag.
11/24/23 21:48	F1154	Beautiful design! The star of the north representation evokes Nordic design elements and Ojibwe pictographs in a clean simple design. Versatile, elegant iconography
11/24/23 21:56	F1154	This is pure silliness. Keep our current flag.
11/24/23 22:39	F1154	I like this one the best.
11/24/23 22:56	F1154	F1154 Colors look like it should be the state fair flag more than the state flag.
11/24/23 23:09	F1154	This is gorgeous, timeless, and inspiring.
11/25/23 0:14	F1154	F1154 is absolutely hideous.
11/25/23 5:34	F1154	Please lose the quilted designs. And this is coming from a quilter. Just don't want it for our state flag
11/25/23 6:53	F1154	This color scheme makes me want to jump into the sun. In a bad way.
11/25/23 7:18	F1154	Junk
11/25/23 7:19	F1154	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:42	F1154	It sucks



11/25/23 7:45	F1154	The scale and pattern of this design feels balanced. I love the sharp outer edges of the 8 point star that also look like Ms, and the soft inner edges that make the star. I like that the field is split, like a horizon line, adding compositional complexity while still remaining clean and simple enough for anyone to draw from memory! Great, strong design. Colors could be tweaked, or a fourth color could be added - maybe a yellow center star? Beautiful!
11/25/23 7:50	F1154	I do not like this flag or the others that clearly show a Scandinavian geometric design/style. Minnesota is a very diverse state and choosing a flag with clear design elements that represent only one cultural background is not appropriate for a flag meant to represent us all.
11/25/23 7:54	F1154	Beautiful design!!!! Practical.
11/25/23 7:54	F1154	Unique bold design
11/25/23 8:05	F1154	Ugly
11/25/23 8:22	F1154	No, I wouldn't associate this with MN.
11/25/23 8:24	F1154	F1154 color choices feel plain. Perhaps the design is good, but the colors feel wrong for us.
11/25/23 8:24	F1154	Reminds me to much of the Middle East.
11/25/23 8:26	F1154	All flags are horrible
11/25/23 8:28	F1154	This flag design is growing on me more and more. I like that the star design is so unique and also looks like 4 arrows pointing inwards. To me this looks like a star that brings everyone together.
11/25/23 8:36	F1154	F1154 is the best of the bunch, it is simple, recognize, and easily replicable
11/25/23 8:37	F1154	I don't care for this design at all.
11/25/23 8:48	F1154	Won't be able to see it from far away. 5 pointed star works better. Child can't recreate it.
11/25/23 8:49	F1154	Reminds me of New Mexico. Might be a good place to be soon. A lot warmer right now.
11/25/23 8:53	F1154	Underwhelming. Boring. We can do better.
11/25/23 9:13	F1154	F1154 is my SECOND choice. It seems to be the most inclusive. (Not that flags must be inclusive, but if an icon gives a nod to several groups of people -- cool.) It is simple enough for 5-year-old to recreate while having some meaningful icons. The design eludes to the stars from barn quilts and Ojibwe culture, which is similar to Nordic snowflake designs. Green represents crops and/or forests;blue represents lakes.
11/25/23 9:20	F1154	This would be my number 4 choice
11/25/23 9:21	F1154	Doesn't look bold enough. Just say no.
11/25/23 9:33	F1154	The blue and green clash too much. It should be a solid background if just one color
11/25/23 9:34	F1154	Love this entry. Should be the new Minnesota flag
11/25/23 9:49	F1154	This is bland and awful
11/25/23 10:10	F1154	This looks like a church logo for an evangelical Christian church that's rebranding itself. Please, I beg you, do not go with this one.
11/25/23 10:20	F1154	Love this flag! Number F1154
11/25/23 10:56	F1154	This flag design is the most successful at displaying the flag design principles.  I think it would look better with angles of the star coming to a point rather than having a slight curve. The curves create an awkward tension between the middle star and outer pattern.  I would like to also see the colors adjusted to create more contrast between the upper and lower sections.  Thanks!
11/25/23 11:05	F1154	This flag is a rather pleasant flag to look at. It follows the NAVA guidelines well, and carries some meaningful symbolism in the design. The design isn't all that interesting, but is certainly one of the better flags of the top 6. The two stars are integrated very naturally, not forced as a design, which is great.  But while certainly a better design than the other top 6, it's still not the most interesting design, and something like the North Star Flag could work better. I would like to ask the committee once again to reconsider the North Star as an option for a finalist, and to hear what the public has to say about it.

11/25/23 11:08	F1154	NO QUILTS!
11/25/23 11:10	F1154	Lovely color balance and meaning within not only the mark itself but the balance of the blue and green background. Wondering if the star should be either the full height of the flag or a little smaller to have more breathing room around it. The implicit Ms within the four elements making up the outer portion of the star is so clever. Although I do think that if that was slightly more evident to a less trained eye (Iâ€™m a graphic designer myself) it could be more broadly accepted and adopted by the masses.
11/25/23 11:17	F1154	Love the simplicity of this one! Clean and adaptable to many contexts
11/25/23 11:51	F1154	The design does make an impact but a large geometric shape in the middle of the flag makes me think of New Mexico's flag instead of Minnesota
11/25/23 11:57	F1154	Love this for the North Star state!
11/25/23 12:09	F1154	This flag is gorgeous! Simple and eye catching but still interesting
11/25/23 12:34	F1154	(F1154) This is a smart design and other than adjusting the hues a bit, works well. I'm just missing personality in it. For me, it simply doesn't say Minnesota like F29. It has a more corporate logo feel. I still much prefer it over F944 or F1435.
11/25/23 13:12	F1154	This flag is by far my favorite of the submissions. The Ms, the snowflake, and the north star just make sense for our state. I would be interested in shifting the tones of blue and green and potentially making the centernost star yellow instead of blue.
11/25/23 13:13	F1154	This looks like tangram art, which more belongs in an elementary School classroom.
11/25/23 13:59	F1154	Could the flag jave the three systems in MN? Northern forests, city and prairie? The flag needs to mean something qhen you lo9k at it.
11/25/23 14:13	F1154	Looks like one of Grandma's quilt squares. No.
11/25/23 14:27	F1154	This is a bland representation of our vast and beautiful state.
11/25/23 14:30	F1154	Terrible. Zero percent MN.
11/25/23 14:43	F1154	No
11/25/23 15:11	F1154	No
11/25/23 15:25	F1154	Again, we are trying to choose a design for a flag not a barn quilt.
11/25/23 15:34	F1154	Nice design!
11/25/23 15:40	F1154	I like the green.
11/25/23 15:59	F1154	F1154. Not too many objections but just kind of dull and simple. Could incorporate a different color into the star.
11/25/23 16:26	F1154	I love this flag, it stands out the most and would like this to be the State flag.
11/25/23 16:34	F1154	F1154 is the best of the designs that have the plus symbol on them. All of these are bad, but this is the least bad. It looks like a trivet I'd put hot food on. Not flag material.
11/25/23 16:46	F1154	This is exactly like a design on a scandinavian mitten and does not at all remind one of the north star. I'm not sure why people submitted so many north star designs that look like they should be on mittens and not on a state flag.
11/25/23 17:19	F1154	Love this design!
11/25/23 17:54	F1154	I'm not the biggest fan but if I was to change it I would make the star in the middle instead of being solid blue I would make it half blue half green but flipped from the background so blue is on top and green is on the bottom.
11/25/23 18:16	F1154	Horrible
11/25/23 18:25	F1154	Love the colors & simplicity of design!
11/25/23 19:03	F1154	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the submissions to redesign the Minnesota state flag. Submission F1154 would make an okay flag. The alt design for this submission is one I suggest the commission consider in place of the main submission.
11/25/23 19:14	F1154	Flag F1154 is so fresh, balanced, elegant, representative. It will stand the rest of time.
11/25/23 19:29	F1154	I really like this design but dislike the colors. I think if you used the navy on the left and center green line color from flag F1953 it would look really outstanding.
11/25/23 19:33	F1154	First impression is it is a Girl Scout Logo
11/25/23 19:42	F1154	I relive the design of F1154 but dislike the colors. I think if you used the navy on the left and green of the center line color from flag F1953 it would elevate the look of F1154 and it would look really outstanding. The kelly green and royal blue in F1154 remind me of so many high schools with those colors.
11/25/23 19:47	F1154	Love the design.

		<p>This flag is the best of the finalist. It combines a number of meaningful elements in a very simple and elegant way. There is also some room for interpretation.</p> <p>The green and blue color combination is clearly a winner, as it was by far the most dominate color scheme across all submission, and for very good reason.</p>
11/25/23 20:19	F1154	The 8-pointed Lakota star (also a snowflake) is present in several other designs. But scale, simplicity, and placement feels like the right approach.
11/25/23 20:32	F1154	I used to Google lens on this image and it revealed that it was very close and easy to be mistaken with a political flag from South America. No.
11/25/23 20:43	F1154	Who designed these? Where are the submissions from Minneapolis's best designers? Little& Co, Sharon Werner, Duffy???
11/25/23 20:44	F1154	The absolute best!
11/25/23 20:55	F1154	This flag is horrible. Reminds me of israeli flag crossed with a communist country flag or south American country. I love israel but lets keep this a Minnesota look.
11/25/23 21:03	F1154	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:24	F1154	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 22:15	F1154	Whoever voted for this design should be immediately removed from the committee
11/25/23 22:18	F1154	Ugh
11/25/23 23:08	F1154	This flag design is my favorite of the finalists. It manages to be bold and simple -- but also contains number of meaningful symbols. I also like how it works with the seal by the same designer.
		<p>This is one of three finalists that I would be interested in flying. Albeit with alterations.</p> <p>It starts off with a good base that is seen in other flags around the world. A simple two-tone base of green and blue that are placed on the design to give a good horizontal symmetry to work with where you can clearly identify the center line of the flag. Along with an easy to draw set of stars, rotunda star and north star, placed on that center line. This symmetry also means there is little chance of the flag being flown incorrectly.</p> <p>While I do like this as a flag with unifying concepts, I would want to change some things. The north star in the middle should be yellow as to not clash with the blue seen on the bottom half of the flag. I would also like to see alternate shades of green and blue, perhaps leaning towards darker shades, worked with this design.</p>
11/26/23 2:23	F1154	What the hell are you people thinking? Who is on your committee? All art students from high school? Disgusting! Where is the relevance to our state and the bounty of our natural resources? You've bastardized our old flag by approving a piece of abstract art.
11/26/23 6:27	F1154	<p>This is a strong design for its simplicity and eight-pointed star. I suggest changes that could solve some of the problems that keep this from being great:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Remove the inscribed four-star. It breaks the beautiful simplicity of the big star without adding anything.</li> <li>* A big white snowflake doesn't represent everyone in the state. Split it into four sections with the colors of the medicine wheel.</li> <li>* The background green and blue are meaningful but collide visually. Use a single background color with green and blue components.</li> </ul> <p>Example:  <a href="https://ibb.co/OMFWDnZ">https://ibb.co/OMFWDnZ</a>  </p>
11/26/23 6:31	F1154	<p>This is a strong design for its simplicity and eight-pointed star. These changes could solve some of the problems that keep this from being great:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The inscribed four-star breaks the beautiful simplicity of the main feature without adding anything. Remove it.</li> <li>* A big white snowflake doesn't represent everyone in the state. Split it into four sections with the colors of the sacred medicine wheel.</li> <li>* The background green and blue are meaningful but collide visually. Use a single background color with green and blue components.</li> </ul>
11/26/23 6:33	F1154	I can't even tell WHAT this is. One of those Pennsylvania Dutch symbols you see painted on barns? A quilt design? I've got nothing.
11/26/23 6:45	F1154	This is a stupid concept, leave the state flag alone
11/26/23 7:08	F1154	It has a very corporate or logo feel. Seems like something I would see at an city festival or State Fair.
11/26/23 7:47	F1154	

11/26/23 8:16	F1154	This reminds me of color blocking, which feels like it belongs in the past. I don't like the shade of blue with that green.
11/26/23 8:37	F1154	No awful colors and worst of all of them -- actually start over
11/26/23 9:09	F1154	As currently represented, the star is too much like a credit union or health care system logo. Maybe this can be fixed by making it all white and reducing its scale? I like this star way better than the four-point "star of Bethlehem" cross symbols, which are too Christian in my opinion -- like the gold cross with 8 point snowflake (snow flakes have 6 points!), which a bad clip art. The green and blue need higher contrast. I'd darken the blue and make the green less saturated. I'm still partial to F1024, which is much more elegant and simple with just white and blue (think Canada). Less is more!
11/26/23 9:14	F1154	I think the colors on this flag are not representative of Minnesota. They're too saturated. You can speak to an artist about the color theory of this as well, but I mean that in an artistic sense as well - this flag with colors as-is is quite literally difficult to look at. It hurts my eyes - I suspect other people with disabilities would say the same, and I would hate to have a state flag that is migraine inducing for portions of the population.  IF the colors were less saturated, to be picked by an actual artist to not be an eyesore, I think the design is all right. The white should be turned to be more a 6-pointed star like a snowflake. I don't think it has some of the instant character and representation of what we love about MN that the others do, but it is a sleek design.
11/26/23 9:31	F1154	Not my favorite. The colors are too...saturated, too much like the primary colors in a child's paint set. Tweak that and I may like it more. And maybe add a third color in the middle of the star
11/26/23 9:40	F1154	Love this design. Both bold and simple. Amazing.
11/26/23 9:49	F1154	I like this.
11/26/23 9:51	F1154	I like this.
11/26/23 10:27	F1154	This flag is the best of the finalist. It combines a number of meaningful elements in a very simple and elegant way. There is also some room for interpretation.  The green and blue color combination is clearly a winner, as it was by far the most dominate color scheme across all submission, and for very good reason.
11/26/23 10:37	F1154	The 8-pointed Lakota star (also a snowflake) is present in several other designs. But scale, simplicity, and placement feels like the right approach.
11/26/23 10:41	F1154	For the love of God, do not make this ugly thing our state flag.
11/26/23 10:46	F1154	The "snowflake" has 8 points. Real ones have 6. Sometimes accuracy must yield to aesthetics and symmetry, but designs like this set the state up for no end of ridicule. We can't claim to be the state that knows snow and get this wrong. Also, the committee wanted a design for the next 100 years, but snow may be quite rare in 25 years.
11/26/23 10:50	F1154	I don't like this at all. The star is too big and "in your face".
11/26/23 10:53	F1154	No thanks. Ugh!
11/26/23 10:59	F1154	I like this one for the flag, too
11/26/23 11:15	F1154	The shape of the star design looks like a quilt pattern, and the colors a very high contrast. Feels like it could be the logo for a local newspaper. Personally not a fan.  I do not think the design or colors of this finalist make for a good state flag. The colors are too bright and not stately, especially the kelly green. The design is too simple and not reflective of the state's character.
11/26/23 12:09	F1154	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 5
11/26/23 12:18	F1154	I like the color choices, but it's pretty bland comparatively.
11/26/23 12:46	F1154	We can do better. Boring
11/26/23 12:59	F1154	I like this design, it's clean and much easier to recreate than the current one.
11/26/23 13:05	F1154	The blue should be a darker navy hue.
11/26/23 13:40	F1154	This has the same problem as some of the other flag finalists. It is very blocky. I feel like someone drew this with a ruler and a protractor. I do like the general idea with blue on the bottom and green on the top and the north star in the middle. I would just like to see the white that surrounds the north star be less blocky and a little smoother and nicer.
11/26/23 14:01	F1154	The North Star on F844 looks like an eye that's staring at me ominously. F1154 looks like a sports pennant not a state flag.
11/26/23 14:25	F1154	This one makes me think of a gas station sign (Arco?). Maybe different colors would improve it.

11/26/23 14:32	F1154	I find this to be the 5th best of the final 6. The large white symbol, is not clear if that is supposed to be representative a snowflake or a star. I am thinking snowflake since a 4 point star was cut out of the middle, which looks weird with the 4 point star the same blue as the lower half of the flag. I think it might look better with either yellow for the 4 point star, or just having a solid white 8 point star. The white 8 point snowflake/ star makes this fail to meet the mandatory design objective of not having symbols used of a single community, as it is stylized similar to the Sioux Star (8 point star with orientation so 2 points are directed to each of the cardinal directions). Finally, the shades of green and blue used in this design do not have enough contrast from each other.
11/26/23 15:51	F1154	Snowflake crystal is considered to have 6 sides. This has four or eight depending on counting. Green and blue might be better served to be flipped.
11/26/23 17:00	F1154	I feel that our state flag should NOT look like a quilt pattern. This looks like a quilt square, I am personally not a fan.
11/26/23 17:40	F1154	This design seems like a version of the others. Boring
11/26/23 18:13	F1154	This flag is clean, minimal, and to the point. Love it!
11/26/23 18:42	F1154	No. (Please No.)
11/26/23 19:41	F1154	The color scheme feels a bit dated, like something out of the mid 70s. This would be a step down from the current flag.
11/26/23 21:30	F1154	This is my preferred option, but I would consider changing the colors to something that feels more representative of Minnesota maybe two shades of blue to symbolize sky and water as in "sky blue waters".
11/26/23 21:39	F1154	So simple and iconic. Perfectly distilled for all Minnesotans!
11/26/23 21:58	F1154	Ugly
11/26/23 22:45	F1154	Looks like a Mall flag. Try again
11/26/23 22:46	F1154	Love this impactful, yet simple design for our flag.
11/26/23 23:12	F1154	F1154. Design is graphically clumsy and is not striking. For this to work, modify by eliminating the blue four-pointed star in the center and leave a solid white star. Better yet, leave a solid gold star which would make the image far more arresting.
11/27/23 5:03	F1154	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:33	F1154	Such a great design!
11/27/23 7:02	F1154	I think this is the best design. However, I think the colors should be darker (i.e. a deep royal or navy blue), and the central 4 pointed star should be angular instead of having rounded curves
11/27/23 7:20	F1154	Love the simplicity of it!
11/27/23 8:36	F1154	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:58	F1154	Too simple.
11/27/23 9:32	F1154	The North Star Flag has already been adopted by so many Minnesotans, so that's your winner.
11/27/23 9:56	F1154	This flag is a great representation of MN in a simple yet bold way. I think it is appealing to the eye and would look great hanging on a wall or blowing in the wind.
11/27/23 9:56	F1154	Great flag. Minimal and direct. This should be Minnesotas flag!
11/27/23 10:00	F1154	SYMMETRY! Yes. The flag should be symmetrical.
11/27/23 10:02	F1154	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:04	F1154	This design struck me as being too block quilt-ish. I think darker colors represent MN better. Deep blue and forest green.
11/27/23 10:08	F1154	Please do not choose this design. The iconography is weak and there's nothing about this flag that would communicate "Minnesota". I could see this being the flag of basically anywhere in the world, is my point.
11/27/23 10:09	F1154	This would look be improved if the star was yellow.
11/27/23 10:14	F1154	Too plain and simple. No creativity. The original had to change, but could have saved/improved non-offensive parts of design.
11/27/23 10:15	F1154	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and lacks any identity to anything. It is simple. Simply terrible.
11/27/23 10:17	F1154	Don't like this one. Too stylistic, and sharp. Needs to be softer.
11/27/23 10:17	F1154	This flag is simple (as it should be);straight to the point;but could become "dated" due to the colors.
11/27/23 10:20	F1154	Is this what comes up when one searches clip art for "quilt"? Looks too much like the old Arco logo.

11/27/23 10:23	F1154	This flag feels too busy for me. It reminds me of New Mexico's flag, but too forward. It might look better with a smaller logo in the middle.
11/27/23 10:23	F1154	This is by far the nicest of the finalists. I like the Star shape quite a lot. I'm wondering if the background could be simplified to one color to really highlight the Star and simplify the design down just a touch. The designer had a 2-color star extraction that would look lovely on a simple blue background.
11/27/23 10:25	F1154	This flag is boring. I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.
11/27/23 10:36	F1154	this flag is in a class above the rest.
11/27/23 10:40	F1154	Definitely the strongest of the 6 finalists and the one that encompasses all 5 principles of flag design the best. A few recommendations could help make the flag even stronger:  â€¢ Increase contrast of colors: by either darkening the blue to a navy and brightening/lightening the green, or lightening/brightening the blue to more of an aqua and darkening the green to more of a forest green (Finalist F1953 colors work better from a color accessibility standpoint) â€¢ Decrease size of Lakota + North stars to 90% (less tangents on the edges) â€¢ Swap to 5:3 ratio (feels more natural)
11/27/23 10:43	F1154	This is my least favorite design. I don't like how the star is inside of another one. The colors are nice, but it doesn't feel MN.
11/27/23 10:44	F1154	Bad: the combination of curved and sharp lines in the star design make the whole thing look awkward and downright ugly. The center of the star is the same blue as the lower half, which imbalances the flag, as it pulls some of that color across the middle line without mirroring the green in the other direction.
11/27/23 10:56	F1154	What the hell is this? Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
11/27/23 11:00	F1154	What is the symbolism.. we have loons, lakes, walleyeâ€¦ the mouth of the Mississippi. Sterile and ugly
11/27/23 11:00	F1154	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:06	F1154	Add a loon.
11/27/23 11:08	F1154	F1154 works alright for me. I like the Dakota star in general, but it's maybe just a little too bright and loud for my taste. I like that it's against a background of 2 colors -- kind of would like to see a similar 2 color backdrop against the F29 star (maybe slightly more muted than these?). I feel like it can be refined into something good but it doesn't send a strong message to me.
11/27/23 11:16	F1154	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. How does this remotely reflect Minnesota? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:16	F1154	Too simple and we're not all Scandinavian. The single star design is reminiscent of Arizona which we are not. This design is not inclusive and it says nothing about our state.
11/27/23 11:17	F1154	Please no.
11/27/23 11:27	F1154	None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water  Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")  You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?  Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.
11/27/23 11:27	F1154	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:27	F1154	Back to the drawing board. How does this represent or define MN?
11/27/23 11:35	F1154	Looks like a logo for one of our hospital systems. The blue and green clash too much. Overall an inferior design compared to the other submissions
11/27/23 11:35	F1154	I don't think these colors have the same longevity as the darker colors on some other flags.
11/27/23 11:38	F1154	2nd or third choice.
11/27/23 11:42	F1154	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?

11/27/23 11:42	F1154	I get where the artist was going with this, but it is underwhelming.
11/27/23 11:45	F1154	Ugly!!
11/27/23 11:47	F1154	The color hues are really obnoxious. Looks like a quilt version of a healthcare symbol.
11/27/23 11:48	F1154	There is too much blue. Keep the blue for the star, but get rid of the background blue and replace it with green. This would be good alternative flag, if you are not going to undue your mistake and pick the classic "North Star" design.
11/27/23 11:53	F1154	OK
11/27/23 11:54	F1154	Maybe if the colors were softened I would find it more representative of nature. This stylized version is too drastic, poor proportion and more like a sports logo. I see the colors as too bold to be appreciated by the general population. The design interplay of the colors is poor. The star is too simplistic, too large and the 'double' star of blue on white is not effective.
11/27/23 11:55	F1154	Horrible ,childlike
11/27/23 11:56	F1154	Really bad. Go back to original and stop wasting our money.
11/27/23 12:05	F1154	Yuck;basic and not well done.
11/27/23 12:05	F1154	Of all the finalists, this flag is one that is simple above the rest through its elegance of design. It could be used in many ways. It has a future.
11/27/23 12:06	F1154	Grandmothers quilt
11/27/23 12:06	F1154	I like this one but I think the green should be on bottom as there is no oblivious up. I think many people would think the green is the bottom as green grass blue sky. the shades be a bit darker too.
11/27/23 12:12	F1154	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:13	F1154	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:14	F1154	The design in the middle is way too big. The blue star in the middle shouldn't have curved edges as it makes it very difficult to learn to draw simple straight lines is best for flag design.
11/27/23 12:16	F1154	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:18	F1154	Hopefully my separate comment submissions are coming through. This flag captures the north star and snowflake aspect, but is a bit more basic in nature, not as professional looking as F29.
11/27/23 12:18	F1154	Sadly I do not like any of the designs picked.You have gone from detail to blah. None of them represent our state.
11/27/23 12:19	F1154	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:20	F1154	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota. It looks like the logo for a coffee shop
11/27/23 12:20	F1154	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:22	F1154	F1154: Probably my second least favorite design. It doesn't say much to me. That's not very specific or helpful, but it just feels kind of blah.
11/27/23 12:22	F1154	I appreciate what they were going for here, but this is my least favorite star. It doesn't look good not crisp and I don't really like the bicolor background.
11/27/23 12:25	F1154	I think that the 6 that have been selected are pretty much the same design and colors. Reminds me of a nice quilt, not a flag.
11/27/23 12:25	F1154	This design is an ok concept, but it's tacky and amateurish.
11/27/23 12:26	F1154	This is terrible. They are all just bad.
11/27/23 12:29	F1154	This design is my winner from the current bunch by virtue of being the least objectionable. It doesn't particularly convey any meaning or feelings. However, I think it's flexible enough to withstand generations. The colors are perhaps a bit too saturated.
11/27/23 12:29	F1154	Mom, look what I made in school. No
11/27/23 12:35	F1154	for F1154, there's an opportunity to make the center 4 pointed star yellow which would make the flag more distinguishable
11/27/23 12:37	F1154	Really like the colors, all relatable, the symbol is confusing and first glance reminds me of quilt pattern. Each flag should be included with the designers description.
11/27/23 12:37	F1154	This is just not attractive as a flag at all. Minnesota is more than the north start and snow. This should not be our new state flag.
11/27/23 12:44	F1154	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:44	F1154	Plain. Boring. Looks like a quilt or a simplistic corporate logo. Nothing about this says "minnesota" to me.
11/27/23 12:45	F1154	Simplicity is key when we talk about vexillogy. Iconography, this is simply neat and classy, a winner design 100%
11/27/23 12:45	F1154	Best, Simple clean yet bold,
11/27/23 12:48	F1154	F1154: my least favorite of the finalists. Looks like a card dealership or bank logo. The star/snowflake seems to fail at being either one.

11/27/23 12:48	F1154	This flag design doesn't say Minnesota to me! It is somewhat simple, however the white shape overpowers the star in the middle. The white shape looks like a quilt pattern. I know most of the flag designs the committee chose use this white shape because it is in the capitol flooring. Doesn't register in my head as the North Star. I give this flag a grade "D".
11/27/23 12:48	F1154	I don't think this on represents MN well enough
11/27/23 12:48	F1154	NO this is Ugly and Sad. WHO thought this would be better than what we already had? What a waste of Money.
		F29: I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isn't great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.
		F944:This one is nice too. The swoops are water, air, land, sky, aurora, loons, trying to be a lot of things. Either give the loons some eyes or change the shape so its more solidly not representing an animal along with everything else. Maybe make the white green for land or multicolored for aurora?
11/27/23 12:48	F1154	F1154: I don't like this one at all. I think its just too many shapes all at once.
11/27/23 12:49	F1154	No way, what does this show or represent?
11/27/23 12:50	F1154	Isn't this already a native tribe flag?
11/27/23 12:50	F1154	NO, it says nothing about our state.
11/27/23 12:52	F1154	Number 1 pic
11/27/23 12:54	F1154	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:55	F1154	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!
11/27/23 12:59	F1154	Awful
11/27/23 13:01	F1154	The blue star within the white star is too busy and I get lost in which is which.
11/27/23 13:01	F1154	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture;things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 13:06	F1154	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:08	F1154	Please don't pick F1154
11/27/23 13:10	F1154	I love that it represents both our water and our greenery as well as star if the north.
11/27/23 13:11	F1154	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:11	F1154	This one is too jarring in its color scheme, and the imagery isn't crisp enough.
11/27/23 13:15	F1154	What is this?
11/27/23 13:15	F1154	What in the world do you even call this? Wjk are these people ? NOF Miinnesotains for surd.
11/27/23 13:16	F1154	Can't believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:16	F1154	What in the world do you even call this? Wjk are these people ? NOT Miinnesotains for sure. Libia?
11/27/23 13:17	F1154	Very boring. Lacks personality. Very much dislike.
11/27/23 13:22	F1154	Swanny River ? Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L!
11/27/23 13:30	F1154	No.
11/27/23 13:31	F1154	Design has nothing to do with MN - What is it even supposed to be? All designs are extremely ugly
11/27/23 13:33	F1154	This my second favorite. Like the bold design and basic colors. Think it will look great flapping in the wind. Stand the test of time.
11/27/23 13:35	F1154	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, i have to say i HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:36	F1154	Doesn't effectively represent Minnesota: could benefit from darker colors.



11/27/23 13:37	F1154	Compared to the other designs, I'm not sure how this communicates Minnesota - definitely falls in the bottom half of choices.
11/27/23 13:38	F1154	What the hell?
11/27/23 13:38	F1154	Very uninteresting
11/27/23 13:40	F1154	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents. Looks like a quilt patch
11/27/23 13:41	F1154	Well at least this one has no yellow in it. Still, out of all the flag designs entered, I have to say that the most boring ones were selected.
11/27/23 13:41	F1154	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group
11/27/23 13:46	F1154	Boring, Uninspiring, offers only a star for interest, which only represents abstract and miniscule positive aspects of mn. This star also looks like Pennsylvania Dutch quilt or a Scottish tartan, both pretty Anglo things. As good as monochromatic with huge fields of single colors, uninteresting, heavy.
11/27/23 13:47	F1154	Please do not choose this flag. If you must, make the star much smaller. It is too big now.
11/27/23 13:48	F1154	Nope, boring color scheme.
11/27/23 13:50	F1154	Definitely not, reminds me of the Health Partners logo.
11/27/23 13:50	F1154	I like the simplicity of the design but it lacks any distinctive symbolism or features that connect it back to Minnesota. (F1154)
11/27/23 13:50	F1154	This concept has the qualities of a strong flag. It is aesthetically pleasing, balanced, simple but crafted. It feels thoughtful and not lazy. It epitomizes the north.
11/27/23 13:51	F1154	This concept has the qualities of a strong flag. It is aesthetically pleasing, balanced, simple but crafted. It feels thoughtful and not lazy. It epitomizes the north.
11/27/23 13:51	F1154	Very boring. Nothing to do with Minnesota at all.
11/27/23 13:52	F1154	Bland.
11/27/23 13:53	F1154	Another bad one. I get the color scheme and assume they're referring to the North Star, with blue for water and green for forests. Not at all sure most people would get the connection,
11/27/23 13:54	F1154	Glaring design and colors. The superimposed blue star does not make sense. The sky does not shine through white stars. Stars are not blue. It looks like a sports team or corporate logo. It is too modern and abstract to "appeal for 100 years", as one judge said was a criteria.
11/27/23 13:55	F1154	More like a city flag not a formal state flag
11/27/23 13:57	F1154	F1154 just seems a bit flat and boring to me.
11/27/23 13:59	F1154	Hate it. What is it?
11/27/23 13:59	F1154	Stylized North Star lacks context of what makes Minnesota the state it is. not sure how this is supposed to represent the state. Another bland nothing design.
11/27/23 14:00	F1154	The white design on this design represents a Norwegian style of art and is not appropriate to represent the state as it excludes other ethnic groups.
11/27/23 14:01	F1154	Old NHL Hartford Whalers logo vibes. Should not have been a finalist.
11/27/23 14:03	F1154	Like a few of these finalists, this one is reminiscent of several African nation flags (see Birkinia Faso, Cameroon, etc.) but with a four-point star instead of five. I am unclear what any of it represents although green and blue are probably land and water? Instead of a Christmas card like some others, this one feels a bit like those cutout snowflakes we all did in elementary school. Perhaps this is an ode to the value of education in Minnesota? It is not quite as boring as Vietnam's flag.
11/27/23 14:05	F1154	Looks like an AI generated geometric pattern. Indicates nothing about Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:09	F1154	Too simplistic and would rather have a single color background
11/27/23 14:10	F1154	Too plain
11/27/23 14:10	F1154	My second choice. Simple, good color contrast. "M" in the design is very descriptive.
11/27/23 14:11	F1154	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region.
11/27/23 14:11	F1154	Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this.
11/27/23 14:11	F1154	Too blocky.
11/27/23 14:12	F1154	I'd change the star to yellow
11/27/23 14:13	F1154	F1154 has a decent design with ugly colors. The green and blue should be less saturated and more complimentary.
11/27/23 14:15	F1154	I don't like this one either
11/27/23 14:17	F1154	Something wrong with the old flag? This has no tradition and no meaning at all.
11/27/23 14:19	F1154	I like the simplicity and the colors, but it doesn't really do it for me.

11/27/23 14:20	F1154	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:21	F1154	This looks like it is for a foreign country
11/27/23 14:22	F1154	Nope - needs to "say" something,not just a colored star.
11/27/23 14:22	F1154	This looks like it is for a foreign country
11/27/23 14:24	F1154	Nice colors, interesting dynamic.
11/27/23 14:27	F1154	This is my second least favorite. I don't like the star and I don't like the color placement.
11/27/23 14:28	F1154	Don't like it at all
11/27/23 14:33	F1154	Just no. Again, no snowflakes, and too angular. Slightly less boring than the lowest number.
11/27/23 14:36	F1154	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:37	F1154	This one is awful to my eye. I don't like the shapes.
11/27/23 14:38	F1154	Our family feelings this one is most unfair to the colorblind, and degenerative vision population of the state. My son couldn't see it and we had to explain it to him.
11/27/23 14:41	F1154	This one just plain sucks
11/27/23 14:42	F1154	This is a terrible design, keep what we have
11/27/23 14:46	F1154	With a few easy adjustments this could be even better. At the very least the star in the middle needs to be a different color than the back ground blue, change it to yellow. Option: Extend the points of the now yellow star slightly out from the white (possibly adjusting the yellow star's shape to be more similar with the yellow star on F944 entry). Consider flipping the background colors blue on top (sky) and green on bottom (land).
11/27/23 14:47	F1154	What significance does this have to Minnesota? The colors are overly intense and not at all pleasing to the eye. Same comment as the other flag concepts: Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence? Minnesota is already viewed negatively, let's not give them more to criticize.
11/27/23 14:48	F1154	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:51	F1154	Absolutely horrid!
11/27/23 14:58	F1154	love it - in my top 3
11/27/23 15:01	F1154	Looks like something created with a scissors and folded construction paper/ Colors are pretty intense. What's the symbolism with eight pointed objects? It's not a compass rose.
11/27/23 15:03	F1154	The 8 pointed Dakota star, and the "quilt and snowflake" references are a inclusive and representative idea of Minnesota, however this design falls short as its too sharp, obtuse, and lacks a refinement that should be a state emblem.
11/27/23 15:04	F1154	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:07	F1154	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:18	F1154	blue star / rectum on a quilt. Cozy?
11/27/23 15:21	F1154	While this flag is OK, the others that have reference to snow, north star, fields and lakes are better than this one
11/27/23 15:22	F1154	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:23	F1154	No thank you.
11/27/23 15:26	F1154	Maybe not as much as a few other finalists, but this looks like a quilting pattern, not a state flag. I like all of the Star of the North references, but why do a majority of the finalists all look like quilts? No references to loons, the state bird, were included, yet I have never known quilting to be a distinctly Minnesota activity. Please consider other options rather than this one.
11/27/23 15:30	F1154	Great quilt square, atrocious State of MN flag.
11/27/23 15:38	F1154	I do not associate this image with Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:39	F1154	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:39	F1154	terrible!
11/27/23 15:49	F1154	This design is too generic, not like a state.
11/27/23 15:52	F1154	Really don't care for this one. Thumbs down 👎
11/27/23 16:02	F1154	I'm not sure what this flag represents, but I just don't see Minnesota here.

11/27/23 16:03	F1154	This is my last choice out of 6 flags and I hope it is not chosen. It just strikes me wrong.
11/27/23 16:08	F1154	None of these flag designs represent Minnesota
11/27/23 16:09	F1154	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:09	F1154	NO!
11/27/23 16:12	F1154	This is an attractive design. Greater color contrast would be helpful for the flag to be distinctly identifiable at a distance. Perhaps the star motif could be changed to yellow or gold.
11/27/23 16:14	F1154	The star design is just a less visually pleasing version of F29. I also really dislike the choice of royal blue and green.
11/27/23 16:16	F1154	These are the best you can come up with. Doesn't represent good design and looks like a flag from another country
11/27/23 16:17	F1154	Decent design but the colors are far too saturated. The blue star within the white star also feels out of place. Choose slightly darker, more nuanced shades of blue and green. Fill in the ble star with white. After that, solid flag.
11/27/23 16:21	F1154	No! This looks like an old lady quilting design. No no no no!!
11/27/23 16:22	F1154	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.
11/27/23 16:23	F1154	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing?
11/27/23 16:29	F1154	How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:29	F1154	Please no.
11/27/23 16:30	F1154	This again doesn't represent anything and looks like a graphic for a company not a state with rich history and heritage.
11/27/23 16:31	F1154	No, no, no, please, oh, please, no, just no. This does not visually represent MN in any way to me.
11/27/23 16:39	F1154	This is not my favorite of the finalists. Reminds me of barn quilt squares from the part of Iowa I grew up in
11/27/23 16:47	F1154	Terrible. Too generic. There needs to be a loon on the flag!
11/27/23 16:49	F1154	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. Is the blue the Mississippi River? TWhere are the lakes, trees, and farmland? What do the 8 points represent?
11/27/23 16:55	F1154	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota
11/27/23 16:58	F1154	Too quilty and too basic. I need to see water or trees in our flag
11/27/23 17:05	F1154	Not sure what this is supposed to represent, but it doesn't look like a Minnesota symbol.
11/27/23 17:15	F1154	test 1154
11/27/23 17:17	F1154	Definite winner for me. Simple and elegant. the "M", the snowflake, the Star of the North - all nicely combined into a cohesive design.
11/27/23 17:18	F1154	Too simple and plain. Flag should be beautiful and timeless with symbolic representations of agriculture, 87 counties, 1858, 3 major watersheds and 3 major biomes.
11/27/23 17:21	F1154	This is better than the wavy lines flag, but not by much. Please no.
11/27/23 17:22	F1154	This actually would be a great shapes project for elementary students on how flags can be created completely out of shapes. Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and Iâ€™ve lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:44	F1154	Looks like a quilt pattern.
11/27/23 17:45	F1154	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:47	F1154	This is not our flag. Colors are wrong for MN, great for Eagan High School.
11/27/23 17:48	F1154	This one is really too generic. I don't like the over-saturated colors or the design of the star.
11/27/23 17:48	F1154	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:52	F1154	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:52	F1154	This design is hideous!
11/27/23 17:53	F1154	I don't like this design very much, especially the colors. The shade of green and blue used are not pleasant on the eyes.

11/27/23 17:55	F1154	BLAH. This is the worst. So disappointing...
11/27/23 17:56	F1154	Too simplistic. Not attractive. Better for some social organization.
11/27/23 17:58	F1154	It looks like a Christmas tree ornament
11/27/23 18:01	F1154	Looks like a quilt square - NOT a state flag! DO OVER!!
11/27/23 18:02	F1154	Could be the best design for the star, it resembles "M" and represents snow. But F1953 might have better background. The completed design would be star from F1154, rest from F1953 (keep the dark blue MN abstract shape, keep only green on right side.)
11/27/23 18:07	F1154	Now that is really UGLY! What does it have to do with Mn? I bet every other state, except California is laughing at this.
11/27/23 18:07	F1154	Choosing this as a finalist makes me think the commission just doesn't care
11/27/23 18:09	F1154	Some flag expert on flags said the M's that were implicit in this "star"...
11/27/23 18:11	F1154	I wouldn't have even thought of that. All I saw was another version of a Scandinavian quilt design.
11/27/23 18:11	F1154	Weird and meaningless
11/27/23 18:13	F1154	I don't understand why this and so many others are using the four-pointed Star of Bethlehem. I thought the requirement was no specific ethnic or religious symbolism. I don't think having these wavy lines will work -- although give it a try, just try sewing it. I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. I distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:14	F1154	After a great deal of reflection, this is my favorite of the six flag designs. It's bold, symbolic, and a clear design as is, and with carefully chosen contrasting green and blue stripes/colors it would be the most visible and easily grasped from a distance or at small scale. The North Star is obvious, both the basic and clear inner blue four pointed star as well as the white Dakota star with the implied M's and connection to the state capitol rotunda. The blue for lakes and nature, the green for agriculture and forests, the white for hope, progress, unity...and yes, snow, but so much more. I would be proud to have this as our Minnesota Flag, would likely buy a flagpole just to hang one in my yard, and wear patches and pins, and put a bumper sticker on my car to help generate state unity. Excellent design!
11/27/23 18:15	F1154	I don't like this blue and green together, although the design itself is okay. The blue and green should also be flipped, like the sky and ground.
11/27/23 18:17	F1154	No. Thank you.
11/27/23 18:21	F1154	Lame
11/27/23 18:32	F1154	unable to discern how this illustrates MN.
11/27/23 18:39	F1154	This looks like a quilt, not a flag.
11/27/23 18:41	F1154	Boring! Looks like something you would see on the side of barn
11/27/23 18:51	F1154	Boring, does not represent anything, looks like a quilt square.
11/27/23 18:55	F1154	Looks like a religious symbol.
11/27/23 18:56	F1154	No. It says nothing about Minnesota.
11/27/23 19:02	F1154	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:03	F1154	Better corporate logo than flag
11/27/23 19:06	F1154	No imagination, no history, no hope for the future
11/27/23 19:16	F1154	Love the simplicity and strength of the design. Memorable, distinctive and thoughtful. I'd be proud to wave this flag.
11/27/23 19:20	F1154	This includes the eight pointed Dakota morning star prominently and isn't the state law that no emblem may represent just one group of people?
11/27/23 19:20	F1154	F1154 - basically F94 but not as cool
11/27/23 19:21	F1154	F1154 - basically F29* but not as cool

		<p>This flag has a solid start! It's bold, simple, and interesting. I think the star is not the right shape, but maybe a simple 45 degree turn could improve it. I would also eliminate the inner curves within the star, making sure the whole thing is "sharp". The disunity between the sharp points and curved points irks me as a designer and complicates the flag on a fundamental level that just isn't needed.</p> <p>I would also adjust the colors to be less abrasive to the eye - darkening the blue and adjusting the green to be less saturated.</p> <p>The central part of the star is currently blue, matching the bottom half. Why? There doesn't seem to be a reason for it to be one or the other, so I think the central negative area should be a different color. Perhaps yellow, if it has enough contrast to the white.</p>
11/27/23 19:22	F1154	
11/27/23 19:23	F1154	Well swoopdee doo, just too cool for school and too blah to be anything meaningful Try again
11/27/23 19:25	F1154	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:30	F1154	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.
11/27/23 19:47	F1154	3rd choice
11/27/23 19:52	F1154	Garbage
11/27/23 19:56	F1154	When choosing a flag to represent an entire land and group of diverse peoples such as Minnesota, it's no longer a "branding" project. It's not about what looks good right now in 2023 on my phone. It's not about what feels "fun" or "unique". You choose for longevity. You picture this flag flying years ago when the first buildings and outposts were being erected, and you picture it 100 years from now in a booming metropolis on top of glass skyscrapers. It needs to be recognizable atop a 200 foot flagpole and on a lapel pin. It needs to be simple and austere yet bold and commanding. This flag by far rises above the others to command attention, evoke history, all while offering a timeless vignette that any Minnesotan would proudly adorn.
11/27/23 20:00	F1154	no - ugly
11/27/23 20:01	F1154	I feel we should leave the old flag fly!!
11/27/23 20:03	F1154	Nope, a star inside a star?
11/27/23 20:10	F1154	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:10	F1154	This is the one. Art. Aesthetic. Let's make it happen.
11/27/23 20:11	F1154	This sucks
11/27/23 20:13	F1154	I really dislike this design. It's recognizable from a distance, but the colors seem to clash and the vibe screams "quilt."
11/27/23 20:18	F1154	No thanks does not represent Minnesota in any way. I would not look at this and think Oh that's Minnesota. With all we have to offer to be put on a flag this is it.
11/27/23 20:18	F1154	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:18	F1154	Too simplistic and not dignified . Looks like a barn quilt project.
11/27/23 20:21	F1154	Another dud! Very blah and boring!
11/27/23 20:22	F1154	No! Looks like a Girl Scout patch
11/27/23 20:23	F1154	Well, F1154 is a star, with a clear "M" pattern, and it's got blue, white and green. But not my favorite of the six. Still like F2100 out of the group.
11/27/23 20:23	F1154	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:25	F1154	Looks too much like a snowflake and would rather not be associated with snow..
11/27/23 20:34	F1154	Absolutely not this one. MN represents more than this.
11/27/23 20:40	F1154	This is Minnesota?? Looks like something from a country with no appeal, no tourist attractions, or a destination spot.
11/27/23 20:41	F1154	Is this a joke? F944 looks like a Nike ad. Actually none of flags say Minnesota, were is the state bird and tree, the prairies, 10000 lakes, farm fields, the capital. Famous buildings, sport teams. Thank you
11/27/23 20:42	F1154	This flag is boring and forgettable
11/27/23 20:48	F1154	This is my favorite! The design looks impactful both from far away or up close. I like the balance of the green and blue background, as well as the subtle nods to a snowflake and the North Star.
11/27/23 20:53	F1154	Ugly. No representation of anything here.
11/27/23 20:54	F1154	What the hell is that?

11/27/23 20:55	F1154	You have disfigured the North Star! Iâ€™m offended!
11/27/23 20:56	F1154	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.
11/27/23 21:02	F1154	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:02	F1154	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste!
11/27/23 21:15	F1154	This looks like a Lutheran Cross.
11/27/23 21:19	F1154	Again trying to hard to be New Mexico.
11/27/23 21:23	F1154	Come on are you serious, this is option 3 each one is worse than the first ones. Might be time start over.
11/27/23 21:28	F1154	Hideous
11/27/23 21:28	F1154	Seems a little too much like New Mexico. Would like a darker blue and green.
11/27/23 21:33	F1154	No character or sense of MN. Go with the beauty of nature and leave a legacy to be proud of as opposed to a benign banner of banality look at ths social media buzz on this topic. Go back to the drawing board
11/27/23 21:34	F1154	Somehow both average and jarring to the eyes. Colors are way too vibrant. Like a child pulled them from a crayon box. Could have been much more distinctive.
11/27/23 21:41	F1154	Don't even know what this is and how it has anything to do with Minnesota. I feel like I'm looking through one of those glass skinny tube toys from the 50s
11/27/23 21:41	F1154	EACH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE HORRIBLE. DID YOU TRY TI FIND DESIGNS THAT WERE DEVOID OF MN's Grandure? How about water, pine trees and the No. Lights..
11/27/23 21:44	F1154	This donâ€™t say anything to me. It looks like a cross between a star and a snowflake;but, not in a good wayâ€™.
11/27/23 21:44	F1154	No.
11/27/23 21:52	F1154	Terrible. We must do better than this one.
11/27/23 21:52	F1154	what is this green/blue kindergarten painting? Nope.
11/27/23 21:53	F1154	Don't change the current one!
11/27/23 22:03	F1154	Absolutely not stupid design
11/27/23 22:09	F1154	Again, this design looks like clip art. Where's the Loon? The Minnesota Ladyslipper? This flag design does NOT represent Minnesota or me. A poor design and a poor choice.
11/27/23 22:14	F1154	This does nothing to promote or identify our state
11/27/23 22:25	F1154	My grandma had a sweatshirt like this I think
11/27/23 22:27	F1154	Completely non-descript. Says absolutely nothing about the state of Minnesota. Another Christmas card design from Junior High School
11/27/23 22:31	F1154	I do not like the design of the star.
11/27/23 22:33	F1154	This might be my favorite, but wonder if yellow might work better than white? Unless the white is supposed to be a snowflake, which I only just realized. If thatâ€™s the case, that feels like a design failure. Iâ€™ve been thinking the white was a large star since the final six were picked last week.
11/27/23 22:38	F1154	This is the worst by far. The color scheme is terrible, no offense. But also, besides that, the weird asterisk shape looks like it is a gang symbol. Iâ€™m not sure what it is supposed to be. The blue and white speak to Israel Star of David, please do not choose this for Minnesota. Thank you.
11/27/23 22:40	F1154	I do not like the design of the star.
11/27/23 22:52	F1154	I think this looks weird. I don't like the color choice and the star doesn't feel like a star with the void in the middle
11/27/23 23:05	F1154	Donâ€™t like
11/27/23 23:11	F1154	No, please no!
11/27/23 23:13	F1154	The ugliest choice of the 6, please not this one
11/27/23 23:15	F1154	Itâ€™s ok, not my favorite, but alright. I could be convinced this is a flag for a number of states and countries.
11/27/23 23:18	F1154	meh.
11/27/23 23:25	F1154	North Star reference is fine, however, looks like a nice quilt patch.
11/27/23 23:30	F1154	No thank you

11/27/23 23:33	F1154	The star is too close to a Christian symbol. Not appropriate for our state flag.
11/27/23 23:42	F1154	Close but very boring
11/27/23 23:51	F1154	Needs 3 background lines instead of 2 and a 3rd color
11/27/23 23:59	F1154	Not this one.
11/28/23 0:03	F1154	I also do not like this design. I think some of the other finalists are much better. Thank you. P.S., maybe if the star was gold or yellow, the design would be better?
11/28/23 0:15	F1154	Terrible design. Minnesota is more than just a "star". Disappointment this is a finalist choice.
11/28/23 0:18	F1154	I'm sorry but this looks like it would be a flag for a newly incorporated country, there is nothing "Minnesota" looking
11/28/23 0:45	F1154	Dislike this design. I don't like the shape of the star. It seems rigid, unbending.
11/28/23 1:35	F1154	This flag is simple yet it works brilliantly. The colors are beautiful, too.
11/28/23 1:37	F1154	This is hideous.
11/28/23 1:45	F1154	Follows the rules of good flag design with colors and imagery that represent the state well. I don't dislike it, but from looking at the design on my computer and phone, it looks a cheap and like the logo would be a better fit for a technology company than a state flag. Not bad but would only rate it above F1435 for the finalists.
11/28/23 1:46	F1154	This looks like Scandinavian wrapping paper. Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 1:57	F1154	This is my #5 choice out of the 6. I don't like it. I don't like the shades of green and blue. I don't think they contrast well. It feels weird that the star in the middle is also blue.
11/28/23 2:06	F1154	If the Timberwolves werenâ€™t a terrible team, I might be a little bit more enthusiastic.
11/28/23 4:18	F1154	It's just not enough, is it? I'm sure there would be no shortage of first grade activities where first graders use their safety scissors to make a few strategic cuts to their construction paper to form this flag, bravo for that, and I get how it's trying to kind of do that New Mexico thing, where it's kind of just a symbol with no explanation. But this just falls short for me. Would feel pretty flat if we blew our shot at a flag redesign on something quite so anodyne.
11/28/23 4:57	F1154	No
11/28/23 5:49	F1154	Awful
11/28/23 6:09	F1154	How does this represent MN? No lakes, farmland, absolutely nothing MN
11/28/23 6:10	F1154	Looks like a commercial entity logo, not a flag for a us state. Dull
11/28/23 6:20	F1154	Itâ€™m assuming blue for our water and green for the nature. Itâ€™s so weak. So incredibly disappointing  Honestly incredibly disappointing that every flag is basically the same. I want to like one of them but I canâ€™t. None of the stars look like â€œThe Star of the Northâ€œ that I envision. Itâ€™s a state with incredible beauty and nature and the flags have modern art with no symbolism or meaning that can be understood at a glance. I have a strong knowledge of the history of the state and cannot understand why there would be 8 of anything on our flag. The number 8 has no meaning at all. 12th largest state. 32nd biggest. 19th to join after the original 13. I cannot tell you how incredibly disappointed I am. And as a teacher of Minnesota, this flag will take 10 seconds to teach my class. Iâ€™ll continue to show my class the past flags which represent Minnesota and show itâ€™s beginnings of the original occupantsâ€™The Native American. The poor treatment we offered and how we moved them from their beautiful land on the Mississippi River (St Anthony Falls) to the Northwest corner where it was swampy and unfarmable and where many still live. 19 stars as we are the 19th state after the original 13. Lumber, agriculture (then talk about mining).  Important dates that include Fort Snelling. The one larger star to represent â€œThe Star of the Northâ€œ and in French to remember the important fur trade and the Voyagers .,,
11/28/23 6:46	F1154	Donâ€™t like it. Boring. Colors ugly. Not inspired. Not sure what it means - a star and snowflake? MN is more than that. If blue is sky then it should be on top. Confusing.
11/28/23 6:48	F1154	This flag fulfills the brief, and itâ€™s a balanced and attractive design! This is my preferred flag design of the final 6, and I think it captures the feel of MN well even in its simplicity. I would love to see this as our new state flag.
11/28/23 6:59	F1154	Looks like a credit union logo and a country flag??? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 7:01	F1154	...It's ... fine.
11/28/23 7:09	F1154	Second choice in flag
11/28/23 7:16	F1154	While I think this is a good graphic design, it doesn't represent Minnesota in any particular way. This design could just as well be used in another state. No here, please!
11/28/23 7:23	F1154	Too plain
11/28/23 7:28	F1154	I really dislike this flag design.

11/28/23 7:30	F1154	I am simply going to copy and paste the same comment on all flags that made the Final Cut. Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic. Back to the drawing board, figuratively and literally.
11/28/23 7:31	F1154	No. Suggests the Star of David, which is fine, but not in this context.
11/28/23 7:33	F1154	Yuck! This looks like a child played with computer graphics for 10 seconds. Really bad choice! It doesn't even represent ANYTHING! What is the drawing of? A math class tessalation or something? This is an embarrassing design.
11/28/23 7:34	F1154	This flag is great, but seems like the colors are a bit bright. Maybe if the blue were darker it would be better.
11/28/23 7:37	F1154	From a vexillological and pure aesthetic perspective, this is the best option. I think the final design should use a more refined set of green and blue, but its simplicity would create wide recognition for Minnesota. The other flags are to corporate and don't fit with the culture of the state.
11/28/23 7:46	F1154	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:53	F1154	Love the center design. Easily recognizable and simple. Can't stand the preschool feel of those 2 colors, though. If it could be a navy blue and evergreen, maybe? Would be more softer on the eyes and feel more calm and welcoming by tweaking the color choices.
11/28/23 7:58	F1154	Beautiful and simple.
11/28/23 8:00	F1154	No. Too simple.
11/28/23 8:01	F1154	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F1154 I do not care for the shades of green and blue - I believe they will look outdated soon. I also feel this one is too Scandinavian-styled.
11/28/23 8:01	F1154	Just nope -
11/28/23 8:02	F1154	Doesn't feel like anything. No
11/28/23 8:03	F1154	This seems to reflect European heritage only.
11/28/23 8:09	F1154	I hate the colors
11/28/23 8:12	F1154	Ugly and stupid
11/28/23 8:15	F1154	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota horrible
11/28/23 8:23	F1154	I see the North Star and snowflake - this one screams quilt square. Not sure if quilting is the MN hobby I think fishing is.
11/28/23 8:30	F1154	Not as pleasing to the eye as some other options.
11/28/23 8:30	F1154	not the worst but please change the colors. looks like holiday signage at walmart
11/28/23 8:30	F1154	Tolerable. I guess it has Lakes, Woods & snow. Pretty sparse.
11/28/23 8:32	F1154	Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?  It looks like the flag of a third world country.  I have no idea what that is supposed to represent.
11/28/23 8:36	F1154	The points where the inner star and outer star just barely touch cause too much tension. Scale and proportion should be further explored. The colors also come across so "medium." Can we get a little more sophisticated?
11/28/23 8:37	F1154	See comments for F944. Not flag worthy. Still far too simple.
11/28/23 8:39	F1154	This one also looks like a quilt.
11/28/23 8:42	F1154	Of the finalists I think this one would be the most recognizable when moving in the wind or partially obscured. I wonder if a darker blue would look even better.
11/28/23 8:45	F1154	Too modern and time dated. Barren and lifeless. No pride in our heritage. No human feeling.
11/28/23 8:45	F1154	A star over a star? I am not sure. Again, this could represent anything from church to sports. It isn't specific to Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:47	F1154	Boring
11/28/23 8:51	F1154	Boring



11/28/23 8:52	F1154	This is my favorite out of all of them. I vote for this one.
11/28/23 8:56	F1154	I like the colors and background in this one, but I do not like the "star" in the middle
11/28/23 9:04	F1154	SORRY - Pretty ugly, plain, worse than the first 1-2 and really nothing to do with our great state. Is there no one on the committee with designer's brain?!
11/28/23 9:11	F1154	This is bad. It's not swoopy-mess bad like the other, but this green is literally my favorite color, and I hate that someone ruined it by including it in this flag.
11/28/23 9:11	F1154	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:14	F1154	Too plain, and the inner star being the same color as the bottom is throwing off its balance.
11/28/23 9:20	F1154	This flag has a good start and a good template but that's all it feels like. It is missing the key details and references that would fill it with meaning. It lacks depth and anything that would catch the eye. Please don't use this one.
11/28/23 9:31	F1154	This one is pretty trash.
11/28/23 9:33	F1154	Nice and simple design with nods to the North Star and a snowflake. I don't love the green though. It clashes with that shade of blue. What if it was all blue? The blue on the current flag (a little lighter) would be nice.
11/28/23 9:38	F1154	Meaningless.
11/28/23 9:50	F1154	I don't feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake is a guess...that's not all Minnesota stands for. please find something with more meaning. This one also does not represent Minnesota other than snow army much more than snow manufacturing were wonderful Lake Superior there's so many things to emphasize other than snow.
11/28/23 9:53	F1154	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:58	F1154	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 9:59	F1154	Not a favorite. Looks like one of my grandmother's patchwork quilts.
11/28/23 10:00	F1154	I do not like any flag design. Too abstract, it says nothing.... Go back to real pictures similar to the current flag design. Make one that a person can quickly understand and doesn't have to DECODE some symbolism. My wife agrees
11/28/23 10:04	F1154	Looks like clip art
11/28/23 10:07	F1154	Not sure how this one made the final 5. Totally boring. Like nothing about it.
11/28/23 10:09	F1154	Looks like a quilt made by little old Lutheran ladies in a church basement. That's great for quilting (and they're high quality!), but not for a flag.
11/28/23 10:11	F1154	If that's supposed to be a snowflake. All snowflakes contain six sides or points owing to the way in which they form. The molecules in ice crystals join to one another in a hexagonal structure, an arrangement which allows water molecules - each with one oxygen and two hydrogen atoms - to form together in the most efficient way. Why propose a flag that's fake.
11/28/23 10:12	F1154	F1154 is very BLAND. Looks like a grain company logo. Not even multi grain.
11/28/23 10:12	F1154	This is my least favorite of all the designs. Please do not pick it.
11/28/23 10:15	F1154	Same comment as F29. We do not need to be known as the "snowflake state". Color combination needs to be adjusted - darker blue. Could be interesting to see this flag in the Minneapolis Lakers' powder blue and gold.
11/28/23 10:21	F1154	Ugly.
11/28/23 10:23	F1154	This geometric design is lacking in artistry. It reminds me of a sporting team flag.
11/28/23 10:25	F1154	Please, no. The colors are awful. Looks like it would be the Chaska public works logo from the 1970s.
11/28/23 10:27	F1154	THIS IS TERRIBLE - what is it supposed to represent???
11/28/23 10:30	F1154	Not a fan of this design. Looks like the old Hartford Whalers branding but not in a good way. Do not want this design.
11/28/23 10:31	F1154	Horrible. How does this represent anything about Minnesota?
11/28/23 10:32	F1154	Snowflakes have six sides, not eight sides. Any of the flags with an eight-sided snowflake should be disqualified. You wouldn't make a sports flag for soccer and put a volley ball or basketball on the flag to represent the soccer ball, would you?
11/28/23 10:35	F1154	The overall design of this flag is really strong and has great bones, however, the colors really seem too vibrant and clash to my eyes. I also think it's a bit unbalanced with the blue star overlapping on the green. The star in the center also feels like it's too close to the edge of the white star. This design has great brandability compared to the other submissions!
11/28/23 10:39	F1154	As I have seen mentioned by quite a few others, this looks like a corporate logo. I am not a fan of this design.
11/28/23 10:40	F1154	this looks like it belongs to a health insurer or something similar.

11/28/23 10:40	F1154	No. Looks like a child designed it.
11/28/23 10:44	F1154	This one has good use of space, but would have benefited from more artistry. The white blocks are too thick and make it look unfinished. This one would be the easiest to adapt to a loon design, since the color scheme is accommodating and I like the green and blue half plane design. The F29 person could stand to take notes on use of space from this one, and F1953 could learn a thing about color choice from this one also.
11/28/23 10:44	F1154	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:45	F1154	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:47	F1154	This says absolutely nothing to me. What state does this represent? Again with the 8 pointed snowflakes and 4 pointed stars. These don't even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.  Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.
11/28/23 10:49	F1154	The colors are terrible. While I am 100% in favor of the 8-pointed star, the middle placement of the blue 4-pointed star is clunky and just too much more of that bad blue. If the committee decides this is the design, please do some refinement of the colors.
11/28/23 10:49	F1154	Lame
11/28/23 10:50	F1154	Don't laugh - but this looks very "Soviet" - especially reminds me of the symbols used to promote the Ukrainian agriculture sector.
11/28/23 10:54	F1154	Looks like a flag, but no thank you. The white graphic is very large but not clear about what it is--an 8 sided snowflake or a star? The blue graphic, another star? The blue graphic looks too religious is such a prominent position.
11/28/23 10:55	F1154	I appreciate the neat design and simplicity on the flag. The color tones work well and I'm glad the North Star is central in the design. I love the representation of the snow flake in the design as well.
11/28/23 10:56	F1154	This flag feels overly simplistic to me. Maybe if the interior 4 pointed star was in gold, perhaps? It's hard to imagine this as a branding badge for the state, but it would be distinctive enough as a flying flag.
11/28/23 10:56	F1154	I do not favor this design. It looks amateurish and uninspired.
11/28/23 10:58	F1154	No, don't like this star.
11/28/23 10:58	F1154	This seems busy to me, like a Christmas ornament.
11/28/23 10:59	F1154	The colors are too bright/bold here. If they were more muted, it would be improved, but still not as good as F29 or F1953.
11/28/23 11:00	F1154	This design is uninspiring.
11/28/23 11:01	F1154	This is terrible and looks like literally a logo for a health care company, I swear I have seen some health care company with this logo. I don't know what it supposed to be but its awful. Why would anyone pick this?
11/28/23 11:02	F1154	I say no, boring, not much indication of Minnesota
11/28/23 11:03	F1154	While I like the overall design a lot, the green and blue color scheme does not strike me as very appealing. I get a sense of "clashing colors" when I look at this submission, despite the overall nice design.
11/28/23 11:03	F1154	Too much like a corporate logo, lacks dignity.
11/28/23 11:06	F1154	Bland. Allusion to water/rivers is uninspired and even questionable
11/28/23 11:07	F1154	This is just plain ugly. The green and blue combination is strange, and the symbol in the middle is unidentifiable. Is it supposed to be a star or a snowflake? NO!
11/28/23 11:09	F1154	F1154 looks a little too much like a corporate logo.
11/28/23 11:15	F1154	Ew, looks like a corporate logo
11/28/23 11:16	F1154	And again - Same comment - This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:16	F1154	This is my second chose for State Flag. With the blue and green representing our plentiful water and forests, coupled with the white of winter and the north star. The simplicity again is welcome, it would look great on a flag.

		This flag is boring and over emphasizes our state motto, which is so irrelevant compared to the natural resources our flag should celebrate.
		Indeed, our state's natural resources are what makes this place I've lived in for 32 years so wonderful--the convergence of 4 biomes, the headwaters of the great Mississippi river, the lakes and Lake Superior--who cares about a star? Not me. Please for the love of all, please don't select a star flag.
11/28/23 11:17	F1154	I am disappointed that none of the proposed flags incorporate our 4 unique biomes, but in lieu of that, we should avoid a mundane start that fails to pay homage to the natural resources that make this state great.
11/28/23 11:18	F1154	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:21	F1154	No crosses on government emblems.
11/28/23 11:21	F1154	Everything about this is off - the colors, proportions, the symbol is weird.
11/28/23 11:22	F1154	Love the simplicity of this one. The green representing all the beautiful trees, the blue for the waters of Minnesota and the star for the North. Classy and elegant.
11/28/23 11:22	F1154	blah We've GOT to be able to do better than this.
11/28/23 11:26	F1154	"The Quilt if the North II" Please no quilt patterns.
11/28/23 11:28	F1154	awful
11/28/23 11:36	F1154	Boring. Plain. Simplistic. Why always the same colors!
11/28/23 11:38	F1154	We let people vote on all of the flags at the library and this flag received ZERO votes out of about 100.
11/28/23 11:38	F1154	Um. Maybe?
11/28/23 11:39	F1154	The North Star is nice and obvious, but I don't like it in blue. And I have no idea what the white design is supposed to signify. The design ends up being both unnecessarily busy and looking like a bad corporate logo.
11/28/23 11:40	F1154	A child cannot draw this from memory which is the first requirement. Do not select.
11/28/23 11:40	F1154	F1154 is gaudy, and it appears to use very basic Microsoft Paint palette colors. It is not worth considering further.
11/28/23 11:40	F1154	I rank F1154 fifth of the 6 options. I don't think snow should feature prominently on the state flag. Moreover, 8-pointed snowflakes are just wrong.
11/28/23 11:43	F1154	Another really forgettable design. The emphasis on snow in most of the finalist choices is not helpful to the state, nor is it unique. Many other states get much more snow than we do.
11/28/23 11:43	F1154	all of these are the same colors with a star/snowflake - very disappointing. where's something that says Minnesota?
11/28/23 11:43	F1154	boring - unimaginative. In your attempt to offend nobody - you've inspired nobody. I would never fly any of these and would be disappointed to see any of them flying above the capitol
11/28/23 11:44	F1154	NO
11/28/23 11:45	F1154	I don't like the quilted-looking design. This also feels too simple and non-distinct. This does not look like a state flag.
11/28/23 11:45	F1154	F1154 is an ABSOLUTE NO!!!! It looks like a cross, not a snowflake or a northstar! Please DO NOT use this flag.
11/28/23 11:47	F1154	Just plain looks ridiculous
11/28/23 11:51	F1154	No, not this one.
11/28/23 11:53	F1154	Has a middle school art project vibe.
11/28/23 11:55	F1154	These colors will not age well.
11/28/23 11:56	F1154	Similar imagery to F29, but the color choice fails to elicit the same contrast;and garners little excitement.
11/28/23 11:57	F1154	Ugh
11/28/23 12:01	F1154	Again, I fail to see how this design reflects Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Yes, we have water, forests, and snow--if that is what is represented here.
11/28/23 12:04	F1154	Nope
11/28/23 12:06	F1154	no, the green doesn't make sense on top
11/28/23 12:10	F1154	I don't like this design. I think the blue and green clash too much.

11/28/23 12:12	F1154	No
11/28/23 12:15	F1154	I feel like this is the best as is. However, I feel like some additional changes to others, or workings of elements from other designs may result in a better option. Specifically to this option, I would be curious to see how the snow/star design from F29 would look on this back drop.
11/28/23 12:17	F1154	The colors here are too strong;I wish they were toned down.
11/28/23 12:17	F1154	I think this is looking too much like a flag of a nation. I find the design un-elegant, the star is too "fat" and the choice of making both the star and the lower color blue, botheres my eye. It is boring.
11/28/23 12:17	F1154	A quilt square. Start over.
11/28/23 12:17	F1154	No snow symbols please....
11/28/23 12:18	F1154	This star shape is representative of the Dakotas as well. Actually feels like it should be one of the Dakota flags. Def not MN.
11/28/23 12:20	F1154	Corporate again!
11/28/23 12:22	F1154	I do not like this option(F1154). i do not feel that this shows what minnesota as a whole is. This would not be a good flag for MN
11/28/23 12:25	F1154	Snore.
11/28/23 12:26	F1154	Hereâ€™s another design that people will either like or hate. I would say this is probably my third favorite of the designs chosen. Again, not a big four-point star guy I like the white but I think it needs a lot of work.
11/28/23 12:26	F1154	This is such an awesome design. I love how the star is represented clearly and simply. This is a design that will easily stand the test of time.
11/28/23 12:26	F1154	This flag is ok but feels very one dimensional.
11/28/23 12:27	F1154	This would be improved with deeper, richer, darker hues of green and blue. But it isn't preferable to the other designs that focus on the North Star.
11/28/23 12:29	F1154	Favorite so far.
11/28/23 12:29	F1154	HORRIBLE OPTION. HORRIBLE COLORS AND DESIGN.
11/28/23 12:30	F1154	This looks far too much like various for profit health organizations with businesses in Minnesota, specifically Health partners and Hennepin health care. A flag should not be associated with a business in such a way
11/28/23 12:31	F1154	No. This is my least favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 12:32	F1154	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag? This flag looks like something that would fly at a bazaar.
11/28/23 12:35	F1154	Nice color. Simple design.
11/28/23 12:36	F1154	Is this one of those paper, fortune-teller things?
11/28/23 12:37	F1154	This looks like it was designed by AI.
11/28/23 12:39	F1154	I don't like the tones of the colors here. Otherwise, it's nice.
11/28/23 12:39	F1154	I don't like the colors used in this design. I'm not against the design, though. If this is chosen, please adjust the green and blue to be more muted or at least not different in some way.
11/28/23 12:40	F1154	I wish this flag had an explanation with it (along with some of the others). Is this supposed to be the land and water? The snow and north star? Again, explanations of the artists intent would be helpful. Also, the curve of the inner star and the points of the outer "snowflake" contradict to me. And if that is supposed to be a star in the middle, it shouldn't be blue, it should be yellow.
11/28/23 12:40	F1154	Meaningless. Relevance to the state or anything.
11/28/23 12:47	F1154	Very boring! Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota? Color is terrible.
11/28/23 12:48	F1154	No, much too much like a Barn Hex/Quilt Sign, not fully representing the State in my opinion.
11/28/23 12:50	F1154	NO
11/28/23 12:51	F1154	The color contrast is garish and jarring.
11/28/23 12:51	F1154	Kindergarten??
11/28/23 12:52	F1154	some colors sit and other lunge for your eyes with their intensity. the colors and shape of this flag point to the latter.
11/28/23 12:53	F1154	This is just so elementary as a graphic;it doesn't tell a story or represent anything I've ever seen in the State. Just very ordinary.
11/28/23 12:53	F1154	No. Resembles a quilt pattern
11/28/23 12:56	F1154	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.

11/28/23 12:56	F1154	The flag we have now is perfect. I vote to keep the one we have.
11/28/23 12:57	F1154	No thanks.
11/28/23 12:58	F1154	No, just no. Dollar store flag knock off.
11/28/23 13:01	F1154	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone.
11/28/23 13:04	F1154	This one is striking, and sufficiently different from other states. But it hurts my eyes a little. It seems a bit pretentious.
11/28/23 13:07	F1154	Ugly
11/28/23 13:08	F1154	Nope
11/28/23 13:09	F1154	This design feels very bland, like a generic corporate logo, it does not capture the spirit of Minnesota
11/28/23 13:12	F1154	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:14	F1154	Nope
11/28/23 13:15	F1154	No! Looks like the Sarajevo Olympic flag or a Svorski crystal. Again, no loon or reference to our state name
11/28/23 13:19	F1154	Love this design! Captures all the important features that represent MN - Snowflake, Northstar, Lakes, Forests & Valleys. Timeless design that can easily be worked in to various artistic endeavors by professionals and amateurs/crafters.
11/28/23 13:22	F1154	This one is OK, but I think there is some better ones
11/28/23 13:23	F1154	Okay, but the colors are terrible.
11/28/23 13:23	F1154	F1154, I don't like the shape in the middle. It rubs me the wrong way. I also think the green and blue background doesn't work well
11/28/23 13:23	F1154	Absolutely no idea what this is supposed to represent or why you'd have green (land?) on top and blue (sky?) on the bottom...
11/28/23 13:24	F1154	Horrible! Wtf is this!!? Yâ€™™all lost your damn minds
11/28/23 13:24	F1154	This flag gives me Irish energy. Dislike.
11/28/23 13:24	F1154	Well, boring at best, but I guess green for trees, blue for water snowflake and white for snow. I think a gradeschooler could have done this
11/28/23 13:26	F1154	I think it would look better with gold star in the middle and darker blue and green.
11/28/23 13:27	F1154	I don't like it. It looks like a corporate logo.
11/28/23 13:28	F1154	Submission F1154 seems a little too southwestern.
11/28/23 13:29	F1154	Crappy clip art graphic. Looks like Spirit Mountain logo.
11/28/23 13:29	F1154	ugly
11/28/23 13:29	F1154	This would be much better with the green and blue from F1953
11/28/23 13:30	F1154	Too busy.
11/28/23 13:30	F1154	NO! NO! NO!
11/28/23 13:35	F1154	This one is aggressively boring
11/28/23 13:37	F1154	I am not happy with any of the submissions.They all look like flags from some 3rd world country!
11/28/23 13:38	F1154	It looks like an Amish blanket. No.
11/28/23 13:38	F1154	I don't like this one. It looks like a health care system logo.
11/28/23 13:40	F1154	Looks like a child drew it
11/28/23 13:40	F1154	F1154 The geometric shape looks like clipart. It is not visually appealing. The design does not capture the sense of natural beauty that some other flag submissions do.
11/28/23 13:45	F1154	looks like a snowflake cut out, No
11/28/23 13:46	F1154	This flag is ugly.
11/28/23 13:47	F1154	This flag is dignified, and understated, but also unique. This is a good choice for a state like Minnesota that is seen as humble but beautiful. I think the colors may be too bright though, choosing the darker blues and greens from some of the other finalists like F29 and F1953 would make it look more palatable
11/28/23 13:48	F1154	This design (F1154) would look much better with a different color palate -- perhaps that of F29 or F1953. As it is, it's a bit of an eyesore with the bold "kindergarten" colors.

11/28/23 13:49	F1154	It needs a darker blue, maybe a darker green. Not sure if I'm a fan of the center of the star being blue as well, makes it feel sort of uneven. Conceptually this is a pretty solid design though.
11/28/23 13:51	F1154	There is a very common quilt pattern called the "Ohio Star". The star in this submission has that exact profile. I believe it could be embarrassing to have the Ohio Star as the template for the star on the Minnesota State Flag.
11/28/23 13:52	F1154	This bold design incorporates elements reflecting the State of Minnesota very well. I would prefer is the center star was yellow rather than blue. F1953 remains the winner for me.
11/28/23 13:52	F1154	If the white design is supposed to be a star, then that's fine. If it's supposed to be a snowflake, it is drawn incorrectly. ice crystals (snow flakes) have hexagonal, not four-fold symmetry. This is easy to get right.
11/28/23 13:54	F1154	The colors are weird. The star is weird. What a weird flag.
11/28/23 13:55	F1154	Looks like a snowflake from a Norwegian sweater. Probably doesn't represent all Minnesotans.
11/28/23 13:56	F1154	Bold and simple design with evocative colors of earth and water unified by the North Star.
11/28/23 14:03	F1154	Ick! This looks like a quilt block!
11/28/23 14:05	F1154	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:07	F1154	Colors are too saturated or bright, may look best with the mn.gov website colors
11/28/23 14:07	F1154	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.
11/28/23 14:09	F1154	F1154 is too busy of a flag design. The points of the inner blue star create too many points of visual tension with the rest of the design, and the proximity of the high-saturation blue and green colors is off-putting.
11/28/23 14:11	F1154	Far too basic, really off-putting colors
11/28/23 14:12	F1154	Probably the second best for its simplicity and message. That said, it kind of feels like a car logo or something. Can't quite put my finger on it. It would definitely make for a really good city flag, no doubt, but as a state flag I wonder if it needs a bit more. It could also be the shades of green and blue. Also, has any not considered a cream white or off-white color at all in any of these designs? Could be worth considering.
11/28/23 14:13	F1154	Please no. Boring. Is that supposed to be a star?
11/28/23 14:13	F1154	Blah!
11/28/23 14:15	F1154	No. This one is simple computer graphics with little imagination to boot.
11/28/23 14:19	F1154	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original!
11/28/23 14:21	F1154	Please no. This feels like a corporate logo or a barn quilt. No identity here.
11/28/23 14:25	F1154	This is by far the worst. The green and blues are way too bright and it looks way too much like a quilt. I would be embarrassed if this is the flag that was chosen.
11/28/23 14:30	F1154	another bank logo. I appreciate you recognizing that the current flag is offensive, but you've gone too far the other way. If you can imagine it on a bank, it's too boring
11/28/23 14:33	F1154	I like that this flag design follows the rules of good flags in simplicity and solid design. I don't really have any complaints as this flag balances a good amount of complexity in principle. What I have heard from others, however, is that it "looks corporate". I do get a sense that it feels a but generic due to some geometric shapes in the overall design (though that exists in most flags). Perhaps a change in color to some slightly darker hues would help it feel more fitting and more subtle rather than blocky?
11/28/23 14:33	F1154	This is the only one of the flag finalists that I dislike. The colors, particularly the blue, look too elementary. As for the symbol in the middle, I assume it's a combination of a star and a snowflake, but the only reason I came to that conclusion is because I saw other flags designs that incorporated the same concept. If I saw this symbol without context, I would never have thought of a star or a snowflake, because the symbol is too abstract and rudimentary. For these reasons, I would not choose this flag for Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:37	F1154	The shape language and design of this flag is pretty good, but the colors? Not so much. If you replace the colors with the current unofficial color scheme used by MN government websites, logos, etc. it would be a lot better. I would still take F29 or F1953 over this though.
11/28/23 14:37	F1154	Boring! They look like a quilt.
11/28/23 14:39	F1154	NO, looks like the Mayo Clinic
11/28/23 14:40	F1154	I don't dislike the design of F1154, but I don't think it should be the one.
11/28/23 14:47	F1154	No
11/28/23 14:49	F1154	My first choice. It's bold and strongly graphic which makes it a standout. I also like the middle value blue and green. The 4 pointed compass star inside of an 8 pointed star is unique, and very memorable. The design and the star should become a popular graphic symbol for Minnesotans (and former Minnesotans, like me.)

11/28/23 14:50	F1154	This design is not it. The colors (especially the lime green) are too bright and dated looking already. It hurts your eyes to look at. Y'all said you wanted something with staying power, something timeless, and this is not even close to those things. Also, this flag, like all of the other ones you chose, has absolutely no character.
11/28/23 14:55	F1154	F1154 is interesting, but something feels wrong about the shape of the snowflake. Like it's a math problem instead of a symbol.
11/28/23 14:59	F1154	Meaningless
11/28/23 15:02	F1154	Please no. Sad knock off of F29. Design is too random and thrown together. Seems like they wanted to be F29, then messed it up enough to not be a copy
11/28/23 15:02	F1154	F1154's colors are too saturated. You might find that color of green in the spring but there's nowhere in nature, much less MN, you'd find that shade of blue. A sky blue or river blue would suit it better.
11/28/23 15:06	F1154	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring.
11/28/23 15:07	F1154	Please no- this looks like a quilt not a flag.
11/28/23 15:07	F1154	Reminds me too much of the North Stars hockey team that left.
11/28/23 15:09	F1154	This flag has made me say 'Meh' with more passion than I ever have before.
11/28/23 15:09	F1154	It's ok. I like the color scheme but this is probably my least favorite interpretation of the North Star. Looks more suited to a Boy Scout troop.
11/28/23 15:11	F1154	Nice colors, simple design, should be easily recognizable. Maybe a little star-heavy but I like it.
11/28/23 15:14	F1154	My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.  I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:14	F1154	My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.  I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:14	F1154	I cannot believe this made it to the finals. First, the color scheme is so, so ugly. Second, I really don't get why two of the finalists have barn quilt designs. The commissioner who disqualified loons should understand that Minnesotans from the cities might have never seen a barn quilt. Growing up in Bloomington I had never seen one until I was about 23. At least all Minnesotans know what a loon is and most take pride in loons.
11/28/23 15:16	F1154	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:17	F1154	I believe that, of the flag finalists, Flag Submission F1154 is the best representation of Minnesota. It's design is clear and easily reproducible, yet it is not too simple to be indistinguishable. The imagery of the north star, an eight-pointed star, a snowflake, and water/lakes & trees/land are perfect.  I do request and recommend that F1154's final flag design should have slightly different colours. The current green and blue are almost equal full saturation and too close in hue. I suggest that the green be close to C80M34Y100K25 / #346b10 and the blue be close to C51M14Y0K0 / #6fb8ef. This creates a greater difference in both saturation and hue for the green and blue, which allows for even clearer legibility. Additionally, the green would closer match our native coniferous tree species and fertile farmland, while the blue would better reflect our colder water temperatures and ice.
11/28/23 15:17	F1154	This is a design that just grows on you, and given the colour scheme, it would still be recognizable even without a breeze.
11/28/23 15:18	F1154	Meh.
11/28/23 15:26	F1154	Horrible. Someone said it looks like a cat butt and now I can't unsee that.
11/28/23 15:27	F1154	Boring, not unique to Minnesota.
11/28/23 15:28	F1154	Color scheme is fine, but so bland. There are 50 states, and will likely be more some day, this one doesn't stand out or particularly identify the state, which is the purpose of a flag..
11/28/23 15:32	F1154	This looks like a quilt pattern. Plz for the love of god no. Ugly AF. It's like if a quilt had a baby with PowerPoint.
11/28/23 15:40	F1154	abstract art? Nothing resembles MN AT ALL!!!
11/28/23 15:41	F1154	Terrible clip art or AI generated corporate logo garbage, it would be improved by adding more elements, like a loon, lady slipper, lake, woods, prairie. It currently says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is. Awful and generic.

11/28/23 15:47	F1154	Terrible. Almost the worst finalist (F143 is the worst). Try something asymmetrical, or with a loon. This design would work for a door mat or coaster (something I cover, not something I fly). It screams, "where's the carnival?"
11/28/23 15:48	F1154	This is ugly!
11/28/23 15:50	F1154	This is lacking. Maybe if there was some gold in it but overall just not impressive.
11/28/23 15:51	F1154	F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire file of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from site like New Mexico, California, & South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi & Utah state flags.
11/28/23 16:02	F1154	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. A star in the middle of a flag doesn't capture any of the criteria.
11/28/23 16:07	F1154	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:08	F1154	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:09	F1154	This looks more like an event logo than it does a flag. Suspiciously like a recycling ad
11/28/23 16:18	F1154	looks most like a quilt pattern
11/28/23 16:18	F1154	BLUF: This is trash, it will not be popular. This comission ignores history at it's own peril, and at extensive cost to the reputation of the legislators that might approve a flag. The Original North Star Flag has been ignored, and any replacement that is not the Original North Star Flag will have no wide appeal or lasting impact. Pick a flag already popular, the one we wanted to replace the current one with.
11/28/23 16:30	F1154	This is a very bad stretch of the supposed meaningful symbolism. No meaning at all for the vast majority.
11/28/23 16:30	F1154	On Flag F1154:  PROS -- Simple design -- Uses 8-pointed star in orientation that does not suggest religious symbolism  CONS -- Feels like computer screensaver pattern -- fun, but forgettable -- Highly mathematical/geometric design lacks life/humanity/feeling -- Not accessible: blue adjacent to green is difficult to separate visually
11/28/23 16:30	F1154	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:32	F1154	No. No. No. This designer tries to explain the meaning of the design. You need to chose a design that doesn't need an explanation.
11/28/23 16:34	F1154	While i like this flag in concept with the north star and the winter snow taking center stage the colors do not fit and the shapes are poorly chosen.
11/28/23 16:47	F1154	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs.
11/28/23 17:01	F1154	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:01	F1154	Okay, not striking.
11/28/23 17:02	F1154	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:05	F1154	I Think is an ideal flag the respects this states deep native american heritage, but also is not overly ornate and respectful of others.
11/28/23 17:09	F1154	The green color is displeasing. The blue is a little less displeasing.



11/28/23 17:10	F1154	No. Confusing.
11/28/23 17:14	F1154	I like the explanation, but wouldn't have gotten there on my own. If anything, I would change the central North Star into a yellow/gold color.
11/28/23 17:22	F1154	Not as crisp as F29 and somewhat bland and meaningless
11/28/23 17:23	F1154	The flag says nothing about Minnesota as a state or us as a people. nothing speaks to the past or the future when I look at the flag, nothing says "Minnesota" to me.
11/28/23 17:32	F1154	Love this simple but meaningful design, the star and the blue and green symbolism.
11/28/23 17:32	F1154	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:33	F1154	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:33	F1154	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:33	F1154	I am disappointed that there is no loon on the flag. The flag I prefer is S6, and the seal I prefer is F2100.
11/28/23 17:34	F1154	I like it. Simple.
11/28/23 17:34	F1154	Acceptable. Not a fan of the green. Prefer the snowflake flag.
11/28/23 17:34	F1154	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:34	F1154	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
11/28/23 17:34	F1154	Start over. ðŸ˜€
11/28/23 17:36	F1154	No
11/28/23 17:36	F1154	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:37	F1154	Don't see anything representing MN Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:37	F1154	I'm sorry, but this is downright ugly, just ugly... it's aggressive and is even my friends & family who love quilting said it is a very ugly quilt pattern that they would never use. The star is blue and not white nor gold... also that large block of green on top without any sky representation is not balanced.
11/28/23 17:38	F1154	Too artsy-craftsy
11/28/23 17:39	F1154	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:40	F1154	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:42	F1154	The center reminds me of a cross, not preferred.
11/28/23 17:42	F1154	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:48	F1154	I like the designer's ideas but this is too basic. I prefer other concepts.
11/28/23 17:50	F1154	Looks too much like a quilt.
11/28/23 17:53	F1154	uninspired - looks like stock clip art
11/28/23 18:02	F1154	F1154 has good fundamentals but looks quite dated already. The green & white reminds me of a lot of 1980s corporate logos that we actually saw in Minnesota-based companies (like Burlington Northern Railroad and Norwest Bank). It also seems to have the exact same colors as the State Fair. I do like how the snowflake shape is unique. Overall it just seems very 1980s to me, almost like a hospital logo from that era.
11/28/23 18:07	F1154	Looks too much like a quilt square
11/28/23 18:07	F1154	Do not like at all
11/28/23 18:11	F1154	Prefer another
11/28/23 18:12	F1154	F1154 is boring
11/28/23 18:13	F1154	Hidden images and representations are not acceptable. Definite NO on this one.
11/28/23 18:13	F1154	Hard no

11/28/23 18:14	F1154	Where is a Loon flag?
11/28/23 18:14	F1154	I do not like any of the North Star flag designs. This might be the worst of your finalists.
11/28/23 18:15	F1154	I like the two tone background. Very symmetrical again. Very simple. I get the symbolismâ€¦! ..but must exist on its own without an explanation.
11/28/23 18:18	F1154	No! Just NO.
11/28/23 18:18	F1154	I DO NOT LIKE THIS ONE.
11/28/23 18:19	F1154	The most interesting design
11/28/23 18:22	F1154	The star flake is such a unique, but simple icon. Love this look
11/28/23 18:22	F1154	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F1154 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:22	F1154	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:22	F1154	Please do not pick this one. The colors are much too vibrant and saturated - it makes the flag look childlike and unserious. The simple design ends up doubling down on that message, instead of anything representative of a state.
11/28/23 18:24	F1154	This designs too blocky. No sense of movement.
11/28/23 18:24	F1154	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:25	F1154	I like the designer statement, helped me to understand the design. Are you going to display it with that statement? Too abstract.
11/28/23 18:26	F1154	Boring, looks childish, doesnâ€™t represent Minnesota
11/28/23 18:26	F1154	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:26	F1154	Cool you can use the Microsoft paint mirror effect.
11/28/23 18:26	F1154	Looks like a national flag. Not excited about it.
11/28/23 18:26	F1154	What the heck are you telling me with this flag. It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag has picture information on it. Everyone needs to stop with the someoneâ€™s feelings are going to be hurt BS.
11/28/23 18:27	F1154	Terrible idea!
11/28/23 18:27	F1154	Leave the current flag as it is.
11/28/23 18:27	F1154	There is nothing on any of these that showcases our great state!!!! Terrible!!!!
11/28/23 18:28	F1154	Do we really want a flag to represent Minnesota that looks like a quilt block? Not a real good representation of what Minnesota is, wildlife, woods, water.
11/28/23 18:28	F1154	-10 looks like a European flag
11/28/23 18:29	F1154	I nice design
11/28/23 18:33	F1154	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:35	F1154	Doesn't represent MN
11/28/23 18:41	F1154	My number #3 choice
11/28/23 18:43	F1154	UGLY!!!! Looks like a scandinavian quilt design. No one outside of minnesota would think it looks like the "north star" state
11/28/23 18:45	F1154	This is really bad, no no no!!!!
11/28/23 18:45	F1154	I like the idea of the 'starflake' but something about the overall design just isn't meshing for me. It could be the shades of green and blue used or maybe I'd just like it better with a solid single color background.
11/28/23 18:48	F1154	Not my favorite, but maybe flip the blue and green so the green is below and the blue on top.
11/28/23 19:01	F1154	Keep current State Flag. No changes.

11/28/23 19:02	F1154	Would be better with a "real" green--that shade of green doesn't appear anywhere in Minnesota (unless you count algae blooms).
11/28/23 19:03	F1154	two stars and color band do no represent MN, kids are maybe
11/28/23 19:04	F1154	Same problem the first flag has looks too much like a knitted sweater it's terrible and won't stick out among the other flags in the union.
11/28/23 19:06	F1154	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:16	F1154	This looks like a logo for an insurance company or bank of some sort. Please toss this one out.
11/28/23 19:24	F1154	I am not a fan of this design. I do not like that all 8 points of the white star are equidistant from the center. It's not really a star shape, more like a cross. I also don't care for the color combinations. This seems boring to me, and not in a good way.
11/28/23 19:33	F1154	i cant believe these are the 6 best proposals for the flag. The emblems are better than this. not by much but better. This is an embarrassment.
11/28/23 19:33	F1154	This one is really ugly to me. Way too plain and not enough representation of our beautiful state.
11/28/23 19:34	F1154	Doesn't represent the southern Minnesota people. Too much focus on just a two cultures. Who inspired these submissions. Yuk.
11/28/23 19:35	F1154	This one is downright awful!
11/28/23 19:39	F1154	This design is solid, but I think the colors could be much better! I think the background should be one color, or two shades of blue to mimic sky reflecting off of water. And then the 4-pointed star should be a different color than the background. Yellow or gold maybe?
11/28/23 19:50	F1154	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:50	F1154	I don't like the lighter green or blue in this flag. Also having a hard time with suggestion that white start (8-sided) is a snowflake. If Dakota and Ojibwe represented stars that way it is fine, but as a state that values science we should be clear on how many sides a snowflake really has. If Dakota and Ojibwe did represent snowflakes as 8-sided, fine, but communicate that.
11/28/23 19:55	F1154	not very good. again too simple.
11/28/23 19:56	F1154	Looks like a nice tile for a bathroom floor.
11/28/23 19:56	F1154	I saw a video on this flag and how easy it is to draw and that really elevates it for me.
11/28/23 20:06	F1154	Just not memorable enough.
11/28/23 20:09	F1154	This one is my second choice!!!
11/28/23 20:11	F1154	Much too boring. The symbolism is nice, but it looks too much like a quilt square.
11/28/23 20:13	F1154	I don't like the blue on this flag, it is not our "Minnesota Blue" seen everywhere (including the banner of this website) and somehow this make the flag seem more corporate than Minnesota to me.
11/28/23 20:17	F1154	Like the blue and green and 8 point star. Meaningful
11/28/23 20:26	F1154	Beer bottle label. What happened to Minnesota history.
11/28/23 20:26	F1154	F1154 is my choice for flag.
11/28/23 20:27	F1154	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one, if this became our flag it would be embarrassing
11/28/23 20:29	F1154	Love this and the meaning behind it. Wish the hidden star in the center was gold and the green was a darker hunter green.
11/28/23 20:34	F1154	F1154 NO, not this one.
11/28/23 20:36	F1154	Too simple and meaningless, colors aren't great. Please don't choose this one
11/28/23 20:37	F1154	How much is the State spending on redesign and implementation of new flags when we are dealing with inflation, high energy prices, high food prices, etc. I do not like any of the redesigns. And: Who decided this was necessary now?
11/28/23 20:38	F1154	I would like this one if it had a darker color scheme
11/28/23 20:42	F1154	I don't like this one, it looks like a healthcare company logo. The colors are also too bright and garish
11/28/23 20:44	F1154	I hate it. What are you people smoking?
11/28/23 20:45	F1154	Stupid ,,worst one yet Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish?
11/28/23 20:56	F1154	Looks like design for the Navajo or Hopi native American tribes. Very Southwestern America looking.
11/28/23 21:02	F1154	The blue star in the middle looks odd considering its the same color as the blue on the bottom. Also, green isn't unique to Minnesota. Other states have trees too.

11/28/23 21:07	F1154	This one is a close second for me behind 1953. I would be more on board with this one if you use the light blue from 1953 for the bottom half, and the navy from 1953 for the North Star in the center. Or vice versa with the navy on the bottom and light blue color as the North Star. If that makes sense?
11/28/23 21:09	F1154	I don't get it. It's a no for me!
11/28/23 21:17	F1154	Looks too much like a Christian cross
11/28/23 21:26	F1154	I love this composition and would be pleased to have it as our state flag, with the colors re-worked to improve contrast and reduce saturation. I quite like the deep blue and green used in Minnesota's current brand standards, and advocate for those to replace the colors as submitted.
11/28/23 21:31	F1154	Mirror of the sky is the best looking flag design, but not saying much. Need to add a loon, maybe a pine tree and some more colors to the flag. All designs are flat and say nothing about our great state. We have a great state and all these flags say is boring and dull.
11/28/23 21:39	F1154	This design is too plain. Shows no Minnesota history. It has a middle eastern feel to it.
11/28/23 21:40	F1154	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists areâ€¦ not great. I don't even know where to start with this one. The colors are burning my eyes. They do not pair well. The design itself is not very creative and it kinda looks like someone just copied and pasted a bunch of images on top of a blue and green background. What about this screams Minnesota? Nothing, really, except the star, kind of. Why is the 4-point star inside the other star the same color as the bottom half? I think it looks weird. Make it yellow or something, at least. In my mind, this is the worst of the six. Not great. Not happy.
11/28/23 21:40	F1154	I really like the original and WHY DO YOU ONLY HAVE OPTIONS FOR THE NORTHERN STAR!!! you should probably get more options. Please consider
11/28/23 21:43	F1154	Horrible. Signifies nothing.
11/28/23 21:43	F1154	Are you kidding? How is anyone supposed to figure out this is the state flag of Minnesota?
11/28/23 21:44	F1154	This has a very strong graphic concept. I'd like to see a solid blue background, with a thin white circle bordering the 8 point star and green triangles filling in the negative spaces between the circle and star. The geometry of the star could also be shrunken down and tightened up a bit to make it more symmetrical like a traditional Native American pattern. I have created a version of this but there is no where to upload it. That would be much more effective than written comments.
11/28/23 21:49	F1154	Another pretty submission. But it immediately reminded me of a quilt. I think it needs something else.
11/28/23 21:56	F1154	There's a good 8 pointed star design with the star on one point so it resembles a snowflake, with several outlines increasing in size. It's on a purple ground but the star resembles a star or snowflake. <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/MapPorn/comments/aibb9s/flagmap_for_january_19_contest_on_rvexillology/">https://www.reddit.com/r/MapPorn/comments/aibb9s/flagmap_for_january_19_contest_on_rvexillology/</a>
11/28/23 21:58	F1154	Do not like this one at all. Don't think it represents my state of MN. Waste of money changing our flag
11/28/23 22:02	F1154	This is among my top two choices (along with F1953). I like the thoughtful symbolism and the premise of the piece. A symbol that has meaning to some many Minnesotan groups without specifically belonging to a single group.
11/28/23 22:02	F1154	Immediately brings to mind a snowflake? I don't think so. And why are trying to connect to blankets & quilts? Yes, the Indians were here first, but they aren't the only ones living in this state anymore...
11/28/23 22:03	F1154	Combination of rounded and angular corners grates, and proportion of star feels too big.
11/28/23 22:05	F1154	Cool idea with the two stars but with the green and blue it looks too busy. A field of just blue would be simpler. The two stars might be a little complicated as well. A first grader should be able to draw it easily.
11/28/23 22:06	F1154	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:11	F1154	Love the colors, but reminds me of a Lutheran Church logo.
11/28/23 22:15	F1154	Interesting play in green on top and blue on lower as opposed to sky and greenery of earth. Hmm i think the flag should have a white pine i am not drawn to the blocky cookie cutter shapes.
11/28/23 22:15	F1154	I didn't really like this one visually until I read the description, which was well done. Unfortunately, while a fun term, it's not really a starflake if the snowflake part has 8 points (vs. 6).
11/28/23 22:17	F1154	All Snow flakes are six sided crystals this is not good as a snow flake. It doesnt seem to matter to the artist but ask Snowflake Bentley he would be rolling in his grave.
11/28/23 22:23	F1154	These colors are terrible, but it's better than the big centered star design, so it has that going for it.
11/28/23 22:25	F1154	Needs the loon. Not all areas of Minnesota are filled with green forests. People associate the loon with Minnesota.
11/28/23 22:34	F1154	Make the center of the snowflake yellow instead of blue and maybe you got something
11/28/23 22:40	F1154	Hate it

11/28/23 22:42	F1154	Ugly.
11/28/23 22:43	F1154	The shade of blue for the bottom stripe is not a good shade. The other flags have better shades of blue.
11/28/23 22:51	F1154	No! Bold and boring.
11/28/23 23:27	F1154	A little better than awful. Poor color selection and imagery is akin to a Roschach inkblot test.
		An 8-pointed star would only immediately (or ever) bring to mind a snowflake in a mind with virtually no science education about our great Minnesota weather. I think I learned in elementary school that snowflakes have 6 points. Every single one of them.
11/28/23 23:32	F1154	This would make a nice quilt but that description alone should disqualify it.
11/28/23 23:39	F1154	Ugly
11/29/23 0:24	F1154	This is the worst design. It looks like a company logo. Please do not choose this as our state flag.
11/29/23 0:25	F1154	Unacceptable, No sun, no water, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper. No history and or any thing of substance.
11/29/23 1:51	F1154	I think itâ€™s a mistake to make snowflake our symbol. What if our snowfall lessens? Itâ€™s also not really a â€œproudâ€ or unique element, but for many Minnesotans a pain in the rump.
11/29/23 4:21	F1154	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 4:21	F1154	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 6:05	F1154	Better than the current flag, bit pretty bland. Also, the green on top makes it look upside down.
11/29/23 6:06	F1154	Absolutely not. Looks like a child created it.
11/29/23 6:18	F1154	I think this is the best design, with the colors and star that represent Minnesota. I appreciate the meaning behind the design and I believe is a good representation of all that Minnesota is. Of the designs give, I do give this one my vote. However, I honestly feel the designs are very cold and digital looking.
11/29/23 6:37	F1154	Another one that looks like the center of a sweater. Boring, does not look like a flag.
11/29/23 6:39	F1154	THIS IS IT. iconic, strong, Polaris tucked into the middle. Love it.
11/29/23 6:48	F1154	Same problems as the other entries but also visually unappealing.
11/29/23 6:55	F1154	Itâ€™s ok. The chosen colors, while symbolic, donâ€™t appeal to the eyes and represent the state well.
11/29/23 6:57	F1154	I don't like this one at all
11/29/23 7:05	F1154	Snowflakes NEVER have octagonal symmetry, even approximately. Ice has a hexagonal crystal structure. Putting an 8-pointed snowflake on our flag to symbolize MN winters would be like symbolizing our water birds with a picture of Donald Duck and his primate-style hands with fingers.
11/29/23 7:11	F1154	Unusual in a good way
11/29/23 7:18	F1154	I like this one, but it would be even better with our state bird, the loon, in the center.
11/29/23 7:18	F1154	I appreciate the simplicity and recognizability of this flag and all the meaning behind it great submission.
11/29/23 7:25	F1154	very boring, too simple
11/29/23 7:29	F1154	This has been my favorite design. The simplicity and depth are hitting all marks.
11/29/23 7:32	F1154	I think this is a great design but would like to see the colors tweaked to represent the indigenous history of Minnesota as well as its firm place in the United States. The design is simple and iconic but the colors are just not it.
11/29/23 7:35	F1154	Agree this is easier to produce in large and small format. The colors though need tweaking. They are not rich enough.
11/29/23 7:38	F1154	Without reading the description I would not know that this represents Minnesota and the people
11/29/23 7:40	F1154	No way please. Colors are ugly. Kinda looks like a star but not really.
		This design looks like it was done for a gas station, gas company Need to make these designs less computer generated graphics.... please. Add a Loon or something. Please.
11/29/23 7:43	F1154	Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:44	F1154	Nothing here to indicate MN, just a northern state with water and greenery. Nothing historical. Snowflakes have 6 points, not 8.

11/29/23 7:45	F1154	Attractive, important to have connections with native symbols, my favorite in all submissions had tree and feather next to each other in same shape and color..
		I grew up on a family farm which part of our current state flag represents, and I recall when tractor gauges displaying speed and RPM changed from fast/slow to depictions of a tortoise and a hare. Then in small towns nearby crosswalk signs removed the word "STOP" and were replaced with a red hand.
11/29/23 7:48	F1154	I think neither our language nor our conveyance of communication is enhanced by these simplicities. This includes all finalists for a new state flag. A state flag for instance that depicts a snowflake upon a blue background doesn't resonate with me. It's like a corporate logo; you're left afterwards feeling deeply indifferent as to who Minnesotans are and just what exactly this state called Minnesota represents much like a red hand does or a tortoise and a hare.
11/29/23 7:51	F1154	Boring
11/29/23 7:55	F1154	Ugly! The original flag is personal and depicts our great state! This is cold and impersonal
11/29/23 7:56	F1154	I don't like this design (F1154). Too simplistic, and jarring.
11/29/23 7:58	F1154	Good design. If the blue were on the top instead of the bottom, it would look like land and sky.
11/29/23 7:58	F1154	This one is okay, but not my favorite. I think a darker blue would be easier on the eyes.
11/29/23 7:59	F1154	only quilters would love it.
11/29/23 8:00	F1154	I like the idea of F1154, but not the colors. Maybe with different shades of blue and green? And make the star gold?
11/29/23 8:02	F1154	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:09	F1154	Nope it looks like a military patch
11/29/23 8:10	F1154	Not a fan of this one - it doesn't really evoke any particular feeling and the colors aren't great either
11/29/23 8:11	F1154	No. Another quilt piece for my comforter.
11/29/23 8:17	F1154	These are simplistic designs that a child can draw. But they don't represent anything MN. It could be a flag for cereal, a car, clothes. nothing says this is about MN.
11/29/23 8:18	F1154	Stars have 5 points. The flag should have a loon, star, water.
11/29/23 8:21	F1154	This flag is terrible. Looks like something the communist party of china would come up with. Nothing to do with America on this flag.
11/29/23 8:24	F1154	Not my cup of tea
11/29/23 8:26	F1154	This is an acceptable design albeit not to my taste.
11/29/23 8:28	F1154	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:29	F1154	The colors should be modified. Too barn-heavy of a design.
11/29/23 8:31	F1154	The middle shape doesn't look like a star nor a snowflake, just some geometric shape. Should commit to a shape that is more definitively a star.
11/29/23 8:31	F1154	The more I look, the more in love I am with this one!!! I'd also like to see this design in the center of S27 seal so they match!!!! LOVE ðŸ™—
11/29/23 8:32	F1154	This is not pleasant to look at.
11/29/23 8:37	F1154	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?
11/29/23 8:37	F1154	Snowflakes have six points, not eight, but the eight pointed star as representative of Native background is meaningful.
11/29/23 8:40	F1154	Looks like a Christmas decoration. Not a state flag material
11/29/23 8:43	F1154	Even more boring than #29! But also not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:45	F1154	DO NOT LIKE THIS ONE AT ALL! HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS SUPPOSE TO REPRESENT??? SKY ON THE BOTTOM , EARTH ON THE TOP??
11/29/23 8:46	F1154	DEFINITELY NOT THIS ONE!
11/29/23 8:46	F1154	Awful! Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:52	F1154	If someone decides to go with a flag that gets us nicknamed "the snowflake state" it will be a major fail. A SNOWFLAKE? Every conservative bully in the country uses it as a derogatory term for liberals. It will be fuel for the political fire.
11/29/23 8:52	F1154	Great start! Why not add in each of the four corners a Minnesota state symbol? Each corner can be a season. For example, upper left is Winter and there is art of a Norway pine cone. Upper right is spring and can feature the state flower, Lady Slipper. Bottom right is summer and features a Walleye. Bottom left is fall and can feature Wild Rice.
11/29/23 8:57	F1154	Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state. Boring!!!

11/29/23 8:58	F1154	Generic
11/29/23 8:59	F1154	f1154 looks like a healthcare company logo!
11/29/23 9:00	F1154	I do not like this flag. Too abstract
11/29/23 9:00	F1154	Really like the blue & green appearance and symbolism. Would like North Star to be more prominent than snowflake, larger and maybe yellow.
11/29/23 9:02	F1154	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride. This design also looks like a Hamas flag.
11/29/23 9:02	F1154	Needs some dark blue in it
11/29/23 9:02	F1154	I I don't like thisâ€”too plain
11/29/23 9:04	F1154	BORING. Where is there ANY "Oh, yeah, that's gotta be Minnesota's flag"!!!???
11/29/23 9:05	F1154	As a state flag, I do not care for this design. I do not believe that it expresses with clarity what it is about visually.
11/29/23 9:05	F1154	bad municipal recycling logo
11/29/23 9:07	F1154	The description of this design is compelling but the design itself is not.
11/29/23 9:08	F1154	If this is chosen as the design, please make the 4 pointed star in the middle yellow or at least green on top and blue on bottom to correspond to whatâ€™s behind it. F1154 is not one of my top 2 picks as a graphic designer, but it has potential. I like the use of the 8 pointed star.
11/29/23 9:09	F1154	why is the middle of the "starflake" rounded? Seemingly no reason, and it looks bad, hard to reproduce (gotta get those curves just right). It would look slightly better if the center was gold, but it's not, and it's boring. This just doesn't really have enough going for it, in my opinion.
11/29/23 9:11	F1154	F1154 looks more religious than Mn.
11/29/23 9:13	F1154	For a simple design, this seems quite messy due to the pattern and colors involved.
11/29/23 9:16	F1154	Looks like a bank logo. Not good for the flag.
11/29/23 9:24	F1154	All of these flags are lacking. The color choices and combinations are fadish. Flags should represent some basic qualities or historical significance. The should not be expressions of artistic creativity.
11/29/23 9:25	F1154	Not just bad. Really bad. And it's proprietary, screaming corporate napkin logo. There are better star designs. And even more better designs with loons and pines and lady slippers and morels and mosquitos. I have no suggestions that would make this better.
11/29/23 9:25	F1154	Again, it looks like a quilting pattern. Far too static. No energy.
11/29/23 9:29	F1154	Looks like a quilt square, outsiders will not understand the significance of the colors
11/29/23 9:29	F1154	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive.
11/29/23 9:31	F1154	Again, too similar to patterns used on quiltsâ€”
11/29/23 9:33	F1154	I don't think this is a memorable design. It doesn't really say Minnesota to me at all.
11/29/23 9:34	F1154	I have no idea what this represents. If you have to write it out to explain to people, it's not a good symbol!!
11/29/23 9:35	F1154	ugly colors, design is stupid. please don't do this to us
11/29/23 9:37	F1154	Boring
11/29/23 9:38	F1154	No
11/29/23 9:38	F1154	No.
11/29/23 9:39	F1154	I don't like the shade of blue here. Most of the other flags are more esthetically appealing.
11/29/23 9:39	F1154	No. Simple is about all I can say with a confusing middle graphics - blue star within a star, snowflake with a blue star? Seems like the flag will need a description sewn in just to clarify meaning.
11/29/23 9:42	F1154	Absolute garbage. I see the explanation/designer statement. I understand this is new, but this should resonate with Minnesotans. Unless youâ€™re going to fly the designer statement next to the flag, this is will not be recognizable as a symbol of Minnesota.
11/29/23 9:42	F1154	Yes
11/29/23 9:43	F1154	This is just plain awful. Nothing about this says Minnesota
11/29/23 9:46	F1154	Nice, colors simple and noticeable.

11/29/23 9:47	F1154	This is my 2nd favorite of the five, because even with the star/snowflake AGAIN, it at least has a hint of nature with the green and blue. Nothing about our Lakes though.
11/29/23 9:50	F1154	This design doesn't make any sense. No one will know what it means and doesn't depict MN at all. Do better.
11/29/23 9:51	F1154	Impossible to draw.
11/29/23 9:54	F1154	I like the cultural inclusion and symbolism of this flag. I don't like the tone of the blue. I think a darker blue would look better.
11/29/23 9:55	F1154	so, so
11/29/23 9:57	F1154	DOES NOT LOOK ANY THING LIKE MN
11/29/23 9:59	F1154	Terrible, we needed a new flag but we can do better.
11/29/23 9:59	F1154	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 9:59	F1154	Boring
11/29/23 10:03	F1154	This is my favorite by far. It represents Our northern place in the country, and our waters and natural resources.
11/29/23 10:04	F1154	My favorite of the designs. Colors and graphics are simple yet symbolic. Will read well from a distance.
11/29/23 10:07	F1154	No. Not this one. Please not this one.
11/29/23 10:09	F1154	Awful! I hate it! It looks like a patch from a quilt.
11/29/23 10:12	F1154	F1154 is nice and simple.
11/29/23 10:14	F1154	I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the best flag practices make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs; sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:17	F1154	Why a blue star? Who has a blue star? Ugly. Do not choose this.
11/29/23 10:25	F1154	The symbolism doesn't come through in the design. Boring but not awful.
11/29/23 10:29	F1154	Don't like it
11/29/23 10:30	F1154	This one doesn't really do it for me. 4th out of 6. The symbolism is there, but it's just not very pretty. I think it's mostly the particular star-and-snowflake design that doesn't appeal to me. I think I would like the star design from F1435, but in white, a lot better. Instead of making the middle completely blue, in that case, the background colors should continue on behind the star.
11/29/23 10:31	F1154	I like reference to a barn quilt!
11/29/23 10:34	F1154	This reminds me of the 4H symbol. It looks like something someone made in MS Paint in 5 minutes. Please don't choose it. Our state is beautiful and this flag is not.
11/29/23 10:34	F1154	No character, makes me think whatever and want to walk away.
11/29/23 10:34	F1154	Easy to reproduce.... Where and why? Looks more like a country's flag. Lacks style
11/29/23 10:42	F1154	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a kindergarten attempt.
11/29/23 10:44	F1154	This is garbage. It looks like a throwaway graphic for a "Up-North" website. 5 years from now when graphic design tastes change (again) this is going to be viewed as looking dated. Another bad attempt at the 8-sided star, the points of the star do not project out radially from the center, so again, not representative of the capital rotunda. Also, snowflakes are not 8-sided, but rather 6-sided due the way the crystal forms. While it is seen in some Nordic iconography, if we are stepping away from MN's past, probably not a great choice. You should leave original alone (take the American Indian and gun off the seal if you want), or go with F247 or F248 and change the lakes' stars to circles or just regular stars.
11/29/23 10:47	F1154	LOOKS LIKE BELONGS IN A FAR EAST COUNTRY WHAT IS WRONG WITH OLD ONE IT SAID MN
11/29/23 10:49	F1154	Ugly hate it
11/29/23 10:51	F1154	1154: Nice design -- simple and clean. Some of the symbolism is easily recognizable.
11/29/23 10:54	F1154	Symbolism only works if you do not have to explain it!!! Looks like something that got tried prize at the county fair.
11/29/23 10:58	F1154	iii



11/29/23 11:00	F1154	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:04	F1154	This is my favorite of the finalists for its simplified symbolism and clean design. When I look at this, I see our Minnesotan blue waters, green lands and forests, star of the north, and white snow. I see the star shapes from our native, nordic and farming cultures. The overall appearance is both bold and proud, representing the resiliency of Minnesotans in the past, present and future.
11/29/23 11:14	F1154	Looks more religious than representing a state
11/29/23 11:15	F1154	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:16	F1154	Sorry but these are all awful for a state flag. It doesn't have anything to show it's Minnesota or date they joined the US. I am guessing Minnesota has some nice things that could be put on the flag without offending anyone. These are all so abstract they mean nothing and most look like a flag for some random auto parts store. Being creative and even modern is one thing, being so abstract you have no ideas even what the flag represents is another.
11/29/23 11:18	F1154	I think it's ugly.
11/29/23 11:20	F1154	I'd say this is boring, not bold. Color scheme is OK.
11/29/23 11:20	F1154	to plain 2 stars
11/29/23 11:26	F1154	Does this show/represent our whole state? Agriculture, fishing ind., trees, seasons, state burd or flower? Are we going for ease of production? When you see it, who knows what it means or what or who is represented?
11/29/23 11:28	F1154	Generic and not very nice to look at. Not much more to say about it.
11/29/23 11:33	F1154	F1154: it's ok.
11/29/23 11:35	F1154	I get the northstar, but really, snowflakes? This design is terrible but it truly sums up most of the political leaders (snowflakes without a backbone) of this once great state, if that is the look you are going for.
11/29/23 11:36	F1154	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:37	F1154	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs. F29 is too simple (and just call it The North Star and skip the French translation). F1154 is not very appealing.
11/29/23 11:37	F1154	I strongly disagree with any design that includes a snowflake as a primary element or focus -- MN has four beautiful seasons and that is what we should want the world to know. That said, this does a better job of resembling an 8-pointed star and I like the hidden North Star. I think this design would be stronger with three stripes -- blue, green, blue -- to make the natural resource connection more clear. I would also consider resizing the 8-pointed star so the hidden star aligns with the center stripe.
11/29/23 11:43	F1154	nice for a blanket
11/29/23 11:47	F1154	This design looks like a quilt. It is too old fashioned and makes Minnesota look like a "hick" state. It is backwards looking. I hate it.
11/29/23 11:47	F1154	Please! Snow flakes are 6 pointed. Letâ€™s not start this thing with flat-out errors. I donâ€™t object to the 8-pointed star, there are good reasons to include it in our flag. But tte rationale as a snowflake has to go!!
11/29/23 11:53	F1154	It looks like a flag from a third world country. and a poor one at that.
11/29/23 12:02	F1154	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:02	F1154	This design looks like it was made in Microsoft Paint in 1998 by a fan of the throwback Timberwolves jerseys. The color scheme is dated and the design says nothing.
11/29/23 12:07	F1154	If I was to use an emoji this one would get the poop or puke emoji. .
11/29/23 12:08	F1154	While I appreciate the symbolism, this is the one of the flags that seems the least "Minnesota" to me. Something about the design is off as well, I think the starflake is too big and too boxy. It just looks kind of in your face, it doesn't seem "majestic" enough to be flown over our state capital and hung behind important events.
11/29/23 12:10	F1154	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:14	F1154	The worst design of the bunch. Uninspired

11/29/23 12:16	F1154	I'm really sad that none of the loon flags made it to the final state. Big mistake
11/29/23 12:19	F1154	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. This one looks let a art project in school, not a state flag
11/29/23 12:20	F1154	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan can't tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:22	F1154	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:26	F1154	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:27	F1154	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:28	F1154	it should have some red in it for the iron range
11/29/23 12:29	F1154	NOT THIS ONE. These finalists all look like they were made with a Microsoft design program from the early 80's. I am so so disappointed in the selection committee. This one is the second-worst
11/29/23 12:31	F1154	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag.
11/29/23 12:32	F1154	Nothing Minnesota there. Someone's first quilt square.
11/29/23 12:37	F1154	Again this looks more like a pattern for a quilt, not a state flag.
11/29/23 12:40	F1154	If you're going to do this one, please come up with another color for the star in the center. It blends too much with the blue in the background and I am expecting the star to be half blue/half green because the colors are the same. It's going to drive me crazy if this becomes the new flag lol
11/29/23 12:43	F1154	This makes sense but would be hard for children in school to draw
11/29/23 12:43	F1154	Do not like this design as much as some of the others.
11/29/23 12:48	F1154	This is my favorite. Simple, balanced, good use of color. This 25 year veteran designer approves.
11/29/23 12:52	F1154	4th favorite design. I think it has the worst color choices that would for sure need to be changed. Design is ok, it needs the center star to be a different color than the top and bottom bars.
11/29/23 13:01	F1154	This one feels like a nod to the Scandinavian culture, but that's not all that Minnesota is about. There is so much more to our state that I don't feel is represented here.
11/29/23 13:06	F1154	I like the uniqueness of this symbol and the richness of the meaning behind it. I also like the pop of green which would help the flag stand out from other state flags.
11/29/23 13:13	F1154	I think this flag should be chosen for our state flag. The designer reflected key aspects that are part of Minnesota's history and it is beautiful and simple.
11/29/23 13:20	F1154	Will stock up on current flag! This flag is boring! Does it come with stenciled definitions?
11/29/23 13:25	F1154	I do not like this design at all. The blue and green just look awful in this configuration. I really hope this isn't my state flag.
11/29/23 13:27	F1154	Absolutely the ugliest thing I've ever seen.
11/29/23 13:34	F1154	F1154: Boring
11/29/23 13:34	F1154	Terrible
11/29/23 13:36	F1154	Like the symbolism. plain in design.
11/29/23 13:40	F1154	No. Just don't like it
11/29/23 13:44	F1154	BORING
11/29/23 13:55	F1154	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion. it looks like a grade school project cut out of construction paper and the lines on the ends are too busy and won't work small . horrible decision to pick this for a finalist.
11/29/23 13:57	F1154	Nice, but looks more like a blanket than a flag.
11/29/23 14:07	F1154	F1154 thumbs down. This looks like a flag for a country not a state. Doesn't say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 14:12	F1154	Looks like a quilt block.
		The softness of the north star is jarring compared to the pointed shape of the snowflake. As well, it would've been a great opportunity to change the color of the north star to gold, or anything else, why is it the same blue as the bottom?
11/29/23 14:16	F1154	I see this having no identity beyond a star in the middle. If it's hard for people to recall how to draw by memory, I consider it poorly designed. Unfortunately, this is one of those flags.
11/29/23 14:25	F1154	Nice bland, childishly simple attempt at a star? too plain, no references to people, places, state history, various cultures? and a "star" logo as proprietary depth of meaning...not good
11/29/23 14:27	F1154	Why??

11/29/23 14:31	F1154	Another quilt block.
11/29/23 14:31	F1154	Nope. Too blah. Too modern. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree, no river/lake and no field. I completely disagree with your description of the 8 point motif. The average Minnesotan is not going to derive this symbol and neither will anyone else from any other state visiting MN. Furthermore, no one is going to think of our lakes, rivers and forests by looking at the blue and green back ground.
11/29/23 14:34	F1154	OK. Good design. The star quilt pays homage to our Native Americans.
11/29/23 14:35	F1154	In my opinion, this design is the best option for a flag. It's bold, unique, recognizable, simple, and very scalable. The green could be lightened and blue darkened to help the contrast, but that is my only suggestion to this design. I hope you consider this as Minnesota's next flag because it clearly represents the essential elements of a good flag.
11/29/23 14:41	F1154	Again, snowflakes are 6-pointed. Also, the green should be at the bottom for woods, fields, etc., with the blue sky above. A green "oesky" makes no sense.
11/29/23 14:44	F1154	Poor - a 2 on a scale of 10
11/29/23 14:45	F1154	No! No! So plain !
11/29/23 14:49	F1154	Looks like a quilt square. Using basic primary colors for the blue and green comes off as amateurish and not pleasing to the eye. Why is the center star blue? Not instilling much pride or sense of identity for Minnesota.
11/29/23 14:51	F1154	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says the look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:53	F1154	F1154m - Do not like that shade of blue or green and the flag is boring. Meh.
11/29/23 14:54	F1154	This is also trash dont use it please
11/29/23 15:04	F1154	barn quilt. these finalists are all quite poor and lacking.
11/29/23 15:09	F1154	A 1070s tourism logo. Ick.
11/29/23 15:10	F1154	4th best of the finalists, not great
11/29/23 15:16	F1154	While I think the colors could be tweaked a bit, I think this is the strongest design among the finalists. It's simple, distinctive, and frankly just feels like a real flag. I can imagine it hanging from a flag pole and looking good on both windy or calm days, and I think people could actually embrace and use it to symbolize the state. It should probably go through a few more iterations to iron out the details, but I think this would be a strong choice.
11/29/23 15:18	F1154	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:21	F1154	This design could work but it is over the top in terms of color and the size of the star. There is nothing explicitly Minnesotan about it and it has corporate vibes.
11/29/23 15:22	F1154	Once again looks like it belongs on a holiday seater. Much too plain. How do we go from a detailed flag to these plain options? F1154
11/29/23 15:33	F1154	No!! Nothing there that connects to Minnesota - why are all the flags so childlike??!
11/29/23 15:36	F1154	looks like F29 but worse. less recognizable symbolism, and worse colors.
11/29/23 15:37	F1154	F1154: I appreciate the 8-point star inspired by Dakota and Ojibwe tribes of Minnesota. We must honor our indigenous communities.  However, I am concerned that this white star signals a lack of diversity, and even, white supremacy. While I appreciate this flag, I do not think a white star is appropriate. This star should be gold or yellow.
11/29/23 15:39	F1154	Boring, it doesn't make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:43	F1154	Horrible submission #3. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:46	F1154	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:49	F1154	Steadfastly middle of the pack
11/29/23 15:51	F1154	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:51	F1154	F1154. The designer's statement that the star-thingy is a "unique, proprietary symbol contains a depth of meaning to Minnesota" is bland in a obtuse and befuddling manner- a lot like this flag. Not your best look Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:52	F1154	This design is ugly. With all respect to the ideas of the designer and the committee, if you put a white star on something, it will look like a snowflake, but as we all know, snowflakes have six points, not eight. Blue and green do not harmonize well, making this a clashing, not harmonizing, option. Feel like a bank logo or something equally bland.
11/29/23 15:52	F1154	Doesn't look like a flag, great for a blanket or quilt

11/29/23 15:52	F1154	We are the land of 10000 lakes and now we just represent the North Star. What does the green represent? The flag should represent the state. Lakes, trees, loons, I don't love the current flag but it is a lot better than any of the flags as. Representative of MN
11/29/23 15:56	F1154	Absolutely love this design. Completely aligns with what it means to be from Minnesota
11/29/23 16:10	F1154	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:12	F1154	This design looks too much like a barn quilt, and having the North Star in blue doesn't feel right. The white star doesn't look as much like a snowflake as some other designs.
11/29/23 16:13	F1154	I love the symbolism and simplicity of this design. Could see my 1st grade daughter drawing it!
11/29/23 16:14	F1154	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:14	F1154	One of the worst flags yet.. again you are reading into this design what you want, but I don't see it. Those images do not bring to mind anything that you suggest that it does. Kick this one to the curb.
11/29/23 16:19	F1154	Not impressive for a state flag. I see no "depth of meaning".
11/29/23 16:20	F1154	OK. My 3rd choice.
11/29/23 16:25	F1154	I took this flag and just made the colors darker, and it looked 100 times better. Like, disregarding the fact that snowflakes have six sides, all I ask is that you go into photoshop, highlight the blue, and make it the same blue as 2100. I promise you it looks reaaaaally good. Thank you.
11/29/23 16:39	F1154	Ellie
11/29/23 16:39	F1154	I like the cultural symbolism of the eight pointed star. The colors are beautiful, but I would prefer to have the blue on the top of the flag and the green on the bottom.
11/29/23 16:46	F1154	Not a huge fan of this design. I think that it could maybe look okay if the colors were adjusted to be a bit darker and not contrast so much. I'm not crazy about the bordered star design, but this could maybe be replaced with the star design from F29?
11/29/23 16:53	F1154	I like this one but wish the middle of the star was gold instead of blue. The shade of green chosen looks off. There is visual dissonance with the blue and the green.
11/29/23 17:03	F1154	This would make a good quilt but it's not flag material. And, it does not say Minnesota from either ten feet away or ten yards. As a flag, this is lame. Snowflakes, by the way, are based on hexagons, not octagons.
11/29/23 17:05	F1154	This would make a good quilt but it's not flag material. And, it does not say Minnesota from either ten feet away or ten yards. As a flag, this is lame. Snowflakes, by the way, are based on hexagons, not octagons.
11/29/23 17:13	F1154	It requires explanation, which is not helpful with a flag.
11/29/23 17:20	F1154	The colors are genuinely terrible and it's just a ripoff of the other flag with the snowflake and the star
11/29/23 17:22	F1154	I think this one is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isn't totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points. F944 is my least favorite and believe it will age the worst. It looks like it was designed by the Minnesota United. The one thing I like about this one is the star shape. F29 is probably my second favorite. Simple, but not especially unique. F1154 gives me a similar feeling. Simple, fine, but not really all that unique.
11/29/23 17:23	F1154	I'm not a fan of this one, but maybe I would like the design better in different colors.
11/29/23 17:23	F1154	For all the hidden symbolism. this is uninspiring. It may be the soft edges throughout that do not give the sense of strength, permanence, hardiness, or stoicism that Minnesotans have always embraced. The color pallet is very good.
11/29/23 17:28	F1154	It's ugly and BORING, does not represent our state. Gross! Keep the flag we have!
11/29/23 17:29	F1154	God no
11/29/23 17:32	F1154	Nope. What?
11/29/23 17:32	F1154	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is chosen will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:33	F1154	Not enough contrast between green and blue hues.
11/29/23 17:40	F1154	too much symbolism, nothing outwardly familiar about the state

11/29/23 17:43	F1154	All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota!
11/29/23 17:43	F1154	Sorry, Start Over!
11/29/23 17:44	F1154	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:45	F1154	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 17:47	F1154	The center star should be in the design of the star from F1435, or color the hidden north star in this design yellow.
11/29/23 17:55	F1154	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.
11/29/23 17:59	F1154	Beautiful
11/29/23 18:00	F1154	my favorite central design with the star blanket design, and the hidden north star in the middle. the colors are odd though, too neon. needs a bit more going on.
11/29/23 18:05	F1154	This okay but it feels rather static and heavy because of the strict symmetry
11/29/23 18:08	F1154	Could tolerate this design. Prefer the designs with three colors.
11/29/23 18:08	F1154	Discouraging.
11/29/23 18:25	F1154	Snowflakes very famously have six sides. Also, while I know some folks enjoy the idea of hidden M-shapes, folks from Wisconsin will likely enjoy pointing out that those could also be hidden W-shapes.
11/29/23 18:32	F1154	This is the best option in the final rounds of the new MN flag designs, bar none!
11/29/23 18:32	F1154	Terrible
11/29/23 18:41	F1154	Hate the fact the blue overlaps into the green area
11/29/23 18:58	F1154	Flag F1154 is a unique design that feels like it could become very iconic and easily recognizable. It has a much more minneaotan feel to it than the other submissions which are either too generic or too trendy.
11/29/23 19:06	F1154	Way too generic.
11/29/23 19:07	F1154	Maybe a deeper blue on the bottom, but that could be problem in the greyscale image. Perhaps separate with a white horizontal stripe.
11/29/23 19:10	F1154	Terrible, more snowflake crap. Is this another Walz idea. To spend more of our tax money to replace all old flags?
11/29/23 19:17	F1154	I think this would be an acceptable new state flag.
11/29/23 19:18	F1154	Please read Mr Kaye's comments in the Star Tribune and then add them and consider this one
11/29/23 19:38	F1154	No significance or representation of the great state of Minnesota. Very poor design.
11/29/23 19:43	F1154	I love the simple yet symbolic aspects of this design!
11/29/23 19:44	F1154	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:57	F1154	No! Beyond confusing and inappropriate for Minnesota.
11/29/23 19:59	F1154	Something about that white really stands out to me to be too much snowflake.
11/29/23 20:02	F1154	I like this flag, but I would change the color of the bottom half of the star. This would make it green and therefore mirror the green and blue stripes on the outside.
11/29/23 20:06	F1154	I don't care for this one
11/29/23 20:20	F1154	It's an okay flag, other than the fact the green and blue in the background don't contrast enough.
11/29/23 20:35	F1154	I like the green and the blue, the simplicity of the two halves. I think the star is too convoluted, though. What about a single simple white star - with white replacing the blue star, and all the white Ms going away? A white star could resemble both the north star and our snow.
11/29/23 20:36	F1154	I vote No keep the flag the same as it's been
11/29/23 20:37	F1154	Blue for water resources: YES Green for land resources: YES ONE 8 pointed star in middle: YES Extra blue star: NO. Keep it simple. One 'star'. Preferably the eight pointed.
11/29/23 20:40	F1154	Not a fan. If the North Star is hidden, shouldn't the top half be green?

11/29/23 20:47	F1154	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS
11/29/23 20:54	F1154	Another Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 20:57	F1154	Although the colors are different, the F1154 design is too similar to New Mexico's flag.
11/29/23 21:05	F1154	I wonder what the North Star would look like in gold rather than the same blue that represents water.
11/29/23 21:11	F1154	I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, it's history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, don't ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:14	F1154	I love the simplicity and how easy it would be for a child to draw
11/29/23 21:17	F1154	I like it
11/29/23 21:23	F1154	Simple, Brilliant design. Please change the colors though: The Light Blue and Dark Blue from F2099 would be perfect! In fact, combining elements from this flag and F2099 would make the best flag yet
11/29/23 21:25	F1154	This flag is simple, it's symbolic, and I don't like it. As with F1435, the contrast between the blue and the green is just so low (1.60/1, just over HALF of the recommended minimum of 3/1). The white star is simple, which is a plus, but it's not fully symmetric (it's 4 pairs of 2 points, rather than an even spacing of 8). Furthermore, the star in the middle is rounded, while the one on the outside is pointed. It's way better than what we have now, but (in my opinion) it still falls behind several of the other finalists.
11/29/23 21:26	F1154	The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.  F944 looks like it would become dated within 10 years and doesn't feel like an enduring banner.  F1154 is perfectly cromulent.
11/29/23 21:26	F1154	F29 is the best choice. The design is simple and timeless. Please select F29.
11/29/23 21:29	F1154	F1154 - no. Like F29 I worry that the symbols in the center are cluttered and confusing. Maybe remove some of them. I would not reference the snowflake in a final design. Finally, this color palette is not rich or deep enough.
11/29/23 21:31	F1154	This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity. The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time. The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.
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11/29/23 21:41	F1154	This is a pretty good design. Nice, simple and great symbolism. I believe it has potential. (:
11/29/23 21:43	F1154	Sorry but very boring. Boring colors. It is a quilting pattern of OHIO star. It needs to be disqualified. Not a good choice. Not even attractive or exciting. Boring
11/29/23 21:51	F1154	Don't like the stripes and definitely too much white. Nothing to be proud about this one.
11/29/23 22:17	F1154	This one looks too much like a logo for a corporation.
11/29/23 22:32	F1154	Continue the midline through the star's center and swap the colors inside the star so green is on the bottom would make this even more striking.
11/29/23 22:53	F1154	This flag appears to belong to a healthcare system, it's not a state flag, nor does it represent MN.
11/29/23 23:00	F1154	This flag isn't a bad design, but for some reason that I can't quite rationally explain it just doesn't look like "Minnesota" to me. That's probably completely subjective, but putting green and blue (at least in these shades) directly adjacent to each other isn't the best design choice, since they're similar colors that blend together. Generally speaking, you want strong contrasts on a flag.
11/29/23 23:36	F1154	It is bland, looks like a quilting square and legit has no direct meaning for our state. UGLY
11/29/23 23:38	F1154	None of these designs grab me or say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 23:59	F1154	No! Because a wear a blue shirt does that represent water too? It's not unique - kind of looks similar to Arizona's bland flag.

		<p>Graphically, this flag presents questionable imagery of the dark star in its center and contrary to the author's description does not evoke the image of the snowflake due to its octagonal shape, while all snowflakes in the world are hexagonal.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to accurately recreate it from memory.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from a distance.</p>
11/30/23 0:19	F1154	Mandatory: Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.
11/30/23 0:42	F1154	The inclusion of the color green on the Minnesota flag seems inappropriate because Minnesota is not a very green state outside of summer. Maybe gray, brown, or yellow would be more appropriate colors than green. Other than that, though, I really like this finalist.
11/30/23 0:49	F1154	I dislike most of the elements of this flag. The white shape doesn't really look like anything to me (flower, snowflake, star, etc), and the negative space inside it being the same blue as the background looks odd since it continues up above where the rest of the blue ends. I also don't think this shade of green and blue look good being right next to each other. They are almost the exact same value, so there's no contrast. If the flag were rendered in black and white, the two colors would be almost indistinguishable and bleed into each other. The only thing I could say is fine about this flag is the colors themselves, but the placement of them doesn't work in my opinion.
11/30/23 1:09	F1154	This flag resembles the logo of a local credit union. There is nothing distinctive about the design, the colors, or the shapes included on this flag. Recent redesigns (Utah and Mississippi, for example) include very clear iconography of what makes their states great, and this flag fails in that attempt. It is not memorable or distinct, when I look at this flag, I do not think "Minnesota"
11/30/23 3:01	F1154	This one looks a lot like a Christian cross, making it non-inclusive for people of other faiths. It is my least favorite for that reason.
11/30/23 3:05	F1154	This one (F1154) looks a lot like a Christian cross, making it non-inclusive for people of other faiths. It is my least favorite for that reason.
11/30/23 5:30	F1154	Colors are too bright and and distracting. It is not pleasant
11/30/23 6:02	F1154	These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever. (Very Scandinavian.)
11/30/23 6:07	F1154	The colors are nice but I don't care for a star in a star. Too much star. And in general, I'm disappointed in the singular focus on the North Star in all these. Where I live in the twin cities I can't even see the North Star half the time due to light pollution. I think this flag fails to represent me.
11/30/23 6:22	F1154	Don't feel that green will hold up. Least favorite
11/30/23 6:22	F1154	sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.
11/30/23 6:32	F1154	This design is actually vile, the colors conflict and it's ugly. If it gets chosen I will actually cry, I love political geography and have been excited to fly my states flag and am a little disappointed that some of the best options aren't finalists.
11/30/23 6:36	F1154	I do not like this flag because it looks too much like a healthcare brand.
11/30/23 6:47	F1154	A refreshed flag should be aspirational and convey values. A snowflake expresses no essential quality and possibly even conveys a 'wrong message' around specialness or whiteness.
11/30/23 6:58	F1154	This is my top choice!
11/30/23 7:01	F1154	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:12	F1154	This is just an inferior version of F29. Definitely prefer F29 over this.
11/30/23 7:14	F1154	I love this one. Really was hoping for a design that looked like a barn quilt as seen in the government center and many other places
11/30/23 7:19	F1154	Do not like

11/30/23 7:21	F1154	No.No.Please No. It is the second WORST finalist. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1.use this star to replace the star on F799 or F1465, or: 2.use this star to replace the snowflake on F682. A BETTER IDEA: Replace in it's entirety with F873 or F1917. Negatives: - It's a logo, not really a Minnesota flag design. - Whose quilt is it? Can't tell with this flag. - Do not like the use of color. The bottom half of the inner star should be green. Positives: OK, it's not a five-point generic star.
11/30/23 7:39	F1154	This one !!!
11/30/23 7:44	F1154	I absolutely love this design--it encompasses everything MN stands for. Wow!
11/30/23 7:46	F1154	NO....JUST NO!
11/30/23 7:47	F1154	Have the color inside the star half blue/half green, with it matching to the opposite color of the exterior portion (green to blue, blue to green).
11/30/23 7:47	F1154	This is confusing. It doesn't communicate a clear message. The symbol is not a star.
11/30/23 7:52	F1154	Thank you Commission Members: After reading about flag design and then integrating my love of art, design, symbolism, and Minnesota - I choose flag F1154. I believe the design captures much about our great state and will fly proudly. All of the flag designs are beautiful and pieces of art. Great work!
11/30/23 7:55	F1154	I didn't think we needed a new flag until I saw how perfect this one is. Is it too early to order the bumper sticker?
11/30/23 7:56	F1154	You cannot use these colors for our flag, look at ADA color guides anyone with a slight color problem could not see this well. Also.....it's super ugly.
11/30/23 8:04	F1154	I don't like this at all. It feels too retro
11/30/23 8:12	F1154	No. Very blah, very plain, nothing in this example says MN to me. MN is vibrant and I feel our state flag should be vibrant as well.
11/30/23 8:20	F1154	too blah! needs more reflection of what Minnesota is about - lakes, loons, fish, deer, evergreens, etc.... come on, you gotta do better than this!!
11/30/23 8:27	F1154	This one mentions the word "Proprietary" not once but twice! That should not be a defining feature of a flag. Like "hey all this is the MN flag, nothing much to say about it but at least it's PROPRIETARY"
11/30/23 8:35	F1154	It looks like a symbol for health insurance. The colors are too vibrant, a little dull, and strange.
11/30/23 8:41	F1154	This is an ugly flag. It also looks too much like the BC Hydro logo from the early 2000s. Please do not select this flag.
11/30/23 8:47	F1154	No
11/30/23 8:49	F1154	Most of these designs do not seem to convey much about Minnesota.
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11/30/23 8:51	F1154	Not great.....but okay.
11/30/23 8:51	F1154	I generally like this flag but I think the 8-point star could/should be restyled as a snowflake. Even before reading the designer's statement, I recognized it as a barn quilt and I think that makes it too much of a countryside symbol to represent the entire state.
11/30/23 8:56	F1154	My favorite flag design
11/30/23 8:57	F1154	This one is just "ok". Middle of the pack for the 6 finalists in my opinion. I like the fact that it evokes native designs but I don't like how simple it is.
11/30/23 8:57	F1154	This flag design is best, because of its simplicity and symbolism speaking to the rich variety of heritage and shared experience of Minnesotans.
11/30/23 9:00	F1154	This would be ok, but I didn't get most of the items until I read the description.
11/30/23 9:01	F1154	The green and blue colors need to be worked on, they don't feel like the right hues. The eight pointed star/snowflake is great, but the northstar within feels off. The rest of the flag has such strong geometry I dont think the star needs rounded corners where the points meet. I would also shrink the star so that it doesn't actually touch the edge of the snowflake, but floats within it.
11/30/23 9:03	F1154	Most of these designs do not seem to convey much about Minnesota.



11/30/23 9:04	F1154	This design is boring - not "hip" or "cool.
11/30/23 9:04	F1154	Chunky and not well designed. Colors are wrong for MN too.
11/30/23 9:06	F1154	The green and blue don't have enough contrast next to each other causing a weird eye-shift at the meeting point. The colors in general are very unappealing and the rounded star inside of the snowflake looks like a child's interpretation.
11/30/23 9:09	F1154	This is my favorite! Simple yet effective and I can imagine a seal on it.
11/30/23 9:09	F1154	I don't like this one;the colors are too harsh and bright, and the design is too blocky
11/30/23 9:13	F1154	Why are we wasting mine and all other tax payer \$\$ on this? This flag looks like we support Israel, which is good, but it doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. Keep old flag.
11/30/23 9:14	F1154	I really like the strong simplicity of this one, the colors and the symbolism.
11/30/23 9:16	F1154	F1154 works for me.
11/30/23 9:17	F1154	F114. I like the fusion of symbolism in this design. Several of the other designs look like sports team logos.
11/30/23 9:19	F1154	Everything else aside that green is atrocious. The blue is not helping much either. This is too trendy and will not stand the test of time.
11/30/23 9:21	F1154	Really love this design. The simplicity is perfect but not generic and represents Minnesota beautifully. I feel it will be easily recognizable in a large format and id be proud to see it flying!
11/30/23 9:22	F1154	Just like the first of the six finalists, these types of designs evoke a Barn Quilt and not anything that feels specifically Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:27	F1154	This is a general comment. I am very disappointed in the choices. The missing piece for me is the Loon. It is a symbol that brings us all together. It is too abstract to catch the meaning of it.
11/30/23 9:28	F1154	Like the concept, I think the design is kinda catchy, but the colors look off natural.
11/30/23 9:31	F1154	I would like this one more if the blue was darker.
11/30/23 9:34	F1154	too many colors and the wrong blue.
11/30/23 9:36	F1154	At first I really didn't like this one, but I think it comes down to the shades of green and blue. I actually do like the design, and if it had a color palette similar to F29 I think I would like it a lot more. Right now the blue looks like painter's tape and the green is too bright in my opinion, or maybe the white beside makes the green seem brighter than it actually is.
11/30/23 9:39	F1154	This is a great design incorporating the north star and the Dakota star. I love that. I really like how the North Star is made from the negative space of the Dakota star. I think the colors make it too much to look at, and they break up the beauty of that star. A design like this with one color background, and the north star a different color could really give this design some grounding to the center, in my opinion.
11/30/23 9:41	F1154	This design captures NOTHING of Minnesota's history and heritage. This design is like vanilla ice cream: Almost no one would pick it, because it is without distinction or significance. Put back some flavor by including items of historical significance to our flag. We are nothing if we do not celebrate our history and heritage. NONE of the new flag designs acknowledge ANYTHING of historical significance to Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:41	F1154	More importantly, this design looks like it might be more appropriate for a sandy, 3rd world country.
11/30/23 9:42	F1154	I'd be so happy for this design to be chosen for our new state flag. I appreciate its bold colors and how they represent the state's natural resources (lakes/water/forests/agriculture). It's design is fresh and timeless at the same time. And love its inclusion of the north star.
11/30/23 9:42	F1154	Simple and effective, I like it.
11/30/23 9:44	F1154	I love this design! And I love how the artist took into consideration the land/climate of Minnesota, the native peoples who started here and other cultures that settled here as well!
11/30/23 9:51	F1154	Not a fan of this design. It doesn't say "Minnesota" to me.
11/30/23 9:54	F1154	I love this design. Simple, only 3 colors with meaning behind them, and the way it's laid out really makes the colors pop. Just being simple, recognizable, and meaningful goes a long way in flag design, and this would be one to take pride in.
11/30/23 9:58	F1154	If the symbolism has to be explained, the design doesn't get it's meaning across.
11/30/23 10:01	F1154	F1154 I ranked 5th of 6. I hear her arguments about making the starflake important, have second thoughts about making snow such a central part of our new flag. The placing of blue below green also prejudices this flag for the north country against the south country. Again, 5th of 2000+ is still very positive.
11/30/23 10:09	F1154	I like the simplicity of this design. The white star acknowledges the Indigenous people who have lived here for generations while it also is a classic Nordic star design. The interior "star"could be made more angular to appear "classic" rather than "mid-century modern." I agree with the vexillologist who suggested that the interior star could be divided in half by color. He also recommended a slightly more pronounced contrast between the green and blue for better visibility. F1154 is, hands down, the best design that will fly proudly for decades and perhaps centuries to come!
11/30/23 10:21	F1154	This is the worst choice of all! The colors are awful and the design is not pleasing! Snowflakes have 6 sides not 8. I wouldn't highlight the snow on a flag.

11/30/23 10:21	F1154	This one is a favorite as well
11/30/23 10:21	F1154	This is an ugly quilting piece. It says that MN is nothing but elderly grandmothers and does not reflect the people of MN.
11/30/23 10:26	F1154	Credit to the designer's imagination but not really getting idea that Minnesota pops out. NorthStar's logo works better for me to identify the State.
11/30/23 10:32	F1154	The color palette on this design is hard on the eyes. If the green and blue were darkened or subdued a bit I feel it would be a solid potential pick.
11/30/23 10:35	F1154	I appreciate the attempts at cultural significance in this design and the clean presentation. The blue is a bit bright.
11/30/23 10:37	F1154	There's more to Minnesota than snow. Putting a snowflake in the middle puts too much emphasis on one season.
11/30/23 10:38	F1154	Looks too much like a quilt pattern. Uninteresting.
11/30/23 10:39	F1154	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them.
11/30/23 10:40	F1154	Please - no more snowflakes. We are more than just winter in Minnesota. Stick with the north star!
11/30/23 10:50	F1154	Not my favorite option, but I think this could be improved with richer colors chosen for the blue and green.
11/30/23 11:09	F1154	This one is OK, but I don't love it
11/30/23 11:11	F1154	Don't care for it
11/30/23 11:12	F1154	Looks like a hotel resort flag.
11/30/23 11:15	F1154	No.
11/30/23 11:16	F1154	Interesting symbols but the colors are not pleasing to the eye.
11/30/23 11:19	F1154	Reminds me a little of the NM flag, which is not necessarily a bad thing. The blue is too far in to purple, if that were edited to be a deeper blue/navy, I would like this design better
11/30/23 11:28	F1154	I like how the star/snowflake combo takes the star out of the religious/star of David realm.
11/30/23 11:32	F1154	Not going to be my flag for Minnesota  No
11/30/23 11:39	F1154	Once again only including native american symbol and no other cultures included. I don't understand why all the options you have chosen look alike and all look like they are made by a child.
11/30/23 11:40	F1154	How does this flag represent all Minnesota cultures? Hugh wast of our tax dollars as usual.
11/30/23 11:40	F1154	This design looks like the New Mexico flag but with worse colors and no cultural significance. Please reject all the finalists and start over
11/30/23 11:48	F1154	Like every choice, this is much worse than existing flag and looks like it was drawn by an elementary student in ten minutes. Why do we ignore all cultures except Native american?
11/30/23 11:57	F1154	I love the "starflake" symbol and the thought that the designer put into incorporating indigenous, Nordic, and agrarian designs to reflect our shared heritage. I would ask that the color scheme be adjusted to a darker navy blue and forest green, to avoid evoking the logos of Allina, HealthPartners, and others.
11/30/23 12:02	F1154	Do not like the snow flake. To many people from other states think was are a land of cold and snow but we are not
11/30/23 12:03	F1154	I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color (too many the same). Bad
11/30/23 12:12	F1154	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:16	F1154	IF YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN IT TO EVERYONE, IT'S A POOR CHOICE.
11/30/23 12:19	F1154	The starflake looks a bit like a snowflake, but snowflakes have 6-sided symmetry. It doesn't bother me as much here as it did on F29, because it looks more like a glow around a star and less like a snowflake superimposed on a star.
11/30/23 12:26	F1154	No. Again, looks like a quilt square not a state flag emblem. Too simple and minimalist.
11/30/23 12:27	F1154	This flag is the better one of the six finalists. It iconic and recognizable, and could be identified when flowing in the wind. My only critique would be to darken the blue and green slightly.
11/30/23 12:30	F1154	Not bad. I like the symbolism as explained but it's not obvious. Definitely better than some.
11/30/23 12:30	F1154	Snowflakes have six sides, not eight. Looks too Scandinavian to me, we are more than that.
11/30/23 12:34	F1154	Unattractive. Seems more like an ill-chosen wallpaper pattern in a disreputable hotel.

11/30/23 12:38	F1154	This is terrible! What does it represent? Barn Quilts! Stupid!
11/30/23 12:41	F1154	Looks like a quilt square.
11/30/23 12:47	F1154	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:50	F1154	I love the symbolism but as an artist the flag and the colors are not pleasant to look at. And the flag is half blue, half green divided horizontally but the star is the same hue of blue and solid breaking symmetry. I dislike looking at it.
11/30/23 12:52	F1154	Start over.
11/30/23 13:02	F1154	I like the call to the Ojibwe and Dakota
11/30/23 13:17	F1154	I can really see everything this flag represents.
11/30/23 13:19	F1154	I don't want to be from the snowflake state.....
11/30/23 13:21	F1154	This is inclusive, simple, meaningful and pretty. The recreation of this symbol could be put anywhere as a representation of Minnesota, which can be incredibly powerful to our state brand, recognition and beauty.
11/30/23 13:41	F1154	How does this represent Minnesota? Vague, bland, and non descript simple
11/30/23 13:44	F1154	A beautiful flag in general. Distinct in color from other states, easy to draw for kids, and would look good whether blowing in the wind horizontally, hanging at rest on a pole, or hung vertically. I like the color symbology for forests and water, and the hidden snowflake in the center. An excellent option.
11/30/23 13:48	F1154	Upon first glance this design did not strike me as something special but as I took a moment to take in the many layers of this design approach, I became excited at the potential of this approach to extend in so many ways. It is a great foundation to re-build the Minnesota identity (brand), with a simple, iconic approach that can be deconstructed and rearranged to extend the identity into many facets. We are a state of the North, regardless of our large footprint north to south, and snow is a defining characteristic of our state. The hidden "M" is icing on the cake. This is a clear winner with depth, careful thought and intelligent execution.
11/30/23 13:52	F1154	This design is really simple, yet bold. The large star/snowflake put directly in the middle of the flag gives it balance, along with the green and blue sections equally dividing the flag in half. The green for the Norway pine, the blue for the water, and the North Star tucked into the white snowflake is visually appealing. The fact that the snowflake is made of four M's adds to it's significance, and that it represents Ojibwe and Dakota blankets, Nordic Fair Isle patterns, barn quilts, and the capital rotunda itself is amazing. I am a retired elementary teacher, and this flag design would have been easy for my students to draw. It would have sparked a lot of historical discussion and significance as we analyzed the significance of each of the colors and design itself. I wish it had been our state flag while I was still in the classroom. We can fly this design proudly for centuries to come. Mrs. Smith
11/30/23 13:56	F1154	This one leaves me neutral at best - 4th place out of these 6. It's a nice idea in general, but rather bland, so my only real reaction is an unenthusiastic "um, shrug?" It's not my least favorite of the six, but there are definitely stronger options.
11/30/23 13:58	F1154	Specific: Totally boring General: lack of color, lack of meaning, lack of imagination, lack luster
11/30/23 13:59	F1154	The flag "template" of what makes a good flag is contestable. The Committee has an obvious bias for pointy stars. Why not pick two with pointy stars and give us some more alternatives?
11/30/23 14:07	F1154	poor colors, poor design
11/30/23 14:07	F1154	A slight color shift (perhaps lighter green and darker blue), and alternating those colors within the 4-pointed star (blue on top, green on bottom) would look amazing.
11/30/23 14:09	F1154	This design would look great for a quilt pattern.
11/30/23 14:10	F1154	BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING
11/30/23 14:10	F1154	Nope.
11/30/23 14:16	F1154	Quilt piece. Nope.
11/30/23 14:17	F1154	Don't like the design of the North Star! The design is too esoteric for someone to understand what Minnesota has to offer (lakes/ivers, varied topography (3 biosphere regions), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine -- all state notables). Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:18	F1154	Heck yeah! This is the one for me. It retains enough complexity to be a dynamic representation of the state, while also simple enough we can all identify and draw it. The colors are on point, and the symbolism speaks to my heart and the people it represents.
11/30/23 14:23	F1154	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:26	F1154	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project
11/30/23 14:31	F1154	Same quilt design as F29.

11/30/23 14:33	F1154	Nice pattern for a quilt, but not for a state flag
11/30/23 14:36	F1154	This one is so good! I think a lot of the other flag finalists are too complicated or detailed to meet best practices of flag design. I really liked one suggestion I read to invert the color of the bottom half of the inner star to be green, so the inside and outside of the design are mirrored colors.
11/30/23 14:39	F1154	This is a good flag. Not my favorite, and definitely not as good as F408, the loon head design. That flag has it all. F408 is strong, bold, and even gives a nod to the blind and low vision community with 1858 written out in braille in the loon's necklace.
11/30/23 14:44	F1154	.
11/30/23 14:45	F1154	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:49	F1154	This is ugly. Who picked that green color?
11/30/23 14:50	F1154	Any flag selected needs to connect to the original people group. This flag does the trick. Bonus points for being easy to reproduce. Highly recommend!
11/30/23 14:54	F1154	Not terrible, but really boring.
11/30/23 14:57	F1154	Poor choice - abstractions that say nothing to me.
11/30/23 15:02	F1154	meh
11/30/23 15:19	F1154	I love the thought behind the star at the center. I think it is perfect to include. The one aspect missing is the connection to the nature. It is a little to vague in the bold stripes of color representing so many important aspects of the natural world in Minnesota. I think blending the ideas of this flag with the wave landscape of the flags in finalist flag F944 and F2100 would be the best representation of the land, rivers, winters, and landscapes in Minnesota. But, your star and the reasoning behind the design far outweigh and are superior to the others.
11/30/23 15:24	F1154	Please start over. They're all terrible.
11/30/23 15:25	F1154	Absolutely NOT - wrong colors and so boring
11/30/23 15:26	F1154	Last of the six options.
11/30/23 15:31	F1154	F1154 - as noted from the designer there is a quilt like feel to this. Not necessarily appealing to a wider audience.
11/30/23 15:31	F1154	Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state. Just "No" to this one.
11/30/23 15:35	F1154	This one looks like a logo for a bank
11/30/23 15:35	F1154	The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.  Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:36	F1154	In my opinion, Minnesota should not be represented with such bright colors. It's a beautiful winter wonderland with rich culture, and therefore, it should have richer colors. Perhaps a navy blue and a dark green would be nicer.
11/30/23 15:37	F1154	I love this design and what it honors
11/30/23 15:37	F1154	This does nothing for me. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:38	F1154	Anemic, bland, totally nullifies settlers and native Americans from Minnesota. Is that the point settlers and native Americans make up Minnesota. This is from a native American who's affiliated with the white earth tribe. Horrible design. No connection to our history or are 10,000 lakes headwaters of the Mississippi North Star state etc . Totally generic and dismissive of our culture and state. Apparently a handful of sensitive people want to erase our history. Good or bad. Ridiculous
11/30/23 15:48	F1154	This design is simple, recognizable, and brings together the different cultures, weather, and landscapes in our state.
11/30/23 15:49	F1154	I am deeply disappointed with the new design that fails to accurately represent Minnesota's rich history and unique identity. It is a disservice to our state and fellow Minnesotans as it lacks the depth and complexity deserving of our state's history. The new design is needlessly simplified and offers no insight into our state's history, which is an essential aspect of our statehood. I believe that the design should be revised to include the history of Minnesota and represent our statehood more accurately.
11/30/23 15:53	F1154	Don't care for either the green or the blue shades - but I also really dislike this design.
11/30/23 15:59	F1154	F1154 is my 4th out of the six choices. I understand this is the same designer as the frontrunner state seal. I'm not a fan of the inlaid star inside an flake. It feels like an optical illusion with my eyes. The 8 pointed star didn't / doesn't resonate as a snowflake to me. (Though, it has me wanting to learn more about the star in the Capitol rotunda.)
11/30/23 16:03	F1154	Like the design, but would change the tints of blue and green to improve it even more.

11/30/23 16:06	F1154	This would be my third choice out of the finalists.
11/30/23 16:06	F1154	F1154 - probably my favorite. Like the colors. Has a native American feel. Agree with designer statement.
11/30/23 16:11	F1154	Designer statement sounds good, but you ask someone what it means and most people will say star and maybe water...be sure you put its symbolism on the flag pole plague!!!
11/30/23 16:23	F1154	As a Minnesotan I enjoy all 4 seasons but don't want to be reminded of snow year-round. The blue and green shades don't seem like vibrate northern colors. Could use the imagery from the license plates and MN tourism logo to tie it all together on a new flag. So many better flag designs were submitted.
11/30/23 16:30	F1154	There is nothing offensive about the existing state flag. This is just more BS brought to us by the people that want to destroy our state and country. Keep our existing Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11/30/23 16:59	F1154	Love this one!!
11/30/23 17:02	F1154	So thoughtful! Symbolism that reflects all the diversity of MN!
11/30/23 17:06	F1154	F1154: Snowflake needs to be refined to be more obvious as a snowflake. Or delete the snowflake altogether and change the star to white.
11/30/23 17:08	F1154	Plain and says nothing, sorry
11/30/23 17:09	F1154	Hate it
11/30/23 17:11	F1154	Awesome!
11/30/23 17:12	F1154	It looks like a cookie cutter shape, and doesn't look indicative of Minnesota
11/30/23 17:12	F1154	Sorry, snowflakes have six sides. Also, the colors represent the boundary watersâ€¦ there is a lot more to Minnesota.
11/30/23 17:12	F1154	Such a pleasing design! Clear, balanced, and attractive. I like this design and it gets my vote!
11/30/23 17:13	F1154	Sorry, snowflakes have six sides. Also, the colors represent the boundary watersâ€¦ there is a lot more to Minnesota.
11/30/23 17:14	F1154	One of the best. A possible suggestion - have the small blue star in the middle in gold
11/30/23 17:15	F1154	This looks very religious.
11/30/23 17:19	F1154	I commented on this flag design early, but the longer it sits with me, the stronger it becomes - as a design that even a child could draw from memory, and as a symbol that holds enough significance that it could be adopted and adapted for different purposes: official, commercial, and personal. This designer has also continued to share publicly on social media a willingness and openness to stretch and imagine beyond the initial submission. Their artistic voice, in other graphic work, is clear and strong. I believe this design DOES (and exceeds at doing) what the commission expressed they were looking for. This would be a beautiful upgrade to the flag. Pair it with the same designer's state seal to keep a consistent voice!!
11/30/23 17:21	F1154	This is by far the best design. Incredible.
11/30/23 17:22	F1154	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:24	F1154	Again, much too "blah". No-one from out of state would look at this and think "That must be Minnesota!"
11/30/23 17:24	F1154	I think this flag embodies all the elements needed for a modern & bold, yet simple state flag.
		<p>This flag beautifully hits on all 5 rules of vexillology.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Keep it simple.</li> <li>2) Use meaningful symbolism.</li> <li>3) Use 2 or 3 basic colors.</li> <li>4) No lettering or seals.</li> <li>5) Be distinctive</li> </ol> <p>As a designer, I am extremely impressed with how much meaning and symbolism has been conveyed in such a simple but memorable design.</p>
11/30/23 17:25	F1154	My only complaint is that I do not live in Minnesota, and therefore am extremely jealous I would not be able to claim it as my own. Nevertheless, This flag gets my vote!
11/30/23 17:26	F1154	Simple. Intelligent. Beautiful.
11/30/23 17:29	F1154	This design is so solid, versatile, and beautiful, that it already seems like itâ€™s been the state flag for years. Itâ€™s a winner on every level!
11/30/23 17:30	F1154	I like this one the best. Itâ€™s simple, it looks really good especially compared to other state flags, the colors are not trendy but will withstand the test of time. This is in incredible flag.

11/30/23 17:31	F1154	Boring
		I've been working as a graphic designer in the Twin Cities for 10 years now, and out of top 6 designs, I believe that this one is the clear frontrunner. It's bold, easily recognizable, relevant, and timeless. The symmetry allows for a wealth of applications such as patches, hats, scarfs, etc... the possibilities are limitless. This flag also stands on it's own against the landscape of the other 50 state flags, it's far different than the rest and proudly represents Minnesota.
		The only notes I would recommend are making the green and blue colors a bit more different from each other, right now they have a similar tonal value which may be difficult for some people to perceive. One way to do this would be to darken the green a bit to be a more forest green, while lightening the blue a bit to enhance the contrast. Secondly, the star in the center may not need the rounded elements in the inner points, there isn't any other rounded element in the design so sharpening it would perhaps feel more unified.
11/30/23 17:33	F1154	Otherwise, It's wonderful! It would be a great symbol for the great state of Minnesota. Thank you for your time.
11/30/23 17:34	F1154	Looks too much like a quilt square. kinda boring also.
11/30/23 17:37	F1154	Love it!
11/30/23 17:38	F1154	I favor this flag as it includes recognition of more residents of our state.
11/30/23 17:40	F1154	This one is fine, but I would prefer a darker navy blue to contrast the green and white some more.
11/30/23 17:41	F1154	Dull, symbols do not adequately reflect the intent, no vibrant colors, not enough color, competition should have lasted longer.
		Awful. It looks like a decorative banner at the mall, not a state flag. I don't mean to offend the artist, but the simplistic design looks like it was done as part of an art project using photoshop clipart on an iPad.
		I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it. You did a great disservice to the the State of Minnesota by not commissioning legitimate artists and designers to create a legitimate flag - and if you did pay some of them - Minnesotan's didn't get their money's worth.
11/30/23 17:41	F1154	Yes, Minnesota will now have one of the worst - if not THE worst - state flag of any state in the union. This is what you get when you task committees to make decisions and dumb everything down to the least common denominator. You end up with something less than mediocrity. Sorry, I cannot embrace this. I vote (G), none of the above.
11/30/23 17:42	F1154	I love all the symbolism in this flag. Would the designer and commission be open to adjusting the North Star to gold? The North Star should stand out as a key focal point of any MN flag design. Great work!
11/30/23 17:47	F1154	This would be acceptable if the snowflake is redesigned with 6 points.
11/30/23 17:48	F1154	I favor this flag as it includes recognition of more residents of our state.
11/30/23 17:59	F1154	F1154 is a nice quilt design. Star needs a different color to complement this staid design. There were better selections.
11/30/23 18:01	F1154	No;Looks More like a quilt patch, then a flag. Seriously why didn't you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag?
11/30/23 18:04	F1154	Looks like the logo for a health care system.
11/30/23 18:06	F1154	This is the one. Hands down.
11/30/23 18:08	F1154	Do not care for geometric styled star. Appears Scandinavian to me, not very inclusive.
11/30/23 18:10	F1154	I love this flag! Simple and easy for all ages to love.
11/30/23 18:13	F1154	I really like this one and can't wait to see how the colors shimmer on flag fabric.
11/30/23 18:14	F1154	Flag Submission number: F1154 just is not exciting. The supposed symbolism is not clearly understood.
11/30/23 18:19	F1154	Hard on the eyes. No MN recognition.... Actually, all these flags look alike. But none say "Minnesota"
11/30/23 18:21	F1154	I believe a simple yet meaningful design like this is perfect for the state of Minnesota. This flag is beautiful.
11/30/23 18:22	F1154	What a beautiful, well curated, representation of our state!
11/30/23 18:23	F1154	This one makes zero sense to me. I don't know how this represents MN it looks like a sweater design and a sweater doesn't represent MN
11/30/23 18:25	F1154	Love this design. Simple, yet the color and design stand out beautifully.

11/30/23 18:28	F1154	I love how well this design captures the essence of the call for designs. It's accessible for kids and emphasizes the north star. So well done!
11/30/23 18:30	F1154	If the main colors were swapped, it might work vertically - Lake Superior to the right but would lose the lake and wooded shoreline horizontally. I guess this doesn't work vertically.
11/30/23 18:31	F1154	I think this design could be improved if the colors of submission F1953 were used. A navy blue vs. the royal blue would be so much better!
11/30/23 18:32	F1154	I vote for 1989 North Star flag. It is the only flag design that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 18:33	F1154	Looks like a kid did it. None of them represent MN so childish.
11/30/23 18:34	F1154	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OF MINNESOTA. Do not embarrass us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:43	F1154	The white leaves a lot of negative space. Snowflakes have 6 points, so that doesn't track well in the explanation.
11/30/23 18:46	F1154	My favorite design by far! Beautiful and bold for the great state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 18:47	F1154	Maybe it's the time of year, but I also feel a Nordic vibe with this design. Very Minnesota!
11/30/23 18:48	F1154	I wasn't convinced of this design until I saw the designer's most recent post highlighting its application in various mediums and channels.  link:https://www.instagram.com/p/COSazS3uP09/?igshid=ZWl2YzEzYmMxYg==  This post convinced me and I saw the vision of how it could be used as part of a larger brand system for our state. While I'm not too fond of the color choices, the composition and simplicity is very strong. I believe this is best choice of all the options.
11/30/23 18:50	F1154	So much meaning packed into such a simple and beautiful design. It's timeless, easily drawn from memory, and would be proudly embraced by Minnesotans everywhere. I can see this becoming just as iconic as the California bear or the New Mexico Zia sun.
11/30/23 18:50	F1154	NO!
11/30/23 18:55	F1154	NO NO NO NO EMBARRASSING
11/30/23 18:56	F1154	No - too simple. Looks Arabic.
11/30/23 19:03	F1154	All six flags are horrible
11/30/23 19:06	F1154	All of these designs are a joke and a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE MY STATE FLAG!!!
11/30/23 19:17	F1154	I think this one is the best option - it's simple and represents MN in the landscape and heritage of its people
11/30/23 19:17	F1154	Ok.
11/30/23 19:18	F1154	I really like this. It's vibrant, unique, and represents multiple facets of Minnesota life. It's also simple and readable from far distances, something that is critical for any flag. This is a flag I would be proud to have flying above my home.
11/30/23 19:25	F1154	Negative on this one.
11/30/23 19:32	F1154	This flag is very simple but feels very Minnesotan! I hope this wins!
11/30/23 19:34	F1154	I do not like the colors.
11/30/23 19:34	F1154	Having been married to a Minnesotan x 50 years, I love the simplicity of the design. The 8 pointed star is significant to many heritages in Minnesota.
11/30/23 19:36	F1154	This is definitely the best design. Pick this one.
11/30/23 19:37	F1154	No. This is incredibly unattractive
11/30/23 19:44	F1154	I like the bright, hopeful colors in this flag. I would change the blue four pointed star to gold to add some warmth to this design.
11/30/23 19:47	F1154	I can not tell that this flag represents Minnesota because it does not display the word Minnesota on it
11/30/23 20:02	F1154	A great representation of Minnesota!
11/30/23 20:04	F1154	The colors of this are much too primary- they need some depth or a richer shade. It is too geometric and symmetric. The star is blue which is sort of odd. Not my favorite.
11/30/23 20:06	F1154	I like the simplicity of this design. I can see this flag on a pole. The elements of the motif, star, and blue and green are truly symbols of our state! I love it!
11/30/23 20:10	F1154	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!

11/30/23 20:10	F1154	Interesting. I like the combo star and snow flake and that it captures an Onibwe and dakota design
11/30/23 20:10	F1154	I think this should be one of the bottom selections. I do like the introduction of green to reflect agriculture and forestry, but these colors don't do anything for me and I feel like the snowflake and North Star are a bit clunky. This one doesn't seem as professionally done as some of the others.
		My gut visual impression of this one, looking at it blind, without reading the description, is that I just don't like how it looks. It doesn't make me feel anything or evoke to me anything about our state. It could be a flag for anything. The eight-pointed star does not look like a snowflake to me; it looks like an eight-pointed star.
		In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited; I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.
		I do think this design would be greatly improved by making the star in the middle gold. But I think it would still feel like it is missing something, that it's just a couple stars in the middle of two stripes. I mean, I think the problem (the reason I have such a negative reaction looking at it) is it's just ... boring.
11/30/23 20:16	F1154	I know people from different parts of the state were saying they don't "identify" with the loon, but it is our official state bird so I don't think it is too wild an idea to include it (or some other MN animal) in the flag design. But I am also a naturalist so our wildlife and natural resources are very strongly tied to my feelings about my home state and what makes it special. :)
11/30/23 20:17	F1154	Best design! Love the simplicity, boldness, and meaning behind the design. Perfect for Minnesota!
11/30/23 20:17	F1154	Best design! Love the simplicity, boldness, and meaning behind the design. Perfect for Minnesota!
11/30/23 20:19	F1154	The color choice of this design really stands out against other state flags. The overlap of the 8-pointed and 4-pointed stars is simple but visually stunning and I like the continuing, unbroken line through the center.
11/30/23 20:23	F1154	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.
11/30/23 20:30	F1154	No. Too stark.
11/30/23 20:31	F1154	F1154 .is, as the designer says, bold. This is a good design for a flag and with some tweaking might become great. I prefer the 8-pointed star with its subtle letter M incorporated into it. Not sure how the blue on green will show up on an actual flag from a distance, but it may not matter since the white star is the central motif.
11/30/23 20:39	F1154	Just looks horrible. Looks like kids drew it
11/30/23 20:43	F1154	Simple yet instantly iconic. Incredible work!
11/30/23 20:45	F1154	This is my least favorite.
11/30/23 20:48	F1154	This one!
11/30/23 20:49	F1154	While I like some of the concepts expressed, I just really don't like the color pallet, seems too unnatural, and that the center star is the same color blue as the rest of the flag, it seems all surface a darker blue in the field or star (or both?). . Perhaps a second choice with some edits?



11/30/23 20:50	F1154	This is a favorite
		I think F1154 communicates strength and highlights Minnesota's natural features. It is simple enough to work on a flag subject to movement and often viewed at a distance. The central feature and color scheme can be used on the seal and state documents.
11/30/23 20:54	F1154	By the way, don't lose heart over the disappointing public comments. Many fail to recognize the practical and long term benefits of simplicity. Many fail to distinguish between a state flag and something one would frame for the living room wall. Many seem fixated on loons and fly rods. So offer those people profuse thanks for their valuable input but then listen to the experts.
11/30/23 20:55	F1154	This is one of my least favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 20:57	F1154	The colors of this one rub me the wrong way. They feel a little bit too vibrant. The star design in the center just doesn't particular capture me either. I just feel that there are more fitting designs out there.
11/30/23 20:58	F1154	I love this flag! It is simple and recognizable. Flying this design on a flag seems reasonable and recognizable while flying. I like the representation and meaning of the design.
11/30/23 21:05	F1154	F1154 .is, as the designer says, bold. This is a good design for a flag and with some tweaking might become great. I prefer the 8-pointed star with its subtle letter M incorporated into it. Not sure how the blue on green will show up on an actual flag from a distance, but it may not matter since the white star is the central motif.
11/30/23 21:05	F1154	Good flag with simple symbolism with Minnesota. Easy enough to remember and recognize
11/30/23 21:10	F1154	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858. Ugly color
11/30/23 21:11	F1154	Of the 6 finalists this is the only one that remotely looks like a professional artist produced it. I'd suggest tweaking the shades of blue to match current flag's color and make the green darker. Maybe add a border around the white snowflake. But it still looks like a pattern on a sweater or mitten.
11/30/23 21:11	F1154	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858. Ugly color
11/30/23 21:15	F1154	No, leave the flag alone!!!
11/30/23 21:15	F1154	F1154 is a good flag! I like the Native American symbolism and the easy to draw logo. I do not like the colors however. The green looks a little too unnatural? And the blue is not quite the right shade either. It looks like the Seattle Seahawks colors. Change the shade!
11/30/23 21:20	F1154	What is this? It looks like a sad logo design that no one wants. There's no pizzazz, This does NOT say MN to me at all.
11/30/23 21:24	F1154	I don't like this one much at all. It looks too similar to so many other national flags. Definitely not memorable nor distinctly Minnesotan.
		F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/agriculture), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or subdued brownish-red (Pipestone). The star could be the same color as the solid field.
11/30/23 21:24	F1154	F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference. Or maybe drop the snowflake imagery altogether and make it the star from the Capitol rotunda instead of many separate rhombuses. However, allowing the North Star to show through may be complicated.
11/30/23 21:25	F1154	This looks like a strange foreign country flag, not a Minnesota anything!
11/30/23 21:25	F1154	Love this design, simple but has meaningful symbolism.
11/30/23 21:33	F1154	Looks like a quilt block. Try again. Giving this an F.
11/30/23 21:34	F1154	The reCapcha did not pop up for several of my comments so this might be a repeat. While I really like some of the concepts of this flag, I could do without its flat color palette, the green is not inviting to me and both colors are of similar tone, I think the artist missed an opportunity to make the inner star another color.
11/30/23 21:41	F1154	I love this design! Simple, thoughtful, and good color choice. Kudos to the artist!
11/30/23 21:42	F1154	Do we have to replicate the rotunda design???
11/30/23 21:56	F1154	I think this design has potential. I like that it is simple enough to look unique, but not too simple. I think it could be a great flag with some tweaks to color, and maybe using the disconnected 8 pointed star design seen in other finalists. It would look good and instantly recognizable on a flagpole or hung up on the wall.
11/30/23 21:56	F1154	This is a very strong concept. I would like to see the shape of the symbol scaled down a bit and the top half of the North Star color changed from blue to green. Would also like to see the color hues adjusted, perhaps a darker blue and softer green would create more contrast and really make it pop.
11/30/23 21:59	F1154	Another one that is too complicated. If it only had the star, it would be a much better flag.

11/30/23 22:01	F1154	Ted Kaye suggested that the bottom half of the star be colored green for a more balanced effect, however, it would detract from the symbolism of the snowflake. Consider instead of coloring the inner star gold. Gold is more representative of a star than blue. That would still be within the three color guideline.
11/30/23 22:09	F1154	Finalist F1154 is my #1 choice. It should be called the "starflake flag". It is simple and unique. But I Strongly suggest the North Star be Yellow and embrace it instead of being 'hidden' and blue. The yellow would also enhance the color scheme, as it does on our current flag. Everything else is great: Layout looks balanced. The blue is a nice hue that goes well with the green. I like what the designer says the colors and symbols represent--especially all the connections to the 8-point star. This is a flag I can be proud of. Trust me on making the North Star yellow, not blue.
11/30/23 22:10	F1154	This flag design will be an instant classic. It's hopeful spirit and simple precise shapes make it a perfect reproducible symbol.
11/30/23 22:14	F1154	Too difficult for a child to draw, colors are dreary. At the least the star should be classic yellow.
11/30/23 22:15	F1154	None of the above
11/30/23 22:15	F1154	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible.
11/30/23 22:15	F1154	this looks like a 4H of FFA flag.. but I liked the one that kept the circle and put a loon in it.....
11/30/23 22:15	F1154	REJECT: poor design, boring! Nothing denotes Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:16	F1154	I like this one. It's a solid design.
11/30/23 22:18	F1154	This is my third favorite of your finalists. I like some stuff here. I also dislike some stuff here. Color scheme (Green, blue, White) is great. The star in the middle and simple design is great. The star is not right though. The star within a star is an ok idea, but it shouldn't be blue. The blue inner star throws off the color balance. It would be best if the inner star was removed entirely. Other than that, I think it would look best if with green on the bottom and blue on the top.
11/30/23 22:19	F1154	Not really sure what this option has.
11/30/23 22:19	F1154	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.
11/30/23 22:20	F1154	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:21	F1154	Vertigo. Looks like a Kaleidoscope.
11/30/23 22:22	F1154	Looks like a quilt square - F1154 anther quilt square
11/30/23 22:25	F1154	I think it's vital to pick a flag that represents the Ojibwe and Dakota people and encompasses other important aspects of the history and heritage of our state. My vote is this flag that best represents Minnesota's land, history, and heritage.
11/30/23 22:30	F1154	None of the above
11/30/23 22:37	F1154	Very strong dislike for it. I don't feel like any of the designs have alot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:39	F1154	I like how this design can represent many things all at once, both past and present. It is simple enough to be reproduced at smaller scales yet distinct enough to be recognized from afar. While not my top choice, I would appreciate and embrace this design if it is selected as the unique symbol that represents us.
11/30/23 22:40	F1154	I like the simplicity of the design, but the colors might be too bright. It reminds me of the retro Seahawks uniforms.
11/30/23 22:43	F1154	This design would be better if it also contained things MN is known for like a loon, walleye or lady slipper flower?
11/30/23 22:44	F1154	Do not like this at all.
11/30/23 22:44	F1154	F1154 - it's just okay. A bit busy.
11/30/23 22:48	F1154	I like the thought put into this design (F1154) but I think the execution is simply too vague to be properly identifiable as "Minnesotan." If someone showed me this design and asked me where I thought it might represent, I would have no clue where to guess as the design and color scheme is simply not unique. This design may really benefit from changing the shades of the colors. Currently the "plain" blue and green seem somewhat jarring against each other. I would not fly this flag with pride.
11/30/23 22:49	F1154	No. This is least favorite and belongs on a barn or quilt
11/30/23 22:52	F1154	This one is clear from miles away and to me is the standout winner. Like such iconic flags such as the New Mexico and Colorado flags, this one is clear and will easily stand out in that same manner.
11/30/23 22:55	F1154	Again, too simple, too graphic, too modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state!
11/30/23 22:56	F1154	Feels very Euro Socialist! What happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 22:58	F1154	I don't love these colors as much as the other flag designs
11/30/23 22:58	F1154	I would be ashamed if this flag were selected. I don't see symbol's purposes being portrayed here.

11/30/23 23:01	F1154	F29 and F1154 are far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much.
11/30/23 23:02	F1154	F944 is probably best of the six, but still needs other aspects like loon, forest, etc.
		Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
		Make the center North Star yellow so it stands out and looks like a star. Like the blue and green fields. Like the "M" shape in the snowflake.
		Still would prefer loon included.
11/30/23 23:02	F1154	My 2nd or 3rd of the 6 finalists
		The "starflake" is ginormous. Too much like an old quilt.
		I worry in some light conditions the green and blue will be indistinguishable from each other without white or yellow dividing them.
		My favorite color combination for the flag is blue, green and yellow.
11/30/23 23:07	F1154	When flags begin to fray from flapping in the wind, designs that were originally centered are now off-center. When this focal point is in the canton (top left hand corner), it will not appear off-center with wear and tear.
11/30/23 23:14	F1154	Nothing about this design says Minnesota. This flag is way too abstract. Green over blue? Isn't the sky (which is blue) above the grass (which is green)? So the stars are composed of the abstract letter M. Way too subtle. I don't want to explain this flag to everyone that doesn't live in Minnesota.
11/30/23 23:17	F1154	Love it. "Starflake" concept may have some traction. Prefer the similar F29 one, partly because star is yellow. But colors on this one are on brand for us in MN.
11/30/23 23:20	F1154	Stolen from Hartford Whalers
11/30/23 23:23	F1154	F1154 looks nice but maybe the quilt star/snowflake smaller and offcenter.
11/30/23 23:25	F1154	My preference for a flag for our state is something that looks like a real flag. I think this F1154 or F1953 are the best.
		Several people with whom I have discussed the 8 pointed motif have interpreted it as a snowflake, snowflakes have six points. However traditional and easy to reproduce I think using the "starflake" would make us look stupid for the next 150 years.
11/30/23 23:27	F1154	Very uninspiring for a state flag. Does not embrace Minnesota.
11/30/23 23:31	F1154	Of the finalists, this one is second-best.
11/30/23 23:32	F1154	I would not choose this one. It's too static. for a flag. I do not find the diamond shaped points of the star pleasing. It reminds me of a corporate logo.
11/30/23 23:40	F1154	No. No winter references. It's not a selling point for the state and the two-color background is too much.
11/30/23 23:47	F1154	No. No winter references. It's not a selling point for the state and the two-color background is too much.
11/30/23 23:49	F1154	Do not like this submission. It doesn't look right to me. Maybe if the star inside the snowflake was a different color? Or maybe the green and blue were slightly different shades
		Please read the article in the November 30 STrib (pages B1+5). I agree so much with those commentators. I agree with the vexillologist that this is a stunning design and could be improved by making the bottom of the four-pointed star green. Blue and green are my favorite colors and I think the North Star and snowflakes are so Minnesota. Is this four-pointed star acceptable within the design parameters of the Dakota and Anishinabe peoples? I really liked that aspect of another design statement.
12/1/23 0:01	F1154	Green that is missing in other flags. Most of MN is green not shorelines !
12/1/23 0:09	F1154	So many of the finalize design, are so unclear as to what they represent, and they look like stencils designs, or quilted pillow shams , not a state flag, nothing stately here.
		F1154 Green and blue are good. North Star should be yellow.
		For me the 8-pointed star immediately brings to mind a quilt design, not a snowflake. Snowflakes have six (6) points and/or sides. This snowflake has 8 points. For these reasons it's a definite no for me.
12/1/23 0:20	F1154	
12/1/23 0:30	F1154	The colors are too bold on this and don't contrast each other terribly well. Maybe if the center north star was a different color?

		<p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status. But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. The website user awkward and unaccepting of the most popular image file types. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>F1154 is an acceptable design at first glance, though resembling a modernized cavalry guidon in graphics. It does contain some symbolism and granules of historic weight. Commission guideline states that "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design". The creator of F1154 reveals that "The 8-pointed star immediately brings to mind a snowflake, which reflects our climate and cultural resiliency. 8-pointed stars are also found in Ojibwe and Dakota star blankets, Nordic Fair Isle patterns, agrarian barn quilts", which albeit benign, is still a clear violation of the guidelines and thus disqualifies this entry. The "8-pointed motif" resembles more a Maltese Cross than a star, and it would just confuse the masses rather than endear them. Such is not the purpose of a flag; its symbolism should flow from the hearts of the people to the laws of the government, not the laws of the government dictating the people what they ought to love.</p> <p>"Åtoile du Nord, Star of the North. Read the word "star". What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. The public will too. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. They attract us innately. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The stars standing for our statehood, liberty, and union- whilst not denoting any ethnic group. The Four-pointed star on the flag of Aruba stands for the island's four main languages. This is an example of historical significance behind the use of a different star style. Five pointed stars are universal for depictions of "independence", "liberty" and so on. Minnesota has no connection to a four-pointed star and thus arbitrary usage of it would be most unprofessional negligence of the commission's due diligence. The snowmobile maker Polaris would possibly be flattered to see the four-pointed star, integral to their logo, upon the state flag.</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative who's had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F1154, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation. If the commission seeks to have carried out its duties to the utmost effectiveness, it has taken the most difficult route to the worst outcome by neglecting to include the North Star Flag, the most popular successor to the current Minnesota flag for the last 3 ½ decades! Let there be 7 flags from which to choose. No harm shall result from this. It shall only benefit the entire state.</p> <p>Did you note how many times the North Star Flag was submitted? And how many variants are such close descendants of it? And the city flags of Crystal and Duluth? Its basic symbolism resonates deep through our souls. F1154 is alien to Minnesota. Just born from the cosmos of imagination. The North Star is a familiar friend of many years, and in 2038, it becomes "archaeologically significant" as it will be 50 years of age. When will F1154 become such? The year 2074. By then, the North Star flag will have existed for almost a century. The North Star Flag is part of our shared history. It is the only of any of the entries that has its own historical significance beyond its graphic symbols. Sports games, combat missions, trips around the globe. F1154 has a lot of catching up to do, it has done, to date, nothing. Not one physical flag is known to exist yet. Thousands of North Star Flags exist currently.</p> <p>I do not insist that F1154 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian "survival of the fittest" race between it and The North Star flag begin; and may the best flag win. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F1154 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the deeply popular North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
12/1/23 0:47	F1154	
12/1/23 0:53	F1154	This doesn't say anything about snow. If you know science, snowflakes usually have 6 points not 8. Or a double snowflake has 12. Uninspiring.
12/1/23 1:26	F1154	Dear goddess, no. No. Very boring. Very simplistic. Does not say "MN" to me at all. Has no connection to what I feel when I think of MN, where I was born.
12/1/23 1:49	F1154	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?
12/1/23 2:22	F1154	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible

12/1/23 2:31	F1154	I really hope the commission brings the North Star flag (F22) back into consideration. The fact that it was disregarded despite organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans was very disappointing. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag. This is an interesting design, but I don't find it to be an attractive look for a state flag.
12/1/23 3:08	F1154	I really like the rich symbolism in this flag, but I do not like the way it looks. I would prefer a solid blue background over half blue half green background.  I like the 8-pointed star better when it's outlined and brings out the M around the outsides. With the background all blue, and the 8-pointed star outlined in white, the middle could be filled in with green like in flags F1307 and F526. I think this adds some really nice symbolism where the green part looks like pine trees.  Flag F907 (similar design to one of the seal finalists) also has this green pine tree idea. I think that the 8-pointed snowflake like star and 4-pointed compass rose like star in the middle is a little too much, but I think either the 8-pointed snowflake looking star (similar to F29) or a white 5-pointed star (similar to F1093) could work really well.
12/1/23 3:31	F1154	I really like the idea of a 5-pointed star inside an 8-pointed star representing the year we became a state, 1858. I also really like that a white 5-pointed star would reference the US flag.
12/1/23 3:31	F1154	Love this design. It's the modern, iconic emblem that Minnesota can be proud of.
12/1/23 3:31	F1154	Smart, sleek, flexible. This one is a clear winner.
12/1/23 3:47	F1154	F1154: I appreciate this, but it feels less strong and "Minnesota" than the solidity and simplicity of F2100. While I like the intent of the star within the star, it feels a little dizzying to me, plus I like the deeper blue and green in F2100.
12/1/23 4:19	F1154	Looks two much like a cross from far away. I don't like it
12/1/23 5:11	F1154	The four double-pointed sections of the snowflake could also represent Minnesota's four biomes. Aspen parklands, prairie grasslands, deciduous forest, and coniferous forest.
12/1/23 6:11	F1154	Brilliant design. Love that it honors tribes and also the past designs.
12/1/23 6:27	F1154	This one is the best of the six. I wish there was a loon though.
12/1/23 6:32	F1154	Second least favorite. If the star in the middle was yellow that would help but don't like the blue star with half to the flag already blue.
12/1/23 6:42	F1154	The green and blue colors feel too harsh in this design, and the snowflake does not come across due to the hidden star inside. All over one of my least favorite designs - doesn't feel representative of Minnesota at all, and the design gets lost with the flake and star combined into one element in the middle.
12/1/23 6:52	F1154	First, thanks to all to submitted an entry. Second, come on this is MN we can do so much better than these designs. As a homeschooling mother, we spent lots of time studying our great state of MN and the current flag. The submissions chosen to be finalists have NO depth, they are superficial, almost fake if you will. If one of these 6 finalists are chosen there is nothing to studying on the new flag. I wouldn't even waste the time showing it to young people. The submission of the blue background with a star and snowflake is the absolute worst. It DOES NOT represent the state entirely. We're more that snow, a blue background to represent the water (terrible idea) and the star. It appears to be done in 2 seconds by machine. Not worthy of being a finalist at all.
12/1/23 6:58	F1154	The 3rd flag on the list reminds me of a flag from another country, not MN.
12/1/23 7:07	F1154	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
12/1/23 7:09	F1154	I prefer designs that incorporate green & blue - so the color are great. Consistency in branding is really helpful for tourism and identity. The 8 pointed Scandinavian star is not inclusive of all MN immigrants and residents.
12/1/23 7:09	F1154	3rd choice
12/1/23 7:14	F1154	I drive thousands of miles through beautiful, rural Minnesota and hope consideration is made how the new flag would look on red barns, white pole buildings and royal blue silos. While not my favorite colors, this is my favorite design. Thank you. -just for fun, I'd love to see a "battle" version of the flag for sporting events.
12/1/23 7:14	F1154	No.
12/1/23 7:23	F1154	In my opinion, this design is too simplistic and resembles a quilt square. It doesn't make me want to know more. It feels a little dated to me, and I would not feel as proud of this flag, compared to some of the other submissions.
12/1/23 7:27	F1154	The symbolism of the snowflake and North Star shine through so clearly in this design. It's simple, memorable, and proud" striking!
12/1/23 7:29	F1154	I don't like the flag designs that resemble patch work/quilts. The quilt reminds me of Minnesota's Nordic history. Since the founding of MN, the state has become much more diverse, housing many cultures. The diversity of MN should be reflected rather than focusing on one culture (colonizing).

12/1/23 7:31	F1154	Don't care for a starflake, personally. and the star doesn't look like a star to me.
12/1/23 7:36	F1154	This flag looks like a parking lot symbol at a former Minnesota shopping mall.
12/1/23 7:43	F1154	You could really see how over years / decades the starflake could become synonymous with Minnesota. I suppose the key question is if we want this to be our primary signifier. My feeling is that it over emphasizes winter and under emphasizes the North Star state. As a Minnesotan I would rather a kid visiting Mount Rushmore or Washington DC and looking at lots of flags to say oh, Minnesota that's the North Star state, not oh Minnesota that's the snowflake state.
12/1/23 7:44	F1154	This design appears to be very bland and visually not appealing. I find this design to be oversimplified.
12/1/23 7:47	F1154	I don't like any of the flag designs selected. They aren't a good representation of Minnesota. You have completely missed the mark.
12/1/23 7:50	F1154	Something about the colors really seem to clash with this flag. I would consider it if they were toned down somehow (or had another color to balance them out), but for now it's too hard to look at.
12/1/23 7:53	F1154	This one not as bad but childish. Looks like one the marching band carries.
12/1/23 8:00	F1154	By far my favorite flag design. Simple, meaningful, unique, and highly reusable. This is the one. This is Minnesota.
12/1/23 8:06	F1154	Eight-point star symbolism is wonderful but the cross in the center makes me think Minnesota is declaring itself a Christian State.
12/1/23 8:06	F1154	I like F 1154. That is my vote, if I have one.
12/1/23 8:09	F1154	Seriously not good design.
12/1/23 8:10	F1154	Too much white space- I would prefer the star be yellow to make it stand out.
12/1/23 8:12	F1154	Yuk, no style, looks like a cheap snip off the internet! Why are all these designs so plain?
12/1/23 8:13	F1154	I like the inclusiveness of the 8-pointed star, as well as the representation of the BWCA. Not as interesting as other flags. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:15	F1154	looks computer generated Actually hate it
12/1/23 8:17	F1154	I love the color combination as well as how much symbolism is capture in the graphic elements. It gets my vote!
12/1/23 8:17	F1154	They all suck , leave it alone and stop being such woke pantywaists , I'll keep my old one flying on my flagpole ; thanks
12/1/23 8:19	F1154	This is the absolute, hands down, best one x1,000,000! Love the thoughtful and bold design.
12/1/23 8:19	F1154	The all encompassing designer statement says it all. This flag beautifully represents our past, present and future.
12/1/23 8:21	F1154	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:22	F1154	Please do not pick this ugly design!!! Stop, this is embarrassing
12/1/23 8:23	F1154	None of these look like a state flag, more like a soccer team flag. Try again.
12/1/23 8:24	F1154	I think this is a really nice flag design. Probably my 3rd favorite. I would recommend updating the colors though.
12/1/23 8:24	F1154	Another communist looking flag.
12/1/23 8:24	F1154	Absolutely terrible, worst of them all
12/1/23 8:30	F1154	Love this flag! The only thing I would change is I wish the blue and green matched the states existing branding colors (darker blue).
12/1/23 8:31	F1154	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:32	F1154	What a lovely depiction of the state's nature and ethos. I especially am loving the simplicity but striking qualities of the design.
12/1/23 8:40	F1154	This one! It it not overly complicated, easily recognizable, and very striking.
12/1/23 8:40	F1154	These flags does nothing to denote, instruct, or profess anything exceptional or exemplary of MN except a few land features which are not exclusive to the State. Furthermore, to have an annotated star aligned to a religion which less than 5% believes is not honestly representative of Minnesota since statehood was adopted. Additionally, to mark a snowflake on the flag will make us the laughing stock of the country, as this is a political term associated with weakness and immaturity.
12/1/23 8:40	F1154	No sorry

12/1/23 8:42	F1154	Iâ€™d love to see the blue & green reversed. I love the symbolism of the 8 pointed star and would love to see it on our next flag, just not this flag. I do believe, with my imagination, that this flag would look decent at rest. But so far nothing is hitting the mark of â€œeyes! This is MN.â€œ
12/1/23 8:44	F1154	Itâ€™s terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. Its screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:44	F1154	I like the thought behind the 8-pointed star, but don't like the flag at all. The blue is too bright/saturated. The all sharp corners of the white "starflake" clashes with the rounded interior corners of the 4-pointed star inside of it. The star/starflake emblem feels too large for the sizing of the background stripes, and I don't like that the blue of the 4-point star is the same as the blue in the lower portion of the background
12/1/23 8:49	F1154	No snowflakesâ€™yes, we have snow and harsh winters, but that is not what defines our state.
12/1/23 8:50	F1154	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:50	F1154	I like the simplicity of this design. Maybe turn the bottom half of the inset part of the star green for visual interest?
12/1/23 8:54	F1154	Nope
12/1/23 8:56	F1154	Looks too much like a health insurance logo.
12/1/23 8:58	F1154	I vote NO for this one. Again, seems too much like a snowflake and doesn't fully embody Minnesota.
12/1/23 8:59	F1154	I agree with the expert who suggested changing the color of the lower half of the star to green. That would improve the appearance, but it is still not as memorable a design as several of the others.
12/1/23 9:02	F1154	This flag lacks descriptive character other than colors. Star is too modern artsy for me. Again, no way of knowing what state the flag is representing.
12/1/23 9:02	F1154	I don't like the colors doesn't look like MN it looks like it represents Milwaukee. The colors are too bright and it's too simple.
12/1/23 9:04	F1154	This would be my favorite flag if the shades of blue and green were adjusted, these colors are too bright. I think the blue from the 'L'etoile du Nord' flag, with more of a forest green, would look nice.
12/1/23 9:05	F1154	This design is about 50% there. I think that submission F1351 is a much stronger design than this one. If we are going to go with this design though, I would suggest swapping the star out for the star used in submission F1351 and changing the green and blue colors to those used in #1351. Finally, I would explore flipping the green and blue stripes so that the green appears at the bottom and the blue on top. With these changes, we would have a modern flag that would stand the test of time and hold significance for Minnesota. Please, please, please don't use F1154 as submitted.
12/1/23 9:06	F1154	I kind of like this one, but not as much as F29 or F1953. While I do like the starflake in F29 more, I appreciate the Ojibwe and Dakota influences in this starflake.
12/1/23 9:07	F1154	Blah.
12/1/23 9:07	F1154	Balanced design. This graphic appears to hold more of a combined essence of indigenous peoples and also a nod to Scandinavian heritage. Slightly modified colors could make this more powerful (deeper, darker blue as a contrast to the brighter green). These read as "web ready" colors versus choosing colors that stand the test of time.
12/1/23 9:07	F1154	Not a bad design but I really donâ€™t like these shades of blue and green. Would be much better using either a darker or lighter blue and a lighter green - the other flags have much better shades of blue and green.
12/1/23 9:07	F1154	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:10	F1154	This flag is guaranteed to be accidentally flown upside down at least 30% of the time.  F29 will not have this problem. F29s Starflake is bolder and cleaner and more versatile than this one.
12/1/23 9:13	F1154	The 8-pointed star doesn't work for me as a representation of a snowflake. This may be due to its association with so many different ideas. It's more ambiguous or generic than is optimal as a singular representation of the state. Unlike the strong monochromatic background of F29, its attempt to use multiple colours in the background falls short of representing agriculture: Minnesota is the 5th most agrarian state in the Union.
12/1/23 9:16	F1154	F1154 and F1953 are both guaranteed to be accidentally flown upside down at least 30% of the time.  F29 will not have this problem. F29s Starflake is bolder and cleaner and more versatile than this one.
12/1/23 9:16	F1154	I think this flag design is the best one out of the given options. It's rather simple and easy to identify on a flagpole, as well as being quite pleasing to the eye because of its symmetry, I think this flag is easy for Minnesotans to adopt into our culture.
12/1/23 9:17	F1154	The attempt at a snowflake on this flag isn't as clean as the example on F29, so the message it is trying to convey isn't as clear. This option should not be selected by the commission.

12/1/23 9:18	F1154	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology.
12/1/23 9:21	F1154	Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded. As a native and life long Minnesotan, I would be embarrassed.
12/1/23 9:27	F1154	Simple and beautiful!
12/1/23 9:27	F1154	This is in my top 3, probably 2nd favorite. Love the symbolism...the North Star, the blue (lakes/water) and green (forest/parks) are great color choices. The use of the symbol for the capital rotunda is wonderful. I also really appreciate the inclusiveness of Ojibwe and Dakota culture and history with the 8-pointed stars.
12/1/23 9:27	F1154	This design is just a little too "quilt like". My least favorite design of the finalist.
12/1/23 9:31	F1154	The colors are too harsh to my eye and don't pair well together.
12/1/23 9:32	F1154	I don't agree that the star is commonly recognized as a native symbol, though I do think this one is better than the four-pointed one on another design.. I think this could be done better. I do really like the gesture and attempt, however;just not the execution on this front.
12/1/23 9:32	F1154	I'm disappointed that this design (all of them, really) seems to miss an opportunity to better conjure anything related to the indigenous experience, history, or naming of the land. I don't think it's enough to make things right by simply remove the offensive imagery in the current flag.
12/1/23 9:32	F1154	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.
12/1/23 9:32	F1154	The number of points on a singular star typically mean something in a flag. Also, snowflakes weak in symbolism because they aren't specific to Minnesota.
12/1/23 9:34	F1154	'
12/1/23 9:34	F1154	No. Half and half signifies a split. We don't need that these days.
12/1/23 9:36	F1154	Love this design, this would be my favorite! I love the simplicity of the design and also how it incorporates items from our state. This is a flag that I could see being used!!
12/1/23 9:46	F1154	Needs more warmth and the color adjusted. Too saturated, especially on the green
12/1/23 9:47	F1154	This one just doesn't stand out to me. It doesn't say anything. Looks more like a county flag or something.
12/1/23 9:48	F1154	I don't care for this flag. Not really sure why.
12/1/23 9:50	F1154	This flag design looks like something from the Middle East. The green does not reflect our "wooded shoreline" as it is to bright. Overall, I would guess this was a Palestine or Israel flag versus our Minnesota state flag. Please do not choose this one.
12/1/23 9:52	F1154	This one is so clean and crisp. The symbolism is beautiful.
12/1/23 9:53	F1154	Love this!
12/1/23 9:53	F1154	To abstract and not representative of MN! Go back to the drawing board!
12/1/23 9:54	F1154	Comments from 4th grade - I like the shape of the North star and the white around it. -I like the colors
12/1/23 10:00	F1154	There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!
12/1/23 10:01	F1154	The background color choice in this one is not great, but it could be adjusted. It does have a body (bicolor, green and blue) that looks... okay. If one were to imagine this flying in the wind on the flagpole, or hanging as a banner, the weirdly deep (vibrant) colors and a lack of a dull background (for example, the white in the Canadian flag, the white in the U.S. Flag, the yellow in the New Mexico flag... etc) make it feel off.
12/1/23 10:03	F1154	Love this design. It is well thought out, simple, and represents the North Star state well!
12/1/23 10:04	F1154	Don't like any of the flag entries.
12/1/23 10:05	F1154	This flag (F1154) looks like it was designed by a child. I like the green, but the outer/inner star pattern is too simple. It will not age well if chosen.
12/1/23 10:09	F1154	Double lck, start over.
12/1/23 10:10	F1154	This flag is too bland. Most folks would not understand the symbolism of it.
12/1/23 10:13	F1154	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks t realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.



12/1/23 10:15	F1154	No. Another barn quilt
12/1/23 10:20	F1154	Inclusion of symbols found among the many cultures of Minnesota is a definite plus. The colors feel oversaturated. Forest green to define a forest and either a cerulean or deep blue to indicate our waters might help to not feel quite as "corporate logo".
12/1/23 10:28	F1154	I love this design and how perfectly it represents the great state of Minnesota!
12/1/23 10:29	F1154	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:33	F1154	This is not my favorite design but I find it very charming and unique!!!
12/1/23 10:33	F1154	This is by far my favorite and the strongest. I think it combines the North Star, snowflake/ eight-pointed star, and M in such a beautifully simple way. Definitely easy enough for a child to draw. I also think the mark itself could be used in a variety of ways for Minnesota. Apparel, patches, favicon, etc. There are a ton of different ways the colors could go when the final flag is made as well. I think this feels unique and timeless in ways the other flags don't.
12/1/23 10:34	F1154	I can appreciate the 8-pointed star representation, however, I am not in favor of the color scheme. I do not think the colors work well together. The dislike for the colors is not unique to this flag design. I share the same opinion on the F1953, F1435, and F2100 designs.
12/1/23 10:37	F1154	Again- looks like a middle school art assignment. Too simple, lacking content and message. Rate at 1/10 ten is high.
12/1/23 10:41	F1154	I love the inspiration of using traditional quilting and knitting patterns from different cultures around MN and using them to make a new unique symbol. This one pops much more than the other options, especially when viewed at a small size. My input on this one is that something inspired by quilting and knitting patterns should be designed geometrically such that someone could actually make a quilt or knitting out of it! It doesn't quite work as a simple quilt as is. I made a variation that is more strictly geometric - fix the 8 pointed star to be fully 8-fold symmetric, and make the angle of the north star points to be 1/2 of 45 degrees. This matches with the rhombus piecing of Dakota star quilt designs. I also think the color scheme could be tweaked, and the top half bottom half color split is not really needed - it works well with just white on a solid blue background. I like sky blue as an accent color rather than green, personally. I created a little online widget to play around with these variations and colors, available at this link: <a href="https://www.geogebra.org/m/uwefautk">https://www.geogebra.org/m/uwefautk</a> . Please feel free to check it out and share with the final design team. Thanks so much for the inspiration and for the opportunity for the public to give feedback.
12/1/23 10:42	F1154	i don't like the green color on this one it doesn't look right
12/1/23 10:52	F1154	Way to much focus on the STAR. And again, it is limiting and unoriginal.
12/1/23 10:54	F1154	These colors clash horribly and the central star should be a 4th color at a minimum.
12/1/23 10:54	F1154	This looks like a quilt! If you do choose it, make the bottom half of the inner star green to echo the color change in the field.
12/1/23 10:56	F1154	Love this one!
12/1/23 10:57	F1154	no, tlooks like a quilt
12/1/23 10:57	F1154	Boring, too plain, needs more regarding Mn
12/1/23 11:03	F1154	The very first thing I thought when I saw this design is barn quilt square. I read the description and the creator even mentions it. That's why this flag should not be selected. Too geometric, too much like the quilt squares all over barns and sheds in my region of MN.
12/1/23 11:03	F1154	While a nice design, this is another flag with a symbol centered on a field like several other state flags. If chosen, the lower half of the hidden North Star should be changed to green.
12/1/23 11:06	F1154	This one is so good. Iconic. Simple. Impactful.
12/1/23 11:06	F1154	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design
12/1/23 11:06	F1154	The blue and green clash spectacularly. Green in particular is a sickening shade. Feels unfinished, like a first draft that was accidentally submitted.
12/1/23 11:06	F1154	There is nothing on this that seems to say "Minnesota".
12/1/23 11:09	F1154	This would look better if the background were a solid, darker color. and the middle star was a bit bigger.
12/1/23 11:15	F1154	Blah...
12/1/23 11:16	F1154	This is definitely a solid option. Great symbolism, but the colors seem a little too vibrant to me. Maybe if they were a little more muted.

12/1/23 11:18	F1154	This flag needs work. The blue and green blend into each other too much and are very dull without contrast. At the very least, the blue should be darker and the green lighter (I would suggest the Minnesota Blue and Minnesota Green from the state branding guidelines. <a href="https://mn.gov/portal/brand/style-guide/colors/">https://mn.gov/portal/brand/style-guide/colors/</a> ). The star-inside-the-star feels off. A different 4-pointed star would be better. Something like this shape: <a href="https://www.vexels.com/png-svg/preview/269828/four-pointed-flat-red-star">https://www.vexels.com/png-svg/preview/269828/four-pointed-flat-red-star</a>
12/1/23 11:18	F1154	As is, I would not be proud to fly this flag :(
12/1/23 11:18	F1154	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:18	F1154	Just seems to be lacking something..
12/1/23 11:23	F1154	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:26	F1154	I dislike the extreme simplicity and over symbolism of most of the choices, including this one (my comment will be repeated for other flag options). Is it a crime to proudly include our state name? Or to help advertise some of the huge attributes of our state?
12/1/23 11:26	F1154	I do not care for this design. It does not represent what makes MN unique, like the Mississippi River (which should be included on any MN state flag in my opinion), and looks too much like other state flags. Nothing about this design says it is from MN.
12/1/23 11:26	F1154	Looks like a quilt. Yuck.
12/1/23 11:27	F1154	This flag design also reminds me of a quilt square but not as much as F29. The colors are a bit bright and we don't have snowflakes all year so that is an issue (despite the fact that I love XC skiing and snow). The style also reminds me of a country's flag. Not my favorite but better than F29 and F1435.
12/1/23 11:27	F1154	This is a well designed flag, that is pretty appealing to look at! I think this could be a good state flag, even without any of the tweaks!
12/1/23 11:27	F1154	However, I don't think it is as popular as the North Star Flag, and the North Star Flag should have been considered for the finalists. I ask that the committee would reconsider the North Star Flag based on it's popularity and strength of design.
12/1/23 11:28	F1154	Awful. I look at the flag and there is nothing that would tell me it is the Minnesota flag. Looks like something religious.All remind me of the Star of David. You need to start over!
12/1/23 11:30	F1154	needs another color added
12/1/23 11:39	F1154	This design captures important symbolism related to the state of Minnesota, and I recommend moving forward with this design concept. The star, ties to indigenous and Scandinavian cultures and allusions to water and land feel like an inclusive design we can all be proud of. I would love to see more color way exploration, possibly including a yellow color for the 4-point North Star, to create more visual layers / depth.
12/1/23 11:40	F1154	The bold simplicity becomes a logo in and of itself. Replicable, easily identifiable. The pairing with this particular designer's seal is 10/10.
12/1/23 11:43	F1154	The North Star Flag by Lee Herold should be considered.
12/1/23 11:44	F1154	These specific color choices together do not look good together at all. It is harsh to look at.
12/1/23 11:48	F1154	This reminds me of the Health Partners logo.
12/1/23 11:48	F1154	Beautiful, simplistic, and meaningful!
12/1/23 11:49	F1154	The green should be on the bottom, representing the trees, plants, crops - i.e. nature - below a blue sky (or sky-blue waters.)
12/1/23 11:49	F1154	This is the hands down best flag. I hope it wins. Minnesotans deserve this flag. So great.
12/1/23 11:51	F1154	Strongly disapprove. Too simplistic and does not adequately represent this state and it's constituents. Minnesota is more than lakes and woods and north stars.
12/1/23 11:52	F1154	If you don't pick this flag, you're what's wrong with Minnesota.
12/1/23 12:01	F1154	This is just too simplified. I appreciate the designer statement but do not get all of that when I look at it. We are a state rich in natural resources and things that make us unique. A star nor a snowflake are unique to Minnesota. Have several elements that represent the different areas of the state and include those symbols that have been dear to us for 165 years.

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11/22/23 14:46	F1435	F1435. The only good thing about this design is the star. Could be used on another flag.
11/22/23 14:57	F1435	The design is too busy and lacks focus.
11/22/23 15:12	F1435	What on earth were you thinking when you picked this awful design as a finalist? Is this a knight in armor holding a book?
11/22/23 15:13	F1435	F1435: I have no clue what this one is supposed to represent. I bet others are wondering that too. Why is this even be a finalist if people don't recognize anything about it?
11/22/23 15:57	F1435	This is the New Mexico of the North flag. The state flower is now the cactus. Instead of a Zia sun we have a Lakota star ("Dakota Star" in quilting.) This is also the "selburose" in Scandinavian sweaters, knitting, and design. There's a visual fight between the star and plant, make one bigger or smaller. Maybe remove the right top petal to make it symmetrical, but it will still look like it's trying to be a relative of New Mexico's flag. Mostly this reminds me of a garden center logo. And ditch the "fringe". This is not a folk rug. Or maybe it is. Not a fan of this one as a state flag. Too trendy.
11/22/23 16:06	F1435	This one looks like a knitted sweater a grandma would give a child for Christmas. It odd, too complex, and yet somehow also dull.
11/22/23 16:51	F1435	Meh. Everything here just feels a bit off -- weighting/composition, color contrast, etc. I'm sure it could be altered to become something reasonable, but as it stands it just isn't very good.
11/22/23 17:01	F1435	This is my least favorite. It looks too much like a blanket and the yellow looks like a flower not a star.
11/22/23 17:18	F1435	These final 6 are horrible. No one who looks at it will think it is Minnesota, what a waste of time. Put a tree, lake, loon, and or fish on the flag and it would better. These flags look they flags of foreign countries.
11/22/23 17:40	F1435	This looks like an art project done by a third grader with construction paper and a scissors. This is not reflective of Minnesota nor is it identifying anything about Minnesota. Period.
11/22/23 18:38	F1435	F1435: No.No.NO. Please No. It didn't even make my top 1500 list. It is the WORST finalist. Negatives: - What the heck is it? If it has to be explained....delete. Positive: perhaps the fringe is "nice" but I'm really trying to find something positive. Honestly, is there some shady connection between the committee and this artist? A BETTER IDEA: Replace in its entirety with ANY loon flag submission.
11/22/23 19:54	F1435	Better. But does not really denote north star. Kinda corporate again.
11/22/23 20:01	F1435	This flag design is terrible. The commission should have only selected five designs and left this one out. Do not select this design. The line borders on the left and right sides are too detailed and small for a flag. The geometric shapes are robotic. The design feels more representative of a computer system than actual people.
11/22/23 20:07	F1435	I don't like this one. It looks like a tangram puzzle. I can't tell what the green shapes are supposed to represent, although I assume trees. Having all straight edges and right or 45 degree angles makes it look rigid and unappealing to me.
11/22/23 20:42	F1435	Awful A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:  (1) Loon/Star combo " F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409, (2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo " F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073, (3) Star Only " F318, F1472, (4) Loon Only " F959 (5) MN and Star combo " F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650
11/22/23 21:01	F1435	The worst of the lot. The picture of the dog was better. What are the things on the sides? This looks dated today already, just don't.
11/22/23 21:03	F1435	This is my favorite. It represents tribes, counties with the stripes.
11/22/23 21:05	F1435	Sorry but this is pure rubbish. Not only Zero out of ten - This is minus one. Really..? Pulling my hair out. Every design that took at least two votes of those 216 designs should have been discussed and voted on. Every design that got a single vote should have been ruled out from the meeting. POOR. Even now, throw this in the bin and go back and have a second meeting. YOU DO HAVE THE TIME.
11/22/23 21:11	F1435	F1435 is very bad and I would be extremely disappointed if this was selected. I do not understand what the green shapes are trying to represent, and the balance of the images are all off.
11/22/23 21:29	F1435	This one would be a great quilt patch

11/22/23 21:44	F1435	This is an interesting graphic design, but the green plant doesn't do clear enough work to earn it's place on our state flag. This lacks an iconic design that I want in a new flag.
11/22/23 21:51	F1435	F1435. I have no idea what that green thing is, so NO. I suspect the yellow is supposed to be a star but it looks like a snowflake so again, weâ€™re a climate cold state that leans liberal, why on Earth would we put anything on the flag that could be taken as a snowflake? Double no.
11/22/23 22:03	F1435	Not a favorite -- seems oddly juvenile and doesn't seem to evoke Minnesota.
11/22/23 22:08	F1435	Nothing recognizable relating to MN. Again, grandma's quilt.
11/22/23 22:26	F1435	It is hard to hard to know what to say about this design -- it strikes me as just too whimsical to be a state flag. At the 11/21/2023 meeting, it sounded like the Commissioners wanted to include this design because the star could be used in another design. But F29 already uses the exact same star, yes?
11/22/23 22:33	F1435	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/22/23 22:33	F1435	Do not care for this at all....too geometric and swedish looking. I am Norwegian and do not want my heritage to be ignored
11/23/23 0:56	F1435	A flower and trees that are actually Transformers? On a rug?
11/23/23 3:25	F1435	As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for its strong focus on the golden star in the canton. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, the blue lines within the golden star make the North Star appear "empty" or "broken", regardless of its original intention. Secondly, there are major contrast issues between the green and blue that break the "rule of tincture" that Ted Kaye mentioned to you and that would limit visibility for colour-blind individuals, limiting its inclusiveness (a major consideration for your commission). Thirdly, small lines on the edge and the rendering of the plant make the design too complex, making the flag difficult to distinguish, remember and construct. This detracts from the flag design principle "make it so simple a child could draw it". There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 4:30	F1435	Of the remaining 6 finalists, F29 has my vote. The commission should be embarrassed with the top 6 as half of them shouldnâ€™t have made it that far. F1435 looks like a damn green monster holding anotherâ€™s head.
11/23/23 5:18	F1435	I cannot see anything other than Dandelion Man. What is this supposed to be?
11/23/23 7:35	F1435	Welcome to the great state of...Kansas!? Who let the no-Minnesota connection person in the room? All I see is a stylized sunflower blowing in the wind. Or is it a dandelion representing all the weed we have on Minnesota lawns? Sorry, but maybe it was a misunderstanding...the designer probably meant the other weed we can now enjoy in our state.
11/23/23 7:39	F1435	Wow! I didn't know the dandelion was our state flower because I wouldn't be cutting my lawn and trying to root out these pests.
11/23/23 7:55	F1435	That star looks to be a golden rendition of the corporate logo of Hennepin Healthcare a.k.a. Hennepin County Medical Center. I suppose they care for all the state's poor, immigrants, and unwanted psychiatric persons anyway so it's deserving the hospital gets a nod. Instead of the state giving more funding to Hennepin Healthcare, they'll earn a gold star on the new flag...great! Oh, wait you say the gold North Star represents all the mineral and natural resources of Minnesota?! What state did you come from? California? Need I remind you Minnesota's mineral wealth isn't from gold! Its GRAY iron ore and taconite from the Iron Range. Uffda!
11/23/23 8:19	F1435	I strongly believe that this should be our new state flag. The indigenous recognition and county representation is subtle but very effective. The colors are good and I like that there are 3 symbols on the flag that represent our state and are part of the same design language. It feels the most like a state flag and would look good at all scales and when put with other state flags looks unique but fits in with the nations other state flags. Please select this one. As a BIPOC if the flag is designed by someone like me it would mean a lot. It also directly speaks volumes about our state and its values.
11/23/23 8:34	F1435	F1435 - I don't get this one. Another quilt/fair isle/native star, and green stuff. I don't know what the green parts represent. I do appreciate the brighter colors though. I just wish I knew what I was looking at.
11/23/23 8:47	F1435	This is the flag! Incorporates elements of our beautiful state while paying respect the the original people whom have lived here since time immemorial. I love this design.
11/23/23 9:24	F1435	Strongly, strongly recommend against this flag. It does not look professional or representative of our state. the concept is sloppily done and will not look good on a flagpole. the lack of contrast between the green and blue is egregiously bad. It is not clear what the green element represents, or how it relates to Minnesota. The yellow star on blue background looks very similar to the Walmart logo and will definitely lead to legal troubles. Strongly recommend against adopting this flag
11/23/23 9:44	F1435	This is an abysmal choice for a flag. The fact this made the final 6 and beat out so many contenders is sad and indicative of choices by committed.
11/23/23 12:12	F1435	This is my least favorite of the finalists. I would rather have the current flag than this one.

11/23/23 13:30	F1435	F1435 is unquestionably the worst of the 6 final submissions. Overall, I have found the final flag submissions to be exceptionally underwhelming, uninspiring, and unbefitting of the symbol that will represent our great state. This flag in particular evokes zero sense of Minnesota pride, tradition, or history. Perhaps Iowa would be happy to have it.
11/23/23 13:54	F1435	ugly&#128555; boring
11/23/23 16:02	F1435	No
11/23/23 16:03	F1435	This is a solid option if we can't have submission f15 which is a large loon as the flag. The loon is needed on a Minnesota flag
11/23/23 16:49	F1435	Hey, over all I think it&#128555;s an improvement from the OG flag but not a fan of the leaves tho, other than that it&#128555;s a great design
11/23/23 18:22	F1435	This flag feels unbalanced and unlike a flag. Additionally, the green and blue so not have sufficient contrast at all.
11/23/23 19:04	F1435	This is my least favorite of all of the finalists. It looks like kindergarten art, and it reminds me of the Megatron Transformers logo (not in a good way)
11/23/23 22:42	F1435	What are the green figures? Flowers?
11/23/23 23:27	F1435	I really like the design of this flag, but I&#128555;m not a huge fan of the plant! It is probably my least favorite design (of the finalists).
11/24/23 0:03	F1435	No. This is weird. There is the quilt block in the upper left corner, then some green thing that who knows what it is. It looks like a big Y holding a little Y in its hand. No plant grows like that. No.
11/24/23 4:08	F1435	Wtf is this monstrosity supposed to be? The green looks like a decepticon holding another decepticon's decapitated head.
11/24/23 8:18	F1435	I've asked a number of people what this is, nobody knows. If people can't tell what is on the flag, is it really a good design? I still have no idea what this is.
11/24/23 8:25	F1435	As a graphic designer, I view all of the six finalist designs as extremely juvenile and amateurish. I really think there should be another round of submissions. I have no idea why this one was picked as a finalist. The design doesn't even have any shape or color representative of water in the land of 10,000 lakes.
11/24/23 9:07	F1435	This star is excellent. Everything else is not unfortunately. If this just had the star at the center with these colors, it would be my favorite. I really like the idea of representing the tribes somehow, but I think the lines on the edges are too fine to be noticed.
11/24/23 10:11	F1435	Too busy and can't read green against blue. The yellow star is good. Weaving marks are not flag appropriate.
11/24/23 11:50	F1435	Too busy, with the green shapes being unclear on what they are. Colors are fine, but not spectacular.
11/24/23 12:06	F1435	Too busy.
11/24/23 12:50	F1435	This flag is a disaster. Please don't pick this. I'll have to move.
11/24/23 13:39	F1435	I'm disappointed that this flag, of all the good submissions, made the final six. This is not a good-looking flag. People would be upset if this flag represented our state, and I would be one of them. Please do not consider F1435 for our state flag.
11/24/23 13:42	F1435	Love this one!
11/24/23 13:43	F1435	I like the star design from this flag, but not much else. It is way too busy and not simple enough for a child to draw. This flag is just trying too hard to symbolize lots of topics and a flag should stay simple.
11/24/23 14:16	F1435	What does this have to do with Minnesota? "Star plants"
11/24/23 14:21	F1435	Plants(?) hard to make out. Blanket stitching on the edges would have to be much thicker and longer to be recognized at any distance, and on the hoist edge will be partly covered (as a practical consideration) by the grommated sewn-on tape. Is that a yellow snowflake?Must be the sun, does not say "north star" to me.
11/24/23 16:12	F1435	No
11/24/23 16:56	F1435	This does not represent Minnesota as a whole.
11/24/23 16:58	F1435	Please not this one. The colors are aggressive, the design is confusing, and overall it is not aesthetically pleasing.
11/24/23 17:26	F1435	Doesn't reflect our land of lakes.
11/24/23 17:31	F1435	What on earth is the green? Tulips? Corn? Pine trees? Wheat? Marijuana? Not a very clear message! Why the fringe along the edge? I can't think of a reason for it. I hope you do not choose this one!!! Just my opinion!
11/24/23 17:38	F1435	This looks like a child built this with building shapes popular in the 70s
11/24/23 18:07	F1435	Please don&#128555;t use any of these 6 for the flag. They don&#128555;t measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:26	F1435	Doesn't say anything about the state.. Not something I would want my state flag to look like.
11/24/23 18:30	F1435	Are there cactuses in Minnesota? Why on this flag? Bring back the red and blue Dakota Star flag?
11/24/23 19:02	F1435	This one is a no

11/24/23 19:29	F1435	This design is haphazard and trying to hard to be clever. The border on the left and right especially are too fine to read from a distance. I honestly have no idea what the green figure is supposed to be representing, it's confusing. Also why is the distance between the green shapes not evenly spaced? It looks unprofessional and sloppy.
11/24/23 19:31	F1435	If a loon is not a unifying symbol, than corn stalks or whatever these are certainly aren't. The metro tends to forget that there is this whole big region of the state that mines--not farms. This one is out!
11/24/23 20:05	F1435	Awful. Unimaginative, dull, and meaningless. In no way does this represent Minnesota. No observable connection to Minnesota at all. Are these AI creations? For humans used to create any of these designs. Ridiculous
11/24/23 20:08	F1435	I think the design looks unbalanced with the asymmetrical plant. It's also unclear what kind of plant it is. But otherwise this is my third favorite.
11/24/23 20:22	F1435	What is the meaning of it?
11/24/23 20:34	F1435	Nothing about this says "Minnesota"
11/24/23 20:42	F1435	Was this an elementary school art contest?
11/24/23 20:43	F1435	This one is nice. :)
11/24/23 20:45	F1435	Sorry, but what is this design supposed to represent? The star is very poor. And what is the greenery supposed to represent? Looks nothing like corn or soybeans.
11/24/23 21:14	F1435	This one is ugly :(
11/24/23 21:50	F1435	F1435. Definitely not. The dashes on both sides of the flag make it look like it just got printed off of a dot-matrix printer. And why are the dashes in the upper left yellow? it makes no sense. This is terrible. And what is that yellow thing? A golden snowflake? That makes no sense. And the green things, what are they? Tulips? Generic plants? Only God in Heaven and the designer knows. This one misses the mark by a mile. It says nothing.
11/24/23 21:57	F1435	This is pure silliness. Keep our current flag.
11/24/23 22:00	F1435	Flag submission F1435 looks like someone displaying a severed head to a son god. Once you see it you can't unsee it.
11/24/23 22:51	F1435	F1435. Kinda ugly. Are the green blobs supposed to be crops? I'm a farm girl, all for honoring farmers, but they don't look like corn or wheat. Some weird hybrid of both.
11/25/23 5:35	F1435	Please lose the quilted designs. And this is coming from a quilter. And this just makes me think of pot. Ugh!
11/25/23 6:33	F1435	This design looks way too busy.
11/25/23 6:53	F1435	Too complex with the flowers and the color scheme is pretty bad too
11/25/23 7:18	F1435	Trash
11/25/23 7:19	F1435	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:42	F1435	It sucks
11/25/23 7:51	F1435	I do not like this flag or the others that clearly show a Scandinavian geometric design/style. Minnesota is a very diverse state and choosing a flag with clear design elements that represent only one cultural background is not appropriate for a flag meant to represent us all.
11/25/23 8:00	F1435	F1435 is visually simple while also a powerful, non-centered or symmetrical design that speaks to a more nuanced lens/view of the world - one where many parts come together to make a whole vs. a single vision that the parts must conform to, to belong. I especially like the lines for tribal nations & counties along the edges because they speak to complexity and the many regions, landscapes, people that make-up Minnesota. The offset star and green nature elements are built from a visual language that also pulls pieces together to make a whole - which is possibly a more honest expression of symbolism of place than some of the other designs that create a singular focused symbol "for all" to rally around. A nuanced difference of belonging vs. fitting in. Acknowledging belonging vs. inclusion. Love this design!!!
11/25/23 8:05	F1435	Ugly
11/25/23 8:23	F1435	No, I wouldn't associate this with MN.
11/25/23 8:26	F1435	F1435 looks like the side of a barn. I would expect to see this driving down a 2 lane highway on the side of an old barn a high in the eaves. This does not feel like a state flag and I think is very much dated. Please don't choose this one.
11/25/23 8:26	F1435	All flags are horrible..ughhh worst one
11/25/23 8:27	F1435	If that is supposed to be corn, it looks like a transformer.
11/25/23 8:38	F1435	The small marks on the ends look like fringe and make the whole thing look like a carpet. I don't like the pattern chosen. I'm not sure what the green things are. And the scandinavian mitten design for a star is not inclusive.

11/25/23 8:48	F1435	Won't be able to see it from far away. 5 pointed star works better. Child can't recreate it.
11/25/23 8:52	F1435	I think we played with something called Tangrams in elementary school. It had similar shapes in it. How about we just put up a 3M flag. Is say Minnesota more than this.
11/25/23 8:54	F1435	No. Doesn't say Minnesota at all.
11/25/23 9:15	F1435	NO. F1435 is trying to do too much. A 5-year-old would struggle to recreate with all the segments of each icon, plus the 50+ fringe lines on each side. My FIFTH choice of the finalists. Please do not select this design. Thank you.
11/25/23 9:20	F1435	This is by far my least favorite.
11/25/23 9:23	F1435	Confusing. Is the green a stylized tree/forest?
11/25/23 9:30	F1435	The green crop symbols make the flag appear cluttered and busy. It would be better with just the north star.
11/25/23 9:49	F1435	This is horrific
11/25/23 10:21	F1435	Love this flag! Number F1435
11/25/23 10:39	F1435	<p>This is extremely disappointing that a flag like this was considered for a finalist over many, many other well designed flags. This flag is busy, cluttered, over-designed, and will be hard to see at a distance with the lack of contrast between the blue background, and the green plant. This design looks more like a blanket rather than a flag. The only good part of this flag is the Star, which easily could have been the only symbol of this design. That star wouldn't need anything else to carry it.</p> <p>It's just another way that the top 6 were a let down, especially because this flag really misses the mark when it comes to the NAVA guidelines, and it was chosen over many other flags that do, including the ever-popular North Star Flag. I once again ask this committee to reconsider the decision to exclude the North Star Flag. Please add it as the 7th Finalist, and hear what the public truly has to say about it.</p>
11/25/23 11:01	F1435	This is a knock off of the Jordan flag! Remove the colors and do a Google search and you'll find organizations who fly a flag similar to this pattern. Not original and vary controversial to similar patterned flags F1953 biG NO!
11/25/23 11:05	F1435	F1435 the green portion looks like a Japanese warrior holding another's decapitated head...I can't tell what it is supposed to be...maybe flowers??
11/25/23 11:05	F1435	This flag design is a bit kitschy/quilt-like for me. It looks too folksy, like we are not sophisticated.
11/25/23 11:09	F1435	NO QUILTS!
11/25/23 11:32	F1435	This is a lovely design and I so appreciate that our state's indigenous people are represented and honored. However, being from Southern MN, this does not represent the Dakota people. It feels like the design only represents half of the state. It is a little more difficult to see the design on Waverly compared to some of the other flags as well.
11/25/23 11:48	F1435	Busy and confusing. I'm not sure what everything is meant to represent
11/25/23 12:03	F1435	This design is embarrassingly bad and I don't understand how it made it to the final six. Please do not choose it. It's almost worse than the current flag.
11/25/23 12:40	F1435	(F1435) This design is confusing. I, and anyone I've talked to, don't know what the green is. It's quite a poor image for a flag. I understand people are liking the star part of it, and it would have been nice to have a very different design with that star, but this doesn't work.
11/25/23 12:42	F1435	F1435. I don't even know what I am looking at. Why is the sun shining on a Optimus Prime? Plus it's just ugly.
11/25/23 13:13	F1435	This looks like tangram art, which more belongs in an elementary School classroom. Also, I can't tell what the green thing is.
11/25/23 13:56	F1435	If Nordic pines and loons don't represent southern MN, then corn does not represent northern MN.
11/25/23 14:14	F1435	Looks like one of Grandma's quilt squares and snowflakes. No
11/25/23 14:27	F1435	This is a bland representation of our vast and beautiful state. It is not clear what the green symbols are or could be.
11/25/23 14:30	F1435	Again, terrible. Zero percent MN.
11/25/23 14:43	F1435	Ok
11/25/23 15:26	F1435	For a third time, we are trying to choose a design for a flag not a barn quilt.
11/25/23 15:32	F1435	Not sure what the green parts are supposed to be, but it looks like a robot, holding the severed head of another robot. Awesome!
11/25/23 15:41	F1435	Juvenile. Looks like a 2nd grade geometry project.
11/25/23 16:03	F1435	F1435. I do not like it at all. The fringe look on the sides makes it look like a quilt. And the green is indistinguishable. Seriously can't tell what it is, best guess is some generic plant life in a similar style to a star? Why? it's uninspiring and a little confusing.

11/25/23 16:38	F1435	F1435 is the worst of the designs! God awful! I would sooner leave MN than recognize this as a flag! Looks like a person learning PS Paint accidentally submitted their scratchpad.
11/25/23 17:08	F1435	What is with picking designs that look like they belong on Scandanavian mittens? Does NOT remind one of the north star!!! Please do not pick this one.
11/25/23 17:49	F1435	Hey just to give you guys a heads up this flag breaks the rule against cultural symbols. The yellow symbol is called a selburose which is a cultural symbol of Norways independence from Sweden. Also this flag just looks bad. Like what is that supposed to be the staute of liberty pointing at the sun? And the finge at the end makes it look like a picnic blanket not a state flag. A new flag should be picked to replace this one since it breaks the rules.
11/25/23 18:16	F1435	Horrible
11/25/23 19:35	F1435	First impression is it is a marijuana leaf
11/25/23 20:36	F1435	The design violates the guidelines: The design must not represent one group or identity over another, it is a lovely design but it fails several principles for vexology, part of the purpose for redesigning the state flag is that the current one is a bad design we do not need to replace it with other bad designs.
11/25/23 20:43	F1435	No.
11/25/23 20:56	F1435	Clip art? Ugh. Who designed these? Where are the submissions from Minneapolis's best designers? Little& Co, Sharon Werner, Duffy???
11/25/23 21:04	F1435	How can this one be a finalist. I like nothing about it. Yuck.
11/25/23 21:24	F1435	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:57	F1435	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 22:18	F1435	What the fuck is this
11/25/23 22:18	F1435	Ugh. What iIS THIS?
11/25/23 22:41	F1435	There were so many good designs, how did this make it to the top 6!!!!!!
11/25/23 23:09	F1435	As an Ojibwe woman from Red Lake, and as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who tries to instill a sense of pride in my daughters, granddaughters, and great-grandson of our culture; I find nothing proud about this design. I don't care that the designer is a Native American artist, she doesn't speak for my community, and she should be ashamed of herself. And you should not misappropriate our culture as some misguided attempt to make you feel better as a urban liberal.
11/26/23 0:05	F1435	Ugly
11/26/23 0:21	F1435	This flag joins the tribal communities and the counties together. Honoring our anishinabe and Dakota neighbors will move towards reconciliation.
11/26/23 0:48	F1435	No, just no.
11/26/23 1:01	F1435	Just . . . YUCK. What the heck are those green things supposed to be?
11/26/23 1:08	F1435	F1435 - terrible. What the heck are those green things supposed to be?
11/26/23 1:08	F1435	F1435: what kind of plant is that supposed to be? Corn? This design is too abstract and looks like some sort of farm quilt gone wrong. Nope.



		<p>For me this flag fails on multiple fronts.</p> <p>The dashes on the sides of the flag will wind up being undistinguishable when it is hoisted up on a flagpole, especially the minor yellow ones since they would be hard to see alongside the flagpole and doesn't stand out to the white ones. They would make fantastic tassels on a quilt.</p> <p>Another reason this fails for me is the inclusion of the soybeans. While a major farming crop for the state, I don't think it has a high enough status in the everyday Minnesotan vernacular. It feels out of place especially considering some flag designs that included a Loon, which has a higher status amongst common Minnesotans as a discussion point about the state itself and is more of a point of pride, were wholly rejected purely because of a regional bias when soybeans fall under that same category but get leeway because of agriculture. They can be represented as part of other designs that use green to wholly encompass all agriculture and greenery our state has.</p> <p>The last couple reasons this fails for me are nitpicky ones. I don't like the asymmetry happening on the flag in multiple levels, the soybean being skewed towards the right with the extra plant on top means the design just leans you in that direction. The star is in a fine spot but is too big. Lastly, the colors seem very muted and flat.</p>
11/26/23 2:23	F1435	I hope you don't go with this design for all of the reasons stated above, the only positive I can take from this design is that it might have the best star design on its own.
11/26/23 6:28	F1435	Disgusting! Where is the relevance to our state and the bounty of our natural resources? You've bastardized our old flag by approving a piece of abstract art. Why didn't you just give the old flag a facelift and call it a day?
11/26/23 6:32	F1435	I love that this design honors the indigenous communities in Minnesota (yellow lines on the left).
11/26/23 6:47	F1435	Someone playing with the graphics on their computer and threw everything they could find on the screen. Uggghhh.
11/26/23 7:08	F1435	This is a stupid concept, leave the state flag alone
11/26/23 7:43	F1435	This one has REALLY grown on me!
11/26/23 7:51	F1435	Too Complex. Even listening live to the entire meeting on picking the finalists, this flag only made it because of the unique star design. That the star would only be considered as part of another flag,
11/26/23 8:18	F1435	This one is way too busy, and it's hard to tell what is actually being represented here. Looks like a yellow snowflake and I have no idea what type of vegetation that is.
11/26/23 8:39	F1435	awful start over with new parameters -- think you have been given wrong directions
11/26/23 9:14	F1435	At first I hated this design but it's grown on me. I like the north star, which also resembles the sun and a flower, but the green growth is rather abstract and a bit odd. Could a child draw them from memory? I saw a couple redos on the Minnesotans for a Better Flag Facebook page that really worked. It moved the star central and added a few green lines on its sides. I really liked the improvement and could live with it!
11/26/23 9:22	F1435	No one would understand the symbols
11/26/23 9:36	F1435	Least favorite. No symmetry, no clear idea of what's being presented as a whole (what are the green shapes?), too abstract, the notches on the sides for the counties are confusing and unnecessary. Overall, there were better submissions and it's unclear why this one made the cut over far better designs.
11/26/23 9:40	F1435	This flag is a mess. It has no design language and no placement. I don't understand what it is supposed to represent - it looks as though someone took children's blocks and put them on the ground and said "good enough". Green doesn't look like forest or wheat it looks like hops. Star could be fine but it just looks odd. There is no balance, no unified clear representation of what we want to show about ourselves. Choosing this design would be a mistake.
11/26/23 9:47	F1435	No. It looks like the flag of the Marijuana growers association.
11/26/23 10:40	F1435	This is the ugliest flag design I've ever seen. This would be an embarrassing state flag. It looks like it was made in Microsoft Paint. To be clear, that is a bad thing.
11/26/23 10:41	F1435	The "snowflake" has 8 points. Real ones have 6. Sometimes accuracy must yield to aesthetics and symmetry, but designs like this set the state up for no end of ridicule. We can't claim to be the state that knows snow and get this wrong. Also, the committee wanted a design for the next 100 years, but snow may be quite rare in 25 years.
11/26/23 10:44	F1435	I like this design. I appreciate that it reflects indigenous design and culture
11/26/23 10:48	F1435	Disjointed and quilt like in appearance. personally my least favorite of the finalists.
11/26/23 10:51	F1435	No thanks.What? Horrible.
11/26/23 11:08	F1435	I would love to see some Indigenous representation on our flag, and this is it!
11/26/23 11:10	F1435	What about this actually follows good flag design? I can't recognize anything on this, the colors are annoying, and there is 0 symmetry.

11/26/23 11:13	F1435	Great flag design supporting our states native heritage while maintaining a simple design that represents us well!
11/26/23 11:13	F1435	This flag represents the importance of all relatives
11/26/23 11:13	F1435	While it has the North Star and blue like other entries, it also represents the plant life so integral to Minnesotas farming, forestry, wild rice and outdoors. The lines indicating the counties and tribal nations show how we can be many but one
11/26/23 11:17	F1435	Hello! My name is Jacob Pawlowski, and I graduated college in May 2023. One of the classes I was fortunate to take was a class on proper flag design. Some of the important principles I learned about are that a flag should be (1) simple enough for a child to draw from memory and (2) recognizable from a distance. While I appreciate the detail of this submission, I believe it violates both of these important principles. With the hash marks on the sides and the complex geometric shapes in the middle, it is simply too much for a flag. As an adult, I am unsure if I could even draw this from memory. Thus, I believe the committee would be better off picking one of the other five.
11/26/23 11:19	F1435	This is the only one that represents the people of MN. It includes them all. And that is truly the root of our state
11/26/23 11:19	F1435	Keep it sacred.
11/26/23 11:21	F1435	As a native American in MN. Having us represented on a flag thats not a tribal flag is what real inclusion is about. We are all seen here. This design deserves to win
11/26/23 11:21	F1435	Like #1154, I do not think the design or colors of this finalist make for a good state flag. The colors are too bright and not stately, especially the kelly green. The design is looks out of balance and not interesting. This is a good example of where following the principles of vexillology are not enough. Simple geometric designs are not rich and deep enough for a state flag. Figurative designs and details are needed to elevate the design. A darker color palette also helps to do this.
11/26/23 11:23	F1435	beautiful!!
11/26/23 11:24	F1435	love it!!!!
11/26/23 11:27	F1435	This is the most perfect flag design for Minnesota
11/26/23 11:28	F1435	This design is original and compelling, and is the clear choice for the state seal of Minnesota!
11/26/23 11:29	F1435	I prefer this flag design and its roots in Anishinaabe culture and beadwork.
11/26/23 11:30	F1435	This is the best representation of Minnesota;current and historical, nature and the connection of our first people.
11/26/23 11:31	F1435	This flag is inclusive, creative, and supports and indigenous artist. The representation of counties and tribal nations tucked into the design is unique. Love it!
11/26/23 11:32	F1435	Thank you all for considering this design. Incredibly proud of this designer and I believe Minnesotans can get behind this flag. This administration is incredible.
11/26/23 11:32	F1435	Speaks to the Indigenous and environmental culture of MN. Meaningful.
11/26/23 11:34	F1435	Beautiful design
11/26/23 11:34	F1435	I love this design and coming from an indigenous artist makes it perfect!
11/26/23 11:35	F1435	This design is bold, graphic, and it is about time we, as a state quit glorifying whiteness.
11/26/23 11:35	F1435	Love this one
11/26/23 11:36	F1435	This is 100% my favorite - reminiscent of the beautiful flowers in our woods, and I really appreciate the symbolism of the little lines representing all of our different counties.
11/26/23 11:37	F1435	This striking design speaks to Minnesota's gifts and glories. It already feels familiar and I'd love to see Indigenous design replace our current flag so offensive to Dakota and other Native Nations in the region.
11/26/23 11:37	F1435	The green looks like Marijuana
11/26/23 11:41	F1435	This follows the rules, has a good choice of color, and is created by an indigenous artist! I pick this one!
11/26/23 11:41	F1435	Beautiful way to honor Minnesota
11/26/23 11:42	F1435	This flag represents the land we live on. It is inclusive. This one gets my vote!
11/26/23 11:43	F1435	This flag represents so much of what MN is founded on. How cool would it be to elevate an Indigenous artist in a state where so many of our spaces, roads, lakes, and land is named with the Native languages of our state. It makes so much sense.
11/26/23 11:45	F1435	I like the appropriate approach to include tribes
11/26/23 11:50	F1435	Easily the most representative flag .
11/26/23 11:52	F1435	This flag represents so much of what Minnesota actually is.

11/26/23 11:55	F1435	This is an excellent elegant design. Itâ€™s simplicity would make the state flag immediately recognizable. I imagine also men, woman children being able to wear this gender neutral design.
11/26/23 11:58	F1435	I love this design!
11/26/23 12:04	F1435	F1435
11/26/23 12:07	F1435	Awesome job Giizh!!
11/26/23 12:10	F1435	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 3
11/26/23 12:11	F1435	Such a beautiful ode to the tribal nations whose land we live, work, and play on. I pick this one!
11/26/23 12:13	F1435	Love this design!
11/26/23 12:13	F1435	This is the best one!
11/26/23 12:17	F1435	Absolutely love this design for the new flag!!
11/26/23 12:17	F1435	I love this one . My number one choice
11/26/23 12:18	F1435	F1435
11/26/23 12:20	F1435	Completely non-symmetrical and the border is terrible.
11/26/23 12:27	F1435	This does a great job at representing the state and its history!! A great way to honor Minnesota!
11/26/23 12:32	F1435	Love the simplicity of this!!
11/26/23 12:32	F1435	Beautiful design and artist ðŸ«ŸðŸ¼ðŸ«ŸðŸ¼ðŸ«ŸðŸ¼
11/26/23 12:34	F1435	I love it. Simple, non-symmetrical, symbolic. Solid.
11/26/23 12:36	F1435	The reminds me of the Minnesota waters that we all enjoy throughout the year. The reminds me of the earth or "mother earth" that land that supports life. The individual line that represents the counties of Minnesota and the yellow represent the indigenous communities. A fine representation of the Minnesota.
11/26/23 12:37	F1435	This one!! Please.
11/26/23 12:37	F1435	F1435 has so many good things about itâ€™in design, as well as in significance for the state. It would definitely be my choice.
11/26/23 12:38	F1435	This is the Flag we always needed! It's about time inclusion was taken into consideration..
11/26/23 12:40	F1435	This is the one!!
11/26/23 12:40	F1435	F1435
11/26/23 12:41	F1435	NO!! UGH. I don't like the shapes or the yellow. This design makes no sense to me at all. I don't know how it made it to the finals.. If you have to explain what these designs mean, it is defeating the purpose.
11/26/23 12:43	F1435	This design is simple ... yet elegant! I also am so proud that this was designed by an Indigenous woman whose focus is always centered around the Native culture. This design represents our beautiful State!!
11/26/23 12:45	F1435	Beautifully simple and meaningful.
11/26/23 12:46	F1435	Love this one!
11/26/23 12:46	F1435	This is absolutely beautiful and captures all that is good about Minnesota. I feel the state in its designs
11/26/23 12:46	F1435	I lived in Minnesota for 7 years and during that time, I learned so much how MNâ€™s history is intrinsically connected to indigenous history. The new state flag should honor indigenous cultures - past, present and future. Please pick this one!
11/26/23 12:46	F1435	This flag is a wonderful representation of the state of Minnesota!
11/26/23 12:47	F1435	The imagery that draws from beadwork has a timelessness that I appreciate for a flag and it captures so much of the state
11/26/23 12:49	F1435	This one embodies, Minnesota and its history of all of us, and the First Peoples! This one is the best!!
11/26/23 12:49	F1435	Love!
11/26/23 12:50	F1435	Love it!
11/26/23 12:51	F1435	This flag is absolutely beautiful. It is something that all on this land can relate to. It is timeless.
11/26/23 12:56	F1435	Love the representation of our state!

11/26/23 12:59	F1435	yes plz <3
11/26/23 13:08	F1435	Love this one ðŸŒ³
11/26/23 13:08	F1435	I love this one!!!
11/26/23 13:25	F1435	This is my least favorite of all the options. It is blocky and I'm not even sure if what the stuff on the right side is supposed to be. Is it a green tulip? Some other type of green flower. This is a terrible flag. Please do not pick this option.
11/26/23 13:30	F1435	Chi-onizhishinaagwad oâ€™ow bezhig gikiweâ€™on!! Daga biinjwebinan F1435!
11/26/23 13:32	F1435	This is the winner!
11/26/23 13:32	F1435	Love this flag!
11/26/23 13:35	F1435	f1435 meets the criteria for the new design. I like that it has the 87 counties and 11 tribal nations represented. It will look beautiful flying in the breeze. Thank you!
11/26/23 13:54	F1435	Howah onizhishin!
11/26/23 13:57	F1435	Love seeing the Tribes included even as subtle as it is
11/26/23 14:01	F1435	This flag actually represents all people the best with hash marks for Indigenous nations. Please represent all people with this design!!!
11/26/23 14:02	F1435	This flag is a deep representation of Minnesota, past present and future.
11/26/23 14:06	F1435	Love how this includes the tribes and counties, such beautiful parts of our state all represented on one flag. Plus, an indigenous artist!
11/26/23 14:09	F1435	Awesome!
11/26/23 14:14	F1435	I want to enthusiastically advocate for this flag to become the state flag. It is so important to restore the indigenous narrative to Minnesotaâ€™s story. This flag honors the design brief fully, thus representing the state beautifully;and acknowledges that Minnesotaâ€™s indigenous tribes are a full part of our stateâ€™s identity, history and social fabric. Thank you for all of your hard work in helping us find a new flag that celebrates all Minnesotans!
11/26/23 14:20	F1435	Classy representation of the depth in artistry that is Minnesota!
11/26/23 14:21	F1435	Nothing about the design of F1435 brings to mind anything that Minnesota is known for. In fact, I'm not sure what anything on the flag is supposed to be and/or represent.
11/26/23 14:22	F1435	This is a very beautiful flag.
11/26/23 14:23	F1435	This is a very beautiful flag and itâ€™s a great way to celebrate Native Americans and it will make a beautiful mn flag.
11/26/23 14:26	F1435	Love this one and all of the subtle but significant representations in this designs
11/26/23 14:29	F1435	Minnesota is a land originally of Indigenous people. Its flag should reflect that. This would be an excellent choice.
11/26/23 14:30	F1435	Love
11/26/23 14:31	F1435	I simply cannot understand how this design made it to the last 200, let alone final six. It breaks so many rules of good flag design. A flower, floating away from a prickly plant? How is a grade schooler going to draw this? I can almost guarantee the legislature will veto it if this one is selected, and all of this will have been a waste of time and money.
11/26/23 14:41	F1435	This one is just horrible, and I have no clue why this is a finalist. Hear on the news that there was a special vote to make it so there could be a final 6 instead of final 5, and then to see that this one made the cut a head of others is just maddening. Can't tell what the green plant is supposed to represent. Also not clear if the yellow is supposed to be for the north star, or is it a flower that is part of the plant. And absolutely no clue what the yellow lines in the top right should be, or why they are not white like the other lines. What are those lines even for. Seriously, this is just a horrible design and should not have even made it past the first cuts. People online are actually saying they would move out of the state if this became the new flag.
11/26/23 14:43	F1435	I love this. Simple and the level of detail w historical information about MN is impressive. Unlike any other flags Iâ€™ve seen in the US.
11/26/23 14:44	F1435	Giizh for the win! How awesome would it be to have the MN flag be designed by an Aniishinaabekwe!
11/26/23 14:46	F1435	Very nice design. Should be the one used for the flag
11/26/23 14:50	F1435	I vote for f1435
11/26/23 15:13	F1435	This flag looks unbalanced compared to the rest due to the placement of each item. It is also difficult to say what the green symbol represents (I think itâ€™s corn?). Each of the other 5 finalists are aesthetically pleasing and I would fly with pride. If this flag was selected over the other 5 finalists, I doubt many would see it as a uniting symbol, instead as weird blocks on a bed sheet that flies at government buildings for some reason.
11/26/23 15:17	F1435	Absolutely live this design. This should be our state flag!
11/26/23 15:19	F1435	Wonderful work

11/26/23 15:26	F1435	Vote for flag F1435 as it is representative of the cross culture of Minnesotans.
11/26/23 15:30	F1435	Love this one!
11/26/23 15:35	F1435	Love this one!
11/26/23 15:35	F1435	I support this design, which gives a nod to the past while incorporating hopeful imagery for the future. A modern, Indigenous approach to represent our beautiful state. It would work nicely with the Loon and Manoomin crest, which is one of the options to consider.
11/26/23 15:40	F1435	This is beautiful and unique and would be a wonderful flag
		A lot of the front runners have the French language at the forefront and exclude indigenous people - this is the only one with reference to native Americans. Tribal governments should be recognized on the flag
11/26/23 15:45	F1435	(Also itâ€™s not clear what kinds of comments are needed here?)
11/26/23 15:49	F1435	Best one
11/26/23 15:54	F1435	Love the idea of our new state flag being designed by a native artist
11/26/23 16:04	F1435	Love the simplicity and nods to the tribal nations in MN
11/26/23 16:04	F1435	I love the colors, the detail and the indigenous spirit throughout. So beautiful.
11/26/23 16:06	F1435	Love, love, love everything this represents for our beautiful state of Minnesota! Can we make hats? Seriously! My vote is for the north star flag!
11/26/23 16:07	F1435	Love the colors and design!
11/26/23 16:10	F1435	I love that this one specifically has representation of our tribal nations as well as Minnesota counties.
11/26/23 16:16	F1435	I love this design and it's about time that the indigenous people are represented in this state. Great job Sarah!!
11/26/23 16:20	F1435	I live that this was created by an indigenous artist that lives in Minnesota.
11/26/23 16:28	F1435	Love this!
11/26/23 16:35	F1435	I believe it would be very important-especially in the USA - to lead in conversations about Indigenous issues and exports around reconciliation with the first peoples of this land. Flags encouraging Indigenous design and directly supporting of Indigenous artists would be an incredible contribution to a culture that has not been considered today - especially in the USA.
11/26/23 16:35	F1435	The symbolic references of this flag are lovely. The reference to the flora and the significance of new life budding is lovely as well. Not to mention and Anishinaabekwe designed it. It should be through the eyes of these folks that we see this land and represent it.
11/26/23 16:52	F1435	We need this type to show we support people
11/26/23 17:01	F1435	I love the white lines representing the counties of Minnesota and the yellow lines representing Minnesotaâ€™s Tribal Nations.
11/26/23 17:01	F1435	I feel that our state flag should NOT look like a quilt pattern. This looks like a quilt square, I am personally not a fan. Why are all of these flag choice selections so disjointed/blocky and look like quilting squares!?!?!?
11/26/23 17:05	F1435	This is such an impactful design!
11/26/23 17:05	F1435	I love how it grasps nature, piece quilting, North Star, how we grow. And how all the pieces come together. It's lovely. Imagine what the crafters will do at the state fair
11/26/23 17:11	F1435	This one is the best option as itâ€™s designed by an indigenous person
11/26/23 17:12	F1435	F1435 is easily the best option!
11/26/23 17:23	F1435	I like simplicity and the colors. The north star and trees reminds me of living in the northland. I like the tribal representation in the strip. I think that it represents all of Minnesota and not just one nation. But rather of all cultures as one.
11/26/23 17:30	F1435	I support this flag. Itâ€™s important for Minnesota to have a flag designed by an Indigenous artist.
11/26/23 17:39	F1435	Here's my vote yes
11/26/23 17:40	F1435	This flag displays a wonderfully detailed design that honors our prevailing peoples. In a day and age where indigenous peoples are gaining recognition, this flag fits the forward movement into the future by embracing the past, while looking ahead. Well done.
11/26/23 17:42	F1435	This design is confusing. It must have something to do with farming.
11/26/23 17:44	F1435	Much better representation

11/26/23 17:59	F1435	I like the simplicity of this design, the colors, and the inclusion of MN's deep ties with different cultures.
11/26/23 18:02	F1435	Love it!
11/26/23 18:06	F1435	The design of F1435 is my least favorite and would be a poor choice for a flag. The design is unattractive and looks very generic. I can't figure out what makes this unique to MN and I don't like the early Nintendo video game graphic look.
11/26/23 18:13	F1435	Love this design.
11/26/23 18:18	F1435	F1435
11/26/23 18:22	F1435	F1435 This is my favorite! Recognizing Tribal Nations is important and matters.
11/26/23 18:54	F1435	Very stunning design and wonderful representation
11/26/23 19:09	F1435	Great representation of our state
11/26/23 19:10	F1435	This is my top pick! It is a dynamic design, and representative of the withstanding light I see in MN.
11/26/23 19:32	F1435	This one is BEAUTIFUL! Such a powerful representation of our state in the snow, stars, flowers, water, and unique-ness. Pick this one!!!!
11/26/23 19:42	F1435	The design is too abstract - is it a cactus? The color scheme feels a bit dated in this design too, like something out of the mid 70s. This would be a step down from the current flag.
11/26/23 20:12	F1435	I love this flag and believe that indigenous design should be part of the flag
11/26/23 20:39	F1435	This one please
11/26/23 20:50	F1435	Love this!!!
11/26/23 20:50	F1435	Love this flag, I really enjoy that the artist included the stripes on the sides for the tribal nations and the counties of our state.
11/26/23 20:54	F1435	I think I this design should become the new flag, as a resident of Northern Minnesota, I strongly believe that the incorporation of Indigenous art and meaning into this state emblem and flag is crucial. Please
11/26/23 21:11	F1435	No green and gold on this states flag. Please God No!
11/26/23 21:12	F1435	This is a great design representing Minnesota's amazing natural space.
11/26/23 21:22	F1435	Ojibwe flag has my vote~ represents Minnesota beautifully! #youareonnativeland
11/26/23 21:40	F1435	This design will be appealing for decades. It honors many aspects of life in Minnesota.
11/26/23 21:58	F1435	Ugly
11/26/23 22:11	F1435	F1435 is not a good flag for our state. It looks like a cactus in the sun, and the artwork is very poor quality. This design would be more at home in Arizona or New Mexico.
11/26/23 22:17	F1435	Support this design
11/26/23 22:27	F1435	F1435 flag submission
11/26/23 22:35	F1435	My vote
11/26/23 22:38	F1435	This is my favorite and accurately represents us the most
11/26/23 22:46	F1435	Another "Mall flag"
11/26/23 22:52	F1435	A true representation of our State.
11/26/23 23:06	F1435	Love the representation and inclusion of the tribes in Minnesota
11/26/23 23:18	F1435	F1435. Design is too complicated and unclear. For this to work, modify in two ways: 1) Eliminate the white and gold hatch marks on the edges which represent nothing obvious, and 2) clarify the green image. What is it? Flowers? Buds? Trees? I showed by brother and he said "Boba Fett". Whoops. Are they evergreen tips? No, we don't want something so unclear as to what it is.
11/26/23 23:27	F1435	Love this design!
11/26/23 23:29	F1435	Simply put, this flag design is horrible. It gives off old school vibes and does not do a good job of encompassing Minnesota. There are far too many elements which flags shouldn't have, especially the hash marks along the sides.
11/27/23 0:01	F1435	The meaning and symbolism of this design honors the indigenous roots of Minnesota, as well as the state's natural beauty. The blue of our countless lakes, the trees of our many forests, parks, and tree-filled cities, and the North Star that lights our way. As the state works to honor the richness of its indigenous history and communities, it's only right that our flag represents the true origins Minnesota.

11/27/23 1:02	F1435	I love the symbolism described in this design. 7 tribes, counties, water, north stars, trees.
11/27/23 1:06	F1435	This flag feels really weird and patchwork
11/27/23 2:44	F1435	The placements and colors seem a bit awkward but again - I think somehow intergrating Flag Submission number: F29 with it would be perfect. Loving the symbolism.
11/27/23 3:06	F1435	I love this one.
11/27/23 5:04	F1435	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:40	F1435	The balance, simplicity as well as native symbolism makes this flag a perfect choice.
11/27/23 6:42	F1435	Absolutely love this design. It incorporates all the things that are great about Minnesota AND it's designed by an Ojibwe artist.
11/27/23 6:47	F1435	What a beautiful way to turn the harmful history of the previous flag into something beautiful and restorative. Absolutely love all this flag represents and would be proud to have this as my MN flag!
11/27/23 7:20	F1435	Beautiful and simple, appreciate Indigenous representation
11/27/23 7:27	F1435	This unique design will be recognizable word wide representing the particular composition of the state of Minnesota both now and for future generations.
11/27/23 7:30	F1435	The star is really striking. I would propose getting rid of the hashes on the side and the green flower thing, and centering the yellow star.
11/27/23 7:56	F1435	Yes, please!
11/27/23 8:10	F1435	Ojibwe art represents perfectly the past, present and future of the state in a way that will resonate with all Minnesotans. I can see this design hanging, flying, displayed all over and feeling empowered and invested in what the flag represents. Thank you Giizh!
11/27/23 8:37	F1435	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:58	F1435	I like the "quilting" feel of the designs, and the hash marks along the sides. I think it may be too simple but I could live with it because I'm a quilter.
11/27/23 9:00	F1435	This one! It's fresh and clean and has beautiful meaning.
11/27/23 9:08	F1435	I love this design. I feel like it captures our state so well.
11/27/23 9:35	F1435	This is an amazing design and captures our state well,
11/27/23 9:39	F1435	While simple in design it is not over simplified. This flag stands out, because it is not the redundant star and lake. It displays more of Minnesota than just the lake life of the cabin people. It reflects all of Minnesota
11/27/23 9:48	F1435	It is important that we honor the people who have lived on this land, long before the country itself existed.
11/27/23 10:01	F1435	The design on this one is too choppy, the elements look almost randomly placed.
11/27/23 10:02	F1435	What are the symbols on the right side? They look like the designer didn't know what to put in to fill the space. Horrible design.
11/27/23 10:02	F1435	This flag isn't it. Minnesota is more than a farming state. The emphasis on the vague plant shape implies that farming/agriculture is our only character trait as a state. Also, the vague agricultural plant shape seems unprofessional and too cubist. This flag also provides very limited marketability for Minnesota in terms of using a flag or symbol on future licensing, which is a lost revenue opportunity for the state.
11/27/23 10:02	F1435	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:05	F1435	This is horrible. I can't imagine what the symbols on the right hand side are.
11/27/23 10:05	F1435	Please do not choose this one.... It looks like a quilt. No hate on quilts;they're just not flags
11/27/23 10:06	F1435	This submission is easily my least favorite. The star design is interesting, but the green shapes have no clear meaning and make the overall design feel out of balance. The hash marks on either side are simply terrible from a design standpoint. Symbolically, the highlighting of the eleven tribal nations is misguided and misplaced. This is our state flag: we are one state, not eleven sovereign tribal nations plus 87 counties.
11/27/23 10:06	F1435	This is the worst one.
11/27/23 10:07	F1435	I feel this design well represents some beautiful history and tradition important to this state. It is beautiful, unique, and meaningful.
11/27/23 10:08	F1435	This is awful
11/27/23 10:15	F1435	Too plain and simple. No creativity. The original had to change, but could have saved/improved non-offensive parts of design.
11/27/23 10:15	F1435	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and lacks any identity to anything. It is simple. Simply terrible.

11/27/23 10:16	F1435	This is my favorite, I love the star pattern. What I think is even cooler is the green plant referring to wild rice on the lake. Our water is more important to protect now more than ever. And this would be an amazing and beautiful reminder to that!!
11/27/23 10:18	F1435	Don't like this one. What are the white lines on the sides? It does capture some 'trees' or 'agriculture'.
11/27/23 10:18	F1435	Too tangrammy!
11/27/23 10:19	F1435	No - this flag has too much going on;too many colors;not exactly sure what those stripes on the left hand side represent & why they change colors. Also the green symbol (grain?) is confusing.
11/27/23 10:22	F1435	Too quiltly and angular - there's no grace to it.
11/27/23 10:24	F1435	This does not feel like a flag to me. very blocky and not a nice design. Feels like it should be on a quilt.
11/27/23 10:26	F1435	I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.
11/27/23 10:36	F1435	I like this one. Nothing says 'Minnesota' like green knight holding up a green baby.
11/27/23 10:37	F1435	My least favorite. Please no. This is awkward.
11/27/23 10:46	F1435	I am not a fan of this flag as it stands, but the 87 lines on the edge are a great idea and should be incorporated into one of the other final designs.
11/27/23 10:51	F1435	Love it.
11/27/23 10:56	F1435	What the hell is this? Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
11/27/23 10:58	F1435	Make the background purple purple a Minnesota color
11/27/23 11:00	F1435	What is the symbolism.. we have loons, lakes, walleye, the mouth of the Mississippi. Sterile and ugly
11/27/23 11:01	F1435	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:03	F1435	This flag is too complicated, it is unclear what plant is represented by the green. The lines representing the counties and tribal nation are unclear upon first glance if they are even supposed to be there. Please do not select this design.
11/27/23 11:04	F1435	The purpose of redesigning the flag is to better acknowledge our Native relatives here in the state rather than erase them. It would be most appropriate to select a flag designed by and honoring our Native people here in MN. I am most in favor of this flag because of this and because of its beauty, simplicity, and honor.
11/27/23 11:05	F1435	Add a loon.
11/27/23 11:05	F1435	This is beautiful! I vote for this one
11/27/23 11:07	F1435	This flag would be improved by removing the small lines on the sides or incorporating them into the main imagery.
11/27/23 11:07	F1435	Yes! This design.
11/27/23 11:08	F1435	This flag is beautiful! I love the representation of Tribal nations and MN counties. This flag design exemplifies the very best of Minnesota and our ideals. Please choose this glorious design. I would be proud to fly it!
11/27/23 11:09	F1435	F1435 is nice. I like it's generally homespun energy, I like it's figurative style that alludes without depicting too much detail, I like that it was designed by an Ojibwe artist, I like all the colors better than most of the other options' color schemes. The one thing is I'm not sure what the plants pictured are -- wonder if there'd be a way to better clarify. Is it a lady's slipper but not pink? Is it wild rice? It almost seems like a cactus?
11/27/23 11:09	F1435	This is my least favorite of the finalists. The lines on the side distract from what a flag should be. The geometric shapes don't automatically symbolize something that I'm familiar with. For example: is the yellow design a star or a flower or a snowflake? Is the green design any particular type of plant? For some reason I see some type of plant-person holding another plant - it doesn't scream MINNESOTA to me.
11/27/23 11:12	F1435	If I were to rank the finalists this would end up last. Don't have the "factor" of the others
11/27/23 11:16	F1435	This feels too busy for a state flag
11/27/23 11:16	F1435	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. How does this remotely reflect Minnesota? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:18	F1435	No, the shape on the right looks like a transformers logo/emblem.



11/27/23 11:19	F1435	I'm not really even sure what to think of this. I have no idea what it really means other than there's a star on it and then maybe corn. Are we Iowa? Are those supposed to be fringes on the side of the flag? If somebody in Minnesota doesn't understand it, what makes you think people outside of Minnesota are going to understand? I'm not sure how this one made it to the finals.
		None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water
		Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")
		You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?
		Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.
11/27/23 11:27	F1435	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:27	F1435	What even is this?
11/27/23 11:28	F1435	This is a horrendous flag. Any symbolism this flag may have is totally invalidated by the aggressive lack of balance, clashing colors, and baffling iconography. I'm frankly shocked this made it to the finalist round. It is by far the worst of all 6 finalists.
11/27/23 11:36	F1435	These graphics are too of-the-moment for a state flag.
11/27/23 11:37	F1435	The story of this flag is the best, and it's beautiful. It's about time our state symbols were created by an Ojibwe resident. This gets my vote!
11/27/23 11:40	F1435	too busy no alignment with thinking of Minnesota
11/27/23 11:42	F1435	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?
11/27/23 11:42	F1435	In a word, no!
11/27/23 11:43	F1435	Looks like a design for a rug or bathroom wallpaper.
11/27/23 11:44	F1435	What does this even mean?
11/27/23 11:45	F1435	Ugly!!
11/27/23 11:49	F1435	This looks really dated and unprofessional, and I can't even tell what it is supposed to convey. Also looks like a bad quilt. I'd be embarrassed to have this as the state flag.
11/27/23 11:50	F1435	looks too Scandinavian, There are other ethnic groups here!
11/27/23 11:50	F1435	This is the second best one
11/27/23 11:53	F1435	No
11/27/23 11:56	F1435	Horrible, childlike
11/27/23 11:57	F1435	Looks beautiful.
11/27/23 11:57	F1435	Ugly. Go back to original and stop wasting our money.
11/27/23 11:58	F1435	This design represents Minnesota so well.
11/27/23 12:00	F1435	I wish I understood what this flag depicts but I do not. It's confusing. Please do not consider this one further.
11/27/23 12:00	F1435	This is really ugly. Too busy too abstract. The yellow star is nicest the nicest of all 6 but the green designs are too stark and then repeated ! Are those arrows or plants or is it supposed to be 'inclusive or diverse" and just looks confusing. This stylized version is too drastic, poor proportion and more like a sports logo. I see the colors as too bold to be appreciated by the general population. These modern art designs do not meet the stated goal that the flag will be recognized and enjoyed for decades to come.
11/27/23 12:06	F1435	Again;trendy and uninspired.
11/27/23 12:07	F1435	not crazy about it. I think the little hash lines would be forgotten about on many flags that are sold.
11/27/23 12:11	F1435	Good design. white lines on the left and right sides are very busy
11/27/23 12:12	F1435	THIS IS THE ONE WEâ€™VE BEEN WAITING FORðŸ™°
11/27/23 12:13	F1435	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:15	F1435	F1435: This one is the weakest of the finalists. It's different, but it has an odd, pixelated feel and it's not immediately obvious what those shapes are supposed to be.

11/27/23 12:16	F1435	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:16	F1435	The design is way too complicated and looks like a dandelion or the sun and a marijuana. The lines in the sides make it look like a rug we need a flag not a rug.
11/27/23 12:17	F1435	This flag design is the only one that feels like it has a beating heart behind it. It feels like it has a soul. The star is my favorite star of the bunch, so crisp.
11/27/23 12:18	F1435	No
11/27/23 12:19	F1435	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:21	F1435	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:21	F1435	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota. Can't even tell what the emblems are.
11/27/23 12:26	F1435	This is terrible. They are all just bad.
11/27/23 12:27	F1435	Yes! I love this and also it's important to have our flag design by an Indigenous artist! Thank you!
11/27/23 12:30	F1435	Remember when you took strips of paper and made designs in Sunday School? No.
11/27/23 12:32	F1435	I really don't understand the side fringe on this design. It seems really odd in comparison to other state flags. Why is one section of the fringe yellow? The fringe would be hard to print in certain use cases because the lines are too small.
11/27/23 12:33	F1435	A flag created by an indigenous artist would be an amazing show of representation for our great state of Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:37	F1435	Soy beans do not represent me
11/27/23 12:38	F1435	Give me a break. More snow flakes. Minnesota is so much more than SNOW!!! This should not be our new state flag.
11/27/23 12:41	F1435	What is it? Looks like a dandelion
11/27/23 12:43	F1435	F1435: the latest flag talk describes this as a knight holding another knight's head. That idea has taken hold and many of us can't see it.
11/27/23 12:44	F1435	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:48	F1435	I suggest you start over. There is nothing about any of the choices that represent Minnesota! Who appointed this commission?
11/27/23 12:49	F1435	This looks like my nephew made it on Minecraft. YUCK. NO PERSONALITY.
11/27/23 12:49	F1435	I don't think this one represents MN well enough
11/27/23 12:50	F1435	No way, what does this show? Are these supposed to be Canadian maple leaves?
11/27/23 12:51	F1435	NO, it says nothing about our state. What is with just geometric designs. They say nothing!!
11/27/23 12:51	F1435	F29: I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isn't great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.  F944: This one is nice too. The swoops are water, air, land, sky, aurora, loons, trying to be a lot of things. Either give the loons some eyes or change the shape so it's more solidly not representing an animal along with everything else. Maybe make the white green for land or multicolored for aurora?  F1154: I don't like this one at all. I think it's just too many shapes all at once.  F1435: Is it a yellow snowflake over green flowers or a weird yellow sun over green flowers? rice plants? If it's a sun, make it a circle. if it's a snowflake make it white. If the green part is a flower give it a second color for the bloom. if it is rice clean up the design and make it beige,
11/27/23 12:53	F1435	This flag design doesn't immediately say Minnesota! It looks like a painting not a flag. I have no clue what the green shapes are. The yellow shape looks like a flower. With the yellow and white marks on the sides, it looks like a rug or wall hanging. I give this flag a grade "F".
11/27/23 12:55	F1435	Parallelogram salesmen will love this. What does this flag even mean? Worst flag out of the 4 I've seen so far.
11/27/23 12:55	F1435	What do the symbols represent? yawn
11/27/23 12:56	F1435	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!
11/27/23 12:59	F1435	I don't like how complex this flag is. It has too many geometric shapes and various symbols which crowd out the significance of what they represent. I am also unsure what the green symbols represent unless it was explained to me.

11/27/23 12:59	F1435	Beautiful creative simple representation of Minnesota. Indigenous speaking to us!
11/27/23 13:00	F1435	Did you even try?
11/27/23 13:00	F1435	Very bad: 1) Although the green and yellow designs look like they could work together well as motifs in some sort of larger pattern, here they look arbitrarily slapped onto a flag with no sense of balance or cohesion. 2) The green design was made to represent nature, an important part of the lives of most Minnesotans, but unlike many of the other designs which do so by incorporating the color green or tree lines for a more abstract representation, this has made what appears as a specific yet imaginary plant which has characteristics of both a maple leaf and cypress foliage. This seems to fail on the front of having any sort of specificity and connection to Minnesota, when we already have the showy lady's slipper and red pine as state flower and tree respectively. 3) The markings along the border make it look like a rug with tassels and not a flag. The yellow markings are not well interspersed or distributed around the white markings, adding to the imbalanced hodge-podge look of the flag, especially as they are clustered near the yellow star yet the divide between white and yellow does not line up with anything on the star. 4) The meaning behind the markings (one for each county and each tribal nation per the designer) unfortunately is a violation of the rules of the commission: "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design." Although Minnesota has a rich history which has many important contributions from Indigenous, Scandinavian, and Germanic peoples throughout its history and presently is seeing growth from our more contemporaneous Hmong and Somali communities and I believe that the flag would be more meaningful if this was somehow represented, this flag clearly singles only one of these out for recognition, and that preferential treatment of only one square in the quilt of our tradition is obviously what the rule was designed to prevent.
11/27/23 13:01	F1435	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture; things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 13:07	F1435	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:10	F1435	Please don't pick F1435, it looks like a Christmas sweater design
11/27/23 13:10	F1435	I don't even know where to begin with describing how bad this flag is. There is not a single aspect of this flag that I like; the green design on the right does not read at all, even up close, and the star is awful. I don't know what the lines on the sides are supposed to be, but it makes a bad flag even worse
11/27/23 13:11	F1435	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:12	F1435	This is the worst possible one. Is that corn on the right?? I know we grow a lot of corn but _surely_ the state is known for a lot more than that.
11/27/23 13:13	F1435	This is too complicated and the symbology isn't clear enough to make up for the very Norwegian style.
11/27/23 13:16	F1435	Way too busy. The lines on the edges are ridiculous. A flag should be easy to draw from memory by a kindergartner. My LEAST liked flag of the 6.
11/27/23 13:16	F1435	I think this one embraces the cultural diversity of Minnesota so much more than the others, and it is important to emphasize the PEOPLE over the geographical features.
11/27/23 13:16	F1435	Just another one that means nothing to me
11/27/23 13:16	F1435	Can't believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:17	F1435	Your TEST in Cubism ? We like what we have.
11/27/23 13:20	F1435	This is my least favorite because it's geometrical.
11/27/23 13:22	F1435	Geometry test ! Boy if our current design does not follow/ comply with the rules of "flag design :what does this one do?. L.O.L.!
11/27/23 13:23	F1435	Looks like an 8-bit video game's icon graphics from 1983. Uninspiring. Embarrassing. Please no.
11/27/23 13:30	F1435	Design has nothing to do with MN - What is it even supposed to be?
11/27/23 13:36	F1435	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, I have to say I HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:36	F1435	While a nice design - it conveys strictly an agriculture state. Makes me think of Iowa or Nebraska with the cornstalks and the yellow star even looks like corn on the cob.
11/27/23 13:37	F1435	Feels disorganized and unremarkable
11/27/23 13:38	F1435	Seriously who chose these bad flag designs
11/27/23 13:41	F1435	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents. What does it represent?
11/27/23 13:42	F1435	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group

11/27/23 13:45	F1435	Another awful one. Who would ever select a garish yellow star, And the rest of it also is designed in those awful cut out shapes. Again, with all of the many wonderful entry's I was shocked to see how disappointing the ones were that made the final cut.
11/27/23 13:47	F1435	Please do not select this flag, it looks like I'm playing Pac-man or something
11/27/23 13:48	F1435	Nope, ill move if this is the winner. Least favorite of all.
11/27/23 13:50	F1435	No, to geometric.
11/27/23 13:50	F1435	One word :ugly It appears digitalized and too abstract. The ' fringe' and stylized green images are used as plants but clearly allude to arrows. Might be nice in as Indian MN flag but it goes against the stated criteria that no one culture or part of the state be represented and that the flag would be recognizable to all citizens. That is a major reason to vote NO on this one.
11/27/23 13:51	F1435	The symbolism in this one is undeniable. Very nice.
11/27/23 13:52	F1435	Very boring. Nothing to do with Minnesota at all. Looks like an Olympic flag
11/27/23 13:52	F1435	Just no.
11/27/23 13:55	F1435	Color cut-outs by Henri Matisse? Not sure if the green is for wheat or trees. Guessing the star is for Polaris. Again this seems gimmicky and would appear dated soon.
11/27/23 13:55	F1435	As a stand-alone piece of art, this is very beautiful, but as a flag design, it is overly complex. This is a design that would be difficult to recreate by memory. The symbolism isn't as easy to connect to Minnesota as many of the other designs, and the prominent green in the foreground isn't recognizable as anything specific. (F1435)
11/27/23 13:56	F1435	Looks like a nice pattern for a quilt not a state flag
11/27/23 13:56	F1435	F1435 is far too busy. The geometric shapes are overly complex and not aesthetically pleasing in my opinion. The fringe down either side seems like far too small a detail for a flag.
11/27/23 13:58	F1435	This should not even be a finalist.
11/27/23 14:00	F1435	The yellow design on this design represents a Norwegian style of art and is not appropriate to represent the state as it excludes other ethnic groups.
11/27/23 14:01	F1435	Looks like it was designed in Roblox. Please don't do it.
11/27/23 14:01	F1435	Hate it! Don't understand what it represents!
11/27/23 14:01	F1435	Stylized North Star and trees? Looks like a Christmas depiction with snowflakes. Like the other 5, it might not offend but it also does not represent Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:04	F1435	Too Nordic. This reads "lutefisk and lefse and the rest of you aren't Minnesotans" I'm shocked this (and all the other Nordic star" patterns that are in this list made it because they are so ethnically preferential.
11/27/23 14:05	F1435	Hate it! Don't have any idea what this is supposed to represent.
11/27/23 14:08	F1435	Looks like an AI generated geometric pattern. Indicates nothing about Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:09	F1435	Not clear what these geometric shapes, or the colors, represent and or if they are supposed to somehow capture the spirit of Minnesota? Again, this one feels a bit like those cutout snowflakes we did in elementary school - especially the yellow one. It does not resemble African nation flags that much though, so that is a plus.
11/27/23 14:10	F1435	I do not vote for this one.
11/27/23 14:10	F1435	Looks more like a blanket/quilt pattern than a state flag
11/27/23 14:11	F1435	Too busy, not a choice at all.
11/27/23 14:11	F1435	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region. Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this. This one looks absolutely ridiculous.
11/27/23 14:12	F1435	Are these people just coping each other's work. Ster looks like it came from a cookie cutter. That is not a lady's slipper
11/27/23 14:15	F1435	I don't like this one either
11/27/23 14:16	F1435	The yellow represents the sun & I feel the green represents growth, e.g. corn, which is a vital part of Minnesota's agricultural heritage, both past & present
11/27/23 14:18	F1435	Something wrong with the old flag?This has no tradition and no meaning at all.
11/27/23 14:19	F1435	It's harsh, but I think F1435 should never have been a finalist. The colors are murky and clashing, while the design overall lacks cohesion and elegance. Without exaggeration, I think there would be a minor crisis in the Legislature if this flag was chosen.
11/27/23 14:20	F1435	Beautiful rendition of everlasting representatives of what we can do best: the North Star is our light, and the strawberry plants are our (hopefully) generous hearts.
11/27/23 14:20	F1435	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:20	F1435	This is too weird for me. The plant on the lower right is just strange. I like the star on the upper left. Perhaps changing the plant would make it better.

11/27/23 14:21	F1435	This is my least favorite flag submission by a lot. I don't even know what the green stuff is supposed to be: trees, grass, flower? I really don't think this represents Minnesota at all.
11/27/23 14:23	F1435	Still a big NO.
11/27/23 14:23	F1435	This looks ok but still don't see it as what it represents Mn
11/27/23 14:25	F1435	Nice colors, not interesting or representative scene.
11/27/23 14:26	F1435	I like the idea here, but it kind of looks like a video game. And like corn is a symbol of our state.
11/27/23 14:28	F1435	This design is appealing in many respects but is too busy. The horizontal bars at the hoist and fly ends are distracting. The green elements are unlikely to read well at a distance against a medium blue field from the same color family. Perhaps a darker blue field could help alleviate that problem.
11/27/23 14:29	F1435	Don't like it at all
11/27/23 14:30	F1435	No idea what this is
11/27/23 14:36	F1435	It's angular but contains more MN features. Maybe change the snowflake "star" to the curved star on other designs. The symbolism of tribes and counties is clever.
11/27/23 14:36	F1435	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:39	F1435	I view this flag as very offensive to those of us who are Ojibwe.
11/27/23 14:39	F1435	F1435 What the heck is this? One of my least favorite designs. Looks like an old film negative. No.
11/27/23 14:42	F1435	This is a terrible design, keep what we have
11/27/23 14:43	F1435	This one goes to the extreme of no imagination and complete lack of effort
11/27/23 14:49	F1435	To me, this looks like a child playing with tangrams. In my opinion, it takes the principle of a child should be able to draw it from memory a little too literally. It's also not clear to me what the flower/grass/lily pad is meant to represent.
11/27/23 14:49	F1435	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:50	F1435	What significance does this have to Minnesota other than it looks very Scandinavian? I guess since Minnesota was settled mainly by Scandinavian people, that wouldn't be so bad. Same comment as the other flag concepts: Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence?
11/27/23 14:50	F1435	Please no
11/27/23 14:59	F1435	love it - in my top 3
11/27/23 15:00	F1435	I like this one the best
11/27/23 15:01	F1435	Why the white markings on the sides? Looks like edge perforations on a sheet of stamps. I read that the loon fell out of favor because they don't exist in the southern third of the state? Neither do forests. The geometry here is all wrong, there is no balance - it feels like the smaller green shape I think is supposed to represent a tree was added to try to achieve some balance, but it fails rather dramatically.
11/27/23 15:01	F1435	This flag is too complicated, appears to be a cliché of a woven/quilted pattern, and is too set in a style to look professional.
11/27/23 15:03	F1435	This is like a tapestry or quilt. I think it's my favorite!
11/27/23 15:04	F1435	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:07	F1435	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:08	F1435	This doesn't look like a design that will have staying power. Reminds me of a set of blocks I had when I was three years old. Is the yellow patten the north star? Maybe it's time to abandon the state motto.. The north star is visible from every state. the green is agriculture? Neither star nor agriculture are unique to Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:09	F1435	This is the only flag I am 100 percent against.
11/27/23 15:12	F1435	Super quirked up. Least sober option. Honestly everyone would hate it but if you forced people to get used to it, people might at least be proud of how nonconformist we are, in terms of whether we conform to things that look serious.
11/27/23 15:12	F1435	Flag F1435 is the worst option, bizarre, and confusing. It should be eliminated from consideration.
11/27/23 15:14	F1435	This one literally looks like an 8th grade art project, please anything other than this one.
11/27/23 15:18	F1435	This is my least favorite of the designs it doesn't include any reference to lakes, snow, or loons and doesn't represent my view of what minnesota is about.

11/27/23 15:22	F1435	I like this one due to the representation of our native American tribes in upper left. I also like F29's snowflake design over the star, maybe put a snowflake over the sun/star on this flag. I wish, what the flags are supposed to represent, were also shown to the public. The only way I know the yellow lines in this flag represent our tribes is because I read an article.
11/27/23 15:23	F1435	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:24	F1435	No thank you.
11/27/23 15:25	F1435	Not this one please. The rest are fine
11/27/23 15:26	F1435	This looks like a quilting pattern of a garden plant, not a state flag. I like all of the Star of the North references, but why do a majority of the finalists all look like quilts? No references to loons, the state bird, were included, yet I have never known quilting to be a distinctly Minnesota activity. Please consider other options rather than this one.
11/27/23 15:31	F1435	This looks like something an elementary student might create. No, just NO!!
11/27/23 15:39	F1435	I do not associate this image with Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:39	F1435	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:40	F1435	even worse!
11/27/23 15:41	F1435	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:46	F1435	Stands out as unique in desig style however it doesn't seem to be the kind of flag that "anyone could draw" (one of the vexillology requirements for a great flag)
11/27/23 15:47	F1435	This is the best choice of the options we have. Please do select this. Thanks for your consideration.
11/27/23 15:50	F1435	I support this design, though I rank it #3.
11/27/23 15:53	F1435	Too much like a quilt.Thumbs down ðŸ‘Ź
11/27/23 15:56	F1435	This submission should be selected as our new State Flag. It has multiple layers of symbolism, each of which are specific to the Minnesotan identity. The 100 hashes along the sides symbolize the 89 counties and 11 tribes of Minnesota;the eight-pointed star symbolizes Polaris and our moral rectitude;the green figures evoke pride in our natural environment - our fertile prairies and breathtaking woods;the deep blue field captures the essence of our namesake itself - Mni Sota, sky tinted waters.
11/27/23 15:59	F1435	My vote goes to Sarah Agaton Howes! I'm pleased to see that the Mn state flag is up for debate and upgrade
11/27/23 16:00	F1435	Are we representing weed/marijuana here? That is what it looks like to me!
11/27/23 16:05	F1435	This is my fourth choice out of 6 flags. It has too much of a digital feel for me to think it best for a flag.
11/27/23 16:09	F1435	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:09	F1435	NO!
11/27/23 16:18	F1435	Very pretty but feels off balance. Would not scale very well.
11/27/23 16:22	F1435	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.
11/27/23 16:22	F1435	No! Another quilter must have designed this. It would look okay as a bedspread but not as a gag representing our state!
11/27/23 16:23	F1435	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing? How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:31	F1435	No, no, no, please, oh, please, no, just no. This does not visually represent MN in any way to me. This is so abstract.
11/27/23 16:39	F1435	Straight up, no offense, but I think this flag is bad. I'm not sure how it became a finalist
11/27/23 16:48	F1435	Terrible. Too generic. There needs to be a loon on the flag!
11/27/23 16:50	F1435	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. Where are the lakes, trees, and farmland? What do the 8 points represent on the star?
11/27/23 16:55	F1435	Bleagh. Way too busy, way too abstract, and the lines along the sides make it look like a rug, not a flag.
11/27/23 16:56	F1435	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota

11/27/23 16:59	F1435	I'm going to say no, thank you. A bit too geometric for a state flag in my opinion.
11/27/23 17:00	F1435	I love the green on this flag as well as the lines along the short edges. It would be great to add them to F499
11/27/23 17:06	F1435	I do not like this one. Are the green plants Ladyslippers? Hops? Corn?
11/27/23 17:06	F1435	This looks like wrapping paper, again.
11/27/23 17:11	F1435	I'm not sure how this made it to the final round... The design is confusing and just looks strange. Why is the plant (?) geometric?
11/27/23 17:15	F1435	test 1435
11/27/23 17:15	F1435	Too abstract, dated and modular. The state flag should be timeless and full of symbolism. Agriculture, 87 counties and 1858 should be represented along with the three major watersheds and 3 major biomes.
11/27/23 17:21	F1435	This looks like some Minecraft garbage.
11/27/23 17:24	F1435	Did we have a lot of Dutch people who settled here ? The tulips are a nice touch but not the state flowers . Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and Iâ€™ve lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:43	F1435	Looks like a quilt pattern.
11/27/23 17:48	F1435	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:49	F1435	This is not our flag. Too many shapes and elements. Symbolism is poorly executed.
11/27/23 17:49	F1435	This is my least favorite of them all. It's really ugly and not memorable in my opinion.
11/27/23 17:52	F1435	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:53	F1435	This design is laughable!
11/27/23 17:55	F1435	This is my least favorite design. The colors are unpleasant, the design feels unbalanced, and I'm not entirely sure what it's even meant to represent. The lines on the sides make it look like a tasseled throw blanket.
11/27/23 17:56	F1435	BLAH. Am I in the right state ? So disappointing...
11/27/23 17:57	F1435	No. Also simplistic and like a banner outside a business.
11/27/23 17:59	F1435	It looks like a generated from a grade schoolers art project
11/27/23 18:02	F1435	Looks like a business logo - NOT a state flag! DO OVER!!
11/27/23 18:07	F1435	Now that is really UGLY! What does it have to do with Mn? I bet every other state, except California is laughing at this.
11/27/23 18:10	F1435	This is just so lame. And lazy too. Is that a transformer?
11/27/23 18:12	F1435	Weird and meaningless
11/27/23 18:12	F1435	Some flag experert on flags said the M's that were implicit in this "star"...
11/27/23 18:12	F1435	I wouldnt have even thought of that. In this I thought I was looking at another Scandinavian design. It would make a nice placemat. Not a mn flag.
11/27/23 18:14	F1435	This submission doesn't follow the principles of good flag design and would be very disappointing to see adopted even with alterations.
11/27/23 18:15	F1435	Green on blue is vibrating and inappropriate color contrast. What are the little lines on the right and left? If they were on the bottom I would say maybe they are wild rice beds. The star pattern is common in both Ojibwe and Scandinavian art, is that intentional? I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. i distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:16	F1435	I don't like this, and I can't quite articulate why. It looks unbalanced.
11/27/23 18:18	F1435	Please No. Thank you.
11/27/23 18:18	F1435	Please no. It looks like it was designed in Microsoft paint. Or like one of the plastic latch hook art kits you would make as a child.
11/27/23 18:22	F1435	Lame
11/27/23 18:28	F1435	The green image looks like a Transformer holding a club.

11/27/23 18:33	F1435	F1435 looks like a mildly interesting doormat, or a simple rug, rather than a flag Minnesotans can rally under. I don't understand what it is meant to symbolize. The Dakota star is nice, but F1154 has one too, and is a much stronger design. The other green geometric shapes might symbolize a red pine or some other natural form, but to me they look like a cactus, and that is not fauna found in the north. A student of mine said it looks like an abstract alien man holding the decapitated head of another alien man. That's not a good look. The fringes are inappropriate, distracting, overly fiddly, and look like mistakes, despite any intended symbolism. The eleven highlighted in yellow on the upper left look like an additional mistake, and if they're meant to symbolize 11 Minnesota tribes, we have 12. Please not this one. If you just keep the star, there are other finalists that do it so much better, especially bold, clear, and simple F1154.
11/27/23 18:39	F1435	This looks like a quilt, not a flag. What are the green things supposed to be?
11/27/23 18:42	F1435	Just NO! What is that? Corn??
11/27/23 18:52	F1435	Boring, does not represent anything, just No.
11/27/23 18:52	F1435	I absolutely love the elements that make up this flag! Having an Indigenous artist make our state flag is especially meaningful since weâ€™re all living on native lands!
11/27/23 18:56	F1435	Looks like flowers
11/27/23 18:58	F1435	Please consider selecting this design as the new Minnesota flag, the artistâ€™s intentional incorporation of the simplistic beauty of heritage of this sacred land shines through and is a clear leading design based on the other options. The thoughtful storytelling celebrates the spirit of Minnesota and the natural beauty that thrives within this region.
11/27/23 19:01	F1435	No. Trees(?) need to be modified.
11/27/23 19:03	F1435	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:04	F1435	No. Just no.
11/27/23 19:11	F1435	The graphics have little meaning. Itâ€™s a clever design that means nothing
11/27/23 19:12	F1435	Is this a joke? Be real with me. Is this a joke? This is a disaster of a design and belongs in the trash.
11/27/23 19:15	F1435	This design reminds me of those geometric shapes they give you in grade school to make look like different animals. I do not think any part of it is appropriate for a state flag we will hopefully use for another century or more.
11/27/23 19:20	F1435	This includes the eight pointed Dakota morning star prominently and isnâ€™t the state law that no emblem may represent just one group of people?
11/27/23 19:22	F1435	My favorite
11/27/23 19:23	F1435	F1435 - many things about this flag strike me as unbalanced, but the stitching at the ends is really nice. Put those stitches on F29 and it would be even better!
11/27/23 19:23	F1435	I think that with the other contenders this flag should be dropped, it's far too complicated and invites too much differing interpretation as to what's on it. Very surprised it got this far with the criteria that should have been in place, when there were hundreds of more fitting flags to choose from.
11/27/23 19:23	F1435	This design looks like a robot holding a robot head. Least favorite of the 6 finalists for the flag!! Reminiscent of Battlestar Galactica Cylon helmets. Was this submitted by someone from Ceylon, MN??
11/27/23 19:25	F1435	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:25	F1435	Try again looks like Transformers flag
11/27/23 19:30	F1435	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.
11/27/23 19:30	F1435	This is my pick!!
11/27/23 19:42	F1435	This is my least favorite. Nothing about it says MN to me.
11/27/23 19:46	F1435	All of these flags are absolutely horrible. This is the best you all can come up with. What an Embarrassment to our great state. Keep the flag we have and stop with all this WOKE crap. How about we have a kindergarten class design a flag, it would be better than these!!! Your all should be ashamed to put forth these as options!
11/27/23 19:52	F1435	Garbage
11/27/23 19:54	F1435	Iâ€™m guessing the green is supposed to be trees?? Pass
11/27/23 19:56	F1435	This is beautiful. I feel included as a POC by this flag
11/27/23 19:58	F1435	Nope! Literally looks like a scandinavian mod floor rug
11/27/23 20:00	F1435	no - ugly
11/27/23 20:05	F1435	Nope, the sun, a tree and ?
11/27/23 20:07	F1435	This is my favorite flag.



11/27/23 20:10	F1435	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:11	F1435	This sucks
11/27/23 20:14	F1435	Design F1435 is beyond the pale. It brings 80â€™s geometric graphic design, lazy symbolic literalism, and disorienting asymmetric flag composition all to such heights of unattractiveness as to render it a non-option from the start. It looks like a kindergarten schoolâ€™s flag. This design will be an embarrassment the moment it is hoisted. I see no way of reworking this design to be suitable for selection.
11/27/23 20:17	F1435	This design is my least favorite. While I appreciate the symbolism of the marks along the side, the visual is not attractive. The wild rice symbolism is not clear, and I do not like the quilt imagery.
11/27/23 20:18	F1435	No thanks does not represent Minnesota in any way. I would not look at this and think Oh thatâ€™s Minnesota. With all we have to offer to be put on a flag this is it.
11/27/23 20:18	F1435	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:19	F1435	Too simplistic and not dignified . Says NOTHING about MN
11/27/23 20:22	F1435	No! What is that supposed to be anyway?
11/27/23 20:23	F1435	Horrible design. Whatâ€™s up with the green arrows?
11/27/23 20:24	F1435	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:24	F1435	What is the thing the green guy is holding?
11/27/23 20:24	F1435	F1435 is my LEAST favorite of the six. What are the green things supposed to be? Trees? They don't look anything like our beloved Red Pine, nor do they look even abstractly like any other tree. PLEASE don't choose this one!
11/27/23 20:25	F1435	Looks too much like a snow flake and would rather not be associated with snow..
11/27/23 20:31	F1435	NO, NO, NO
11/27/23 20:31	F1435	F1435-- friend thought the green stuff was 'weed,'. I don't want this to represent who MN is.
11/27/23 20:33	F1435	There are better choices than this one.
11/27/23 20:42	F1435	This flag is boring and forgettable
11/27/23 20:42	F1435	Did an elementary student draw flowers?? does this represent Minnesota??
11/27/23 20:47	F1435	Looks like tulips
11/27/23 20:53	F1435	Ugly. No representation of anything here.
11/27/23 20:55	F1435	Did a kindergartner design this one with pentagrams??
11/27/23 20:56	F1435	Simply an ugly quilt
11/27/23 20:56	F1435	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.
11/27/23 20:56	F1435	Too plain and generic, says nothing about history, goals, features of the state or its people. same as F29 and others previously viewed
11/27/23 21:02	F1435	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:02	F1435	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste! WTH
11/27/23 21:07	F1435	Perfect
11/27/23 21:14	F1435	What are the green things? That was my first thought when I saw this. Thus, the design doesn't translate well because it is not clear.
11/27/23 21:20	F1435	Absolutely not. Just no. The asymmetry alone is enough to boil the blood.
11/27/23 21:21	F1435	A bit too busy, and unclear what the green is.
11/27/23 21:25	F1435	Come on people, time to throw all these away and start fresh nobody even knows what this is ???
11/27/23 21:31	F1435	Way too abstract. Colors are jarring together. Not distinctly Minnesota.
11/27/23 21:32	F1435	This is beautiful and symbolic. However I would like the star to be the star-snowflake design of other flags.
11/27/23 21:35	F1435	Another fail

11/27/23 21:44	F1435	Time to ask for a deadline extension. Come up with different style options. The barn quilt look usnt cutting it
11/27/23 21:44	F1435	Speaking in evil robot voice: "My name is ZOR, evil robot. I present to you the head of my evil robot nemesis POD. He did not conform to the evil robot agenda"
11/27/23 21:45	F1435	This design is definitely an evil robot holding a head.
11/27/23 21:45	F1435	No thank you.
11/27/23 21:45	F1435	I have no idea what the green is symbolizingâ€¦. Whatever design we have should be self-evident.
11/27/23 21:46	F1435	I don't understand this one. Doesn't seem to say anything obvious about MN. A no from me.
11/27/23 21:53	F1435	trees, no water. nope
11/27/23 22:03	F1435	Absolutely not stupid design
11/27/23 22:08	F1435	I don't really like this design. Its use of shapes is interesting, but it doesn't looks very appealing, with it's design being reminiscent of what you would see designed in Microsoft Paint. I also don't really like the design on the sides.
11/27/23 22:10	F1435	Again, this looks like cheap clip art. Where's the Loon? The Minnesota Ladyslipper? This flag design does NOT represent Minnesota or me. A poor design and a poor choice.
11/27/23 22:14	F1435	This does nothing to promote or identify our state
11/27/23 22:30	F1435	I like these colors and think the yellow and green shapes are interesting, but the design doesnâ€™t seem appropriate for a flag. For one thing, it isnâ€™t clear what the green shapes are supposed to be or representâ€”trees, plants? Are the blue lines little people holding their arms up? This might be cute on the border of note paper, but wonâ€™t work on a flag meant to last decades.
11/27/23 22:30	F1435	I thought we were trying to get away from using blue. Again, nothing in this design says anything identifiable about the state of Minnesota. Just oversized garish colors on a dark background
11/27/23 22:36	F1435	This is my least favorite of the six designs. I do not like the design of the star, and I do not understand the meaning of the green symbols.
11/27/23 22:41	F1435	This will not stand the test of time. Kitschy and looks like my grandma knitted it. Lastly, what is the green growth? Yuck. My second least favorite. Is this supposed to look like it was handcrafted? It doesnâ€™t.
11/27/23 23:05	F1435	Donâ€™t like
11/27/23 23:11	F1435	Itâ€™s too random and forgettable. If I looked at this every day for a year I still wouldnâ€™t be able to draw it from memory or pick it out of a lineup and get it right.
11/27/23 23:12	F1435	I like the symbolism and meaning behind this flag, but wish you had chosen a different variation of the design.
11/27/23 23:21	F1435	Not this one.
11/27/23 23:25	F1435	North Star reference is fine, however, not sure what the green ag plant represents.
11/27/23 23:30	F1435	No thank you
11/27/23 23:43	F1435	Can't tell if those are flowers or DarthVader masks. Do not recommend.
11/27/23 23:52	F1435	Unbalanced
11/28/23 0:02	F1435	Ugh. My least favorite design. What does it mean? I can get it in an abstract manner. It's a star and plants or trees. Yet I think it's an ugly flag. Sorry. I hope this one is not chosen. Thank you.
11/28/23 0:16	F1435	Terrible design. Cannot even believe this is a finalist choice.
11/28/23 0:47	F1435	Really don't like this design. Reminds me of kids' geometric puzzles and felt art.
11/28/23 1:32	F1435	The only one of the six finalists which I am not a fan of. I've read what the artist's intention was and respect it. However, it is a visually confusing design and not as appealing as the other choices that are finalists. While a huge improvement over the current design, I would be in favor of choosing one of the others.
11/28/23 1:37	F1435	Again ugly what do any of these have to with our state. They all look very generic!
11/28/23 1:38	F1435	This is hideous, why do all of these look like Christmas wrapping paper?
11/28/23 1:47	F1435	This looks like Scandinavian wrapping paper. or a sweater. Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 1:58	F1435	This is my #6 choice out of the 6 flags. I do not like it at all. What is all of the green stuff even supposed to be? It seems really busy, unbalanced and hard to draw.
11/28/23 2:09	F1435	The nicest thing I can say about this one is itâ€™s ugly and painfully uninspired.

11/28/23 4:22	F1435	You know, I have a few friends who are into this. And I'm not one of them! But I'm not entirely sure how to explain myself. First thing is that you simply MUST remove the things at the ends that make this look like a throw rug, those MUST go. If you do select this, please poll us on a version with and without. A truly wretched choice. Other than that, I'd be (negative emphasis) fine, I guess if you chose this. I think it is perhaps a suboptimal execution of this idea, I am not sure that a second tree (on the far right, that must be what that is) is very clear in what's going on and it kind of just looks like a weird plant growing further, to the right, for some reason. I dunno, this just does not seem to make total sense. But in the looks department, it's pretty good!
11/28/23 5:00	F1435	I like the graphics but it is too unbalanced. Our eyes like symmetrical design. What type of plant is that supposed to be?
11/28/23 6:11	F1435	How does this represent MN? Depicts NOTHING MN.
11/28/23 6:12	F1435	Again fails to convey the nature and beauty of our state
11/28/23 6:21	F1435	This one is ridiculous. Absolutely shameful.  It's assuming blue for our water and green for the nature. It's so weak. So incredibly disappointing  Honestly incredibly disappointing that every flag is basically the same. I want to like one of them but I can't. None of the stars look like "The Star of the North" that I envision. It's a state with incredible beauty and nature and the flags have modern art with no symbolism or meaning that can be understood at a glance. I have a strong knowledge of the history of the state and cannot understand why there would be 8 of anything on our flag. The number 8 has no meaning at all. 12th largest state. 32nd biggest. 19th to join after the original 13. I cannot tell you how incredibly disappointed I am. And as a teacher of Minnesota, this flag will take 10 seconds to teach my class. I'll continue to show my class the past flags which represent Minnesota and show its beginnings of the original occupants "The Native American. The poor treatment we offered and how we moved them from their beautiful land on the Mississippi River (St Anthony Falls) to the Northwest corner where it was swampy and unfarmable and where many still live. 19 stars as we are the 19th state after the original 13. Lumber, agriculture (then talk about mining). Important dates that include Fort Snelling. The one larger star to represent "The Star of the North" and in French to remember the important fur trade and the Voyagers .,
11/28/23 6:49	F1435	Don't like it. Boring. Colors ugly. Not inspired. Not sure what it means -North Star? Agriculture? MN is more than that. Confusing.
11/28/23 7:00	F1435	Looks like a rug your grandpa would have?? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 7:00	F1435	Not a fan. What is the green supposed to represent?
11/28/23 7:02	F1435	Not a fan of F1435. What is the green supposed to represent?
11/28/23 7:03	F1435	Light bright 1983 pattern? The star itself on a blue field is okay--has that clean and simple, single-symbol quality that some other iconic flags have, but the plant or whatever is a little more confusing both visually and symbolically.
11/28/23 7:21	F1435	I am voting for this design
11/28/23 7:24	F1435	To me, this image contains some interesting symbolism, but I'm not sure what it means. Do the green shapes represent trees? People with upraised hands? Corn? Are the yellow diamonds supposed to represent indigenous people?
11/28/23 7:24	F1435	Too plain
11/28/23 7:27	F1435	I understand the stripes at the edges are supposed to represent the 87 counties of Minnesota. Nice idea, but on a flag flying at any height, they would disappear.
11/28/23 7:28	F1435	I really dislike this flag design.
11/28/23 7:30	F1435	A powerful flag and a powerful representation of what Minnesota's flag should represent. With minor changes (standardizing spaces between segments, aligning the colored bars with the edge of the flag or some standard width) this would be a great flag for our state.
11/28/23 7:31	F1435	Yuck! This looks like a child played with computer graphics for 2 minutes. Really bad choice! Also it represents NOTHING! Every state has a sun! Every state has a green unblooming flower! This is an embarrassing design.
11/28/23 7:31	F1435	I am simply going to copy and paste the same comment on all flags that made the Final Cut. Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic. Back to the drawing board, figuratively and literally.
11/28/23 7:32	F1435	No. Too "spiky" and sharp. Our state landscapes--especially our lakes--have curves.
11/28/23 7:33	F1435	Love the star shape, but I don't understand what the green stuff on this is and haven't found a description anywhere.
11/28/23 7:43	F1435	While I think this is a good graphic design, it doesn't represent Minnesota in any particular way. This design could just as well be used in another state. Not here, please! (Correcting the typo in my earlier comment.)

11/28/23 7:45	F1435	Depicts nothing!
11/28/23 7:45	F1435	I understand the lines at the edges denote the 87 counties of Minnesota. I don't understand how the average person know that. Would they look at the design and try to count the line? Impossible.
11/28/23 7:46	F1435	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:55	F1435	No thanks. I don't even understand what the green things are? It's confusing and feels very outdated. Too many primary/elementary colors. Not pleasing to the eye.
11/28/23 7:56	F1435	F1435 looks like someone was playing wirha quilting program on their computer. There is nothing special here
11/28/23 7:56	F1435	This looks like an old video game. I like thenid to farming and indigenous peoples but wish the graphic was better.
11/28/23 8:00	F1435	Put a loon on it.
11/28/23 8:01	F1435	Just nope -
11/28/23 8:03	F1435	It's a blanket. No
11/28/23 8:04	F1435	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F1435 I like this flag, but again feel it is too directed towards specific cultures. Some would say it looks like a Scandinavian quilt. Some would say it looks like an Ojibwe image. Despite the fact that I personally like this, I think it's important to get the feedback from other groups in Minnesota. How do our African-American and Asian friends feel about it?
11/28/23 8:09	F1435	Bold iconic images and colors. - along the sides share a political and Indigenous story. Grateful for an Indigenous submission in the finals. Something very right about thatâ€”maybe even reparative.
11/28/23 8:09	F1435	Is that supposed to be a tree, I hate it
11/28/23 8:11	F1435	I feel that this flag needs a one-page explanation to go along with it. Too much going on in my opinion.
11/28/23 8:12	F1435	Love this!!
11/28/23 8:13	F1435	Ugly and stupid
11/28/23 8:13	F1435	Not this one. Please, any one but this. I don't even know what the green structure is supposed to be...
11/28/23 8:15	F1435	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota horrible
11/28/23 8:16	F1435	Hate it! Too Scandinavian looking. Does not feel inclusive. And what does the green represent? Trees? Seriously, this one should never had made the top shelf!
11/28/23 8:21	F1435	Personally, this flag is too busy. I can't really tell what it's supposed to be, and one of the most underrated flag rules is that a kid should be able to draw it. I appreciate the effort but don't think this is the right fit for Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:24	F1435	If this is supposed to be a flower why are we not using the lady slipper? This looks like a dandelion- this is over all bad as nothing calls MN to the viewer like me. Looks like computer clip art
11/28/23 8:26	F1435	no no no. iâ€™m not even sure how this made the final six. please for the love of loons no!
11/28/23 8:30	F1435	Seems like we don't know what we stand for and are filling up space.
11/28/23 8:31	F1435	Nice try for wild rice, but looks ridiculous
11/28/23 8:32	F1435	Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?  It looks like the flag of a third world country.  I have no idea what that is supposed to represent.
11/28/23 8:36	F1435	This is a beautiful tribute to our stateâ€™s original inhabitants and caretakers
11/28/23 8:38	F1435	Looks like another Microsoft Paint project. Why are none of these any good???
11/28/23 8:38	F1435	Very unrefined. Comes across too "crafty." The line weights vary too much, the lines along the edge are mismatched, I don't know what the green pieces are.
11/28/23 8:40	F1435	This one also looks like a quilt.
11/28/23 8:40	F1435	I donâ€™t know what this is supposed to be and nobody else does either. Please donâ€™t pick this.
11/28/23 8:46	F1435	Too modern and time dated. Too simplistic. No pride in our heritage. No human feeling.
11/28/23 8:46	F1435	Good colot
11/28/23 8:47	F1435	Too generic.

11/28/23 8:48	F1435	This flag needs a lot of adjustments. The overall layout is unbalanced and the colors need some fine tuning. Are the green shapes a person or a plant? It would be great if the flag was designed by a native person. So I would love to see this design adjusted and adopted as the MN flag.
11/28/23 8:52	F1435	I think this flag is simple but still looks nice enough to be hung. The flag would look very nice
11/28/23 8:53	F1435	This flag is an insulting choice to be a finalist. Who decided this one has any graphic design merits? Seriously... it's insulting to everyone who submitted a flag.
11/28/23 8:57	F1435	This one is butt ugly. No symmetry, and is corn really what weâ€™re gonna go with here? Other states have better corn and more of it
11/28/23 9:04	F1435	SORRY - Pretty ugly, plain, worse that first 1-2-3 and really nothing to do with our great state. Is there no one on the committee with designer's brain?!
11/28/23 9:06	F1435	what is this supposed to be
11/28/23 9:11	F1435	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:12	F1435	Why not just write "live, laugh, love" in cursive on a flag and call it a day? It would be better than this and say the exact same thing. Terrible design, and could not have been an honest selection by anyone seriously considering this as a new flag.
11/28/23 9:16	F1435	I don't hate it. I like the symbolism of the lines. Somebody said the green part looks like a knight in armor holding up a book, and that's what I see every time now.
11/28/23 9:21	F1435	As a native minnesotian my whole life, I do not connect with this flag. It lacks connection, it is not modern, it looks like something an old lady in the civil war came up with.
11/28/23 9:31	F1435	This one is pretty trash.
11/28/23 9:35	F1435	The geometric shapes remind me of an old video game. While cool, I donâ€™t think this design will be timeless.
11/28/23 9:38	F1435	What are you people thinking? This doesn't do ANYthing for our State.
11/28/23 9:43	F1435	I absolutely love this design. It features so many things important to the residents of this region. Iâ€™m amazed that such a simple, clean design can hold so much meaning.
11/28/23 9:44	F1435	I love the meaning behind the design of the flag, and as an elementary teacher I see how the flag could be studied in different subjects to deeper the understanding! Love it!
11/28/23 9:44	F1435	The little lines make it way too busy. The green and blue have a lot of clash and isnâ€™t very visually appealing.
11/28/23 9:47	F1435	Is this supposed to be a green lobster that lost a green claw and grew a yellow flower in its place?
11/28/23 9:53	F1435	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:54	F1435	I donâ€™t feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake Iâ€™m guessingâ€¦.thatâ€™s not all Minnesota stands forâ€¦.please find something with more meaning. This one also does not Represent Minnesota other than snow army much more than snow remanufacturing were wonderful Lake superior thereâ€™s so many things to emphasize other than snow. No 1135 what does flowers represent?? I guess the blue represents water! No
11/28/23 9:58	F1435	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 9:59	F1435	I thoroughly dislike this submission. I don't understand why it even qualifies as a finalist.
11/28/23 10:00	F1435	Not a favorite. Looks a flag you'd see during the Holidays for some reason.
11/28/23 10:01	F1435	Too goofy, not to be taken seriously.
11/28/23 10:01	F1435	This one doesn't feel like it's a flag. It's pretty, but the symbolism doesn't translate or resonate without more context.
11/28/23 10:10	F1435	DEFINITELY looks like a quilt made by little old Lutheran ladies in a church basement. That's great for quilting (and they're high quality!), but not for a flag. And, what, are the edges like that so you can print this out on a dot matrix printer?
11/28/23 10:10	F1435	Totally boring. Too symmetrical. Too much of the same shapes.
11/28/23 10:11	F1435	None of them. They are like commercial logos., I miss red. The yellow 8 points star makes no sense. Replace with a red blunt point hexagon and a smaller white 5 point snowflake. I guess the blue background will suggest lakes.
11/28/23 10:13	F1435	F1435 is also bland. Another grain company or credit union logo.
11/28/23 10:13	F1435	The green design looks like a frog. Not a good option
11/28/23 10:15	F1435	This is legitimately the worst option.
11/28/23 10:19	F1435	The quilt-like etching on the outside looks pretty cool and shouts out a portion of MN's native american past. However, it would not look good on a flagpole or have the same effect as Colorado or California's flag have for young adults to hang them on the wall or wear hats with it. The yellow is hard to tell if it's a star, snow, or something with corn. No idea what the green stuff is and looks chaotic.
11/28/23 10:22	F1435	I donâ€™t like it but of the paltry ones selected this is least disappointing.

11/28/23 10:22	F1435	Looks like a quilt pattern..dislike the combination.
11/28/23 10:26	F1435	This geometric design is too abstract in its artistry and is therefore unlikely to age well over the next century.
11/28/23 10:27	F1435	I don't like it, but I want to like it. Ultimately, it doesn't make sense, I'm not certain what some elements are or why they are used.
11/28/23 10:27	F1435	huh? is this a geometry flag???
11/28/23 10:28	F1435	This is the worst option. I can't imagine how this made it as a finalist, but the fact that it made it this far makes me very worried. It is way too busy, while still looking like the flower blooms were designed in microsoft paint. Please don't let this be the choice.
11/28/23 10:32	F1435	This one, when explained, is nice, but not super effective as a flag, as the subtle county and tribal nations dashes won't resonate when viewed from afar. Those could be integrated into the star and foliage imagery. The imagery itself, however, is blocky and the whole composition feels unbalanced.
11/28/23 10:33	F1435	Snowflakes have six sides, not eight sides. Any of the flags with an eight-sided snowflake should be disqualified. You wouldn't make a sports flag for soccer and put a volley ball or basketball on the flag to represent the soccer ball, would you?
11/28/23 10:33	F1435	No. Abstract figures are not impressive. Would prefer realistic artwork.
11/28/23 10:33	F1435	Extremely ugly. Looks like a quilt and clip artâ€”terrible!
11/28/23 10:33	F1435	This is the worst flag of the bunch. First, it is still a blue field and does not do enough to differentiate itself from other generic blue field flags. Second, it is not apparent at all what this is trying to convey: Is this a Sun and a...plant of some kind? Is this a flowering daffodil? If so, why a daffodil when the state flower is a lady slipper?
11/28/23 10:33	F1435	Thirdly, I just cannot imagine seeing this flag on a flagpole, waving in the wind. When I put it in a flag waving simulator, it just does not look appealing.
11/28/23 10:37	F1435	I love the positive Native representation in this flag!!!
11/28/23 10:37	F1435	I enjoy this design, especially the star, but I feel like it is closer to a blanket design than a flag, as it feels unbalanced to the right side, and the white fringe along the sides adds unnecessary complexity to the design (what does it represent?). I also have no idea what the green object is beyond a plant of some kind. In my opinion, an object that is prominent should be easily identifiable without explanation.
11/28/23 10:40	F1435	This is the worst option, in my opinion. I understand the want to move it forward because of the elements of the design (I did listen to almost the whole public meeting);but, it is clunky and ugly and does not say Minnesota at all to me.
11/28/23 10:41	F1435	What are the green things suppose to represent? Trees, corn? I don't understand this one at all, and how it made it into the top 6. Why are the dashes at the top left yellow but the others aren't?
11/28/23 10:44	F1435	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:46	F1435	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:47	F1435	I see what the artist was going for, but the offset nature dates the piece overall. Where 944 was too modern, this one is too dated. If there were an intelligent marriage of the two, I'd like them both. 944 still has the best blue.
11/28/23 10:47	F1435	That said, I like that the artist made space for MN indigenous iconography and reference in this one - because the last flag was problematic in that way. The execution of the flower-that-is-also-a-star could stand to be resized and better adjusted for the plane.
11/28/23 10:47	F1435	I love this design! It represents so much more than the rest.
11/28/23 10:48	F1435	This says absolutely nothing to me. What state does this represent? Has anyone asked that question? These don't even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.
11/28/23 10:48	F1435	Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.
11/28/23 10:50	F1435	The green stuff is too abstract for our flag.
11/28/23 10:50	F1435	this one is really odd. it just look like an MS paint that someone did randomly on their first try. the symbols don't immediately mean anything. the extra lines on the side seem unnecessary.
11/28/23 10:50	F1435	A mess!
11/28/23 10:53	F1435	No.

11/28/23 10:54	F1435	This design is not immediately recognizable. I don't understand what the symbols represent, and if you need to ask, it is not a good design.
11/28/23 10:55	F1435	Again, this comes off as very Soviet/Eastern European looking. Examples of reminiscent designs:  Flag of Belarus (has the parallel white lines on the sides) The logo of the Moldovan "E~or Party" (political party) The Ukrainian Coat of Arms
11/28/23 10:57	F1435	Breaks too many of the 5 Principles of Flag Design: â€¢ Too busy + too many elements â€¢ Too many colors + not enough contrast â€¢ Inconsistent spacing + angles
11/28/23 10:57	F1435	No. Too much like a child's toy blocks.
11/28/23 10:57	F1435	This design is suboptimal. Several of other 5 finalists are superior. Please do not select this design. It's busy, doesn't render well from a distance. It feels disjointed and looks like it's from some kind of 1980s computer game.
11/28/23 11:00	F1435	Is the yellow graphic a star? Could have fooled me. The green graphic is a plant, perhaps a bush? Too graphic in their presentation. No thank you.
11/28/23 11:00	F1435	A balanced & accurate representation of Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:00	F1435	This design feels cold, too computer-generated.
11/28/23 11:01	F1435	Although I like the pattern, the colors are too "primary school" and childlike. More sophisticated colors - especially a different green - would be an improvement. It probably is in 3rd place behind F29 and F1953, but those two are *way* ahead. They are the best!
11/28/23 11:01	F1435	This appears to be like clip art, not really something I like.
11/28/23 11:03	F1435	I have no clue what this is. Absolutely hate it. The best description I saw on-line was a plant creature that killed another plant creature and is holding it's head up to it's sun god. If that says Minnesota not sure how,
11/28/23 11:04	F1435	Horrible. Way too busy of a design. Looks dated and overly complex.
11/28/23 11:04	F1435	A nice design, though the elements strike me as a bit haphazardly placed. It's somewhat challenging to determine the intent of the flag, and the green/blue colors give a clashing vibe.
11/28/23 11:06	F1435	This one looks like a blanket or quilt. Please, no.
11/28/23 11:07	F1435	This is a generic child's drawing unrelated to our state. The sun shining on a tree-person raising a middle finger? Why the little white lines?
11/28/23 11:09	F1435	What is up with the stars this style? Must be a standard shape in some type of clip-art. This flag (and really all of them) are so simplistic they probably were designed with clip-art. What is the point of the white lines on the edges? I do not like this.
11/28/23 11:09	F1435	I can't figure out if this is a flowerâ€” a starâ€” a plant. Looks like a quilt square with just a pretty, abstract design.
11/28/23 11:13	F1435	This flag flag is well too complex
11/28/23 11:15	F1435	To me this looks like a bunch of shapes that would be hard to draw or remember their arrangement
11/28/23 11:16	F1435	And again - Same comment - This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:17	F1435	As an Ojibwe person who was born and raised in Minnesota, it would be very cool to have a state flag made by an Indigenous person that represents the Indigeneity present in our state. Minnesota has a strong and beautiful Native population, however there have been major historical violences (including displacement) against our people by the state and federal government. The current flag emblem represents that history. But today is the time to celebrate and uplift Native resilience, art, and community. And I believe this flag is a step in that direction. Miigwech.
11/28/23 11:18	F1435	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:19	F1435	I think this would make a cool crocheted or knitted blanket, not a flag. Like, I see what they are doing with the design but just no.
11/28/23 11:22	F1435	So busy, weird colors, the shapes are so amateurish. This isn't a flag.
11/28/23 11:23	F1435	angular to the point of tedium
11/28/23 11:25	F1435	Please no quilt patterns.
11/28/23 11:28	F1435	awful

11/28/23 11:35	F1435	I believe this is the best flag to represent the great state of Minnesota. It honors our Indigenous roots, and at the same time gives nod to our star, our agricultural land, and our water.
11/28/23 11:36	F1435	only slightly better than some again: boring - unimaginative - says nothing about Minnesota
11/28/23 11:38	F1435	I deeply dislike this flag;it looks like a child's version of the Statue of Liberty made with blocks from memory, or a retro Dekalb logo. It doesn't evoke anything of Minnesota;our history, our heritage, or our land. It's just blocks and a clumsily tacked on Dakota star.  I am deeply disappointed that only ONE flag design with organic shapes made the top 6. The commission's absurd "Rhombus bias" is ridiculous. "Able to be drawn by a child" didn't need to mean "Made of Rhombuses"
11/28/23 11:38	F1435	I don't know what this is really. Bland geometric shapes with lines on the sides.
11/28/23 11:39	F1435	Is that supposed to be corn?
11/28/23 11:40	F1435	A child cannot draw this from memory which is the first requirement. Do not select.
11/28/23 11:42	F1435	I vote for this one!
11/28/23 11:42	F1435	F1435 is cluttered and the symbolism isn't clear. It shouldn't be considered further.
11/28/23 11:42	F1435	When I learned of the significance of the stripes on the sides, I was so very moved by the message of who we really are, as a state. And the nature theme is perfectly beautiful! I hope this one is chosen!
11/28/23 11:43	F1435	Looks like a flag from the Transformers series of movies
11/28/23 11:44	F1435	I think this submission is far too busy to make a good flag.
11/28/23 11:44	F1435	NO. To Scandinavian
11/28/23 11:45	F1435	Looks like a bad Scandinavian door mat with the odd choice of white lines on each side. IS that supposed to be corn or wheat, or lawn jarts? Please not this one!
11/28/23 11:45	F1435	This looks like the invasion of the green robots. The little lines along the left and right edges make little sense to me and will be almost invisible on a flag. This is my least favorite design. . It's too busy;the North Star element is almost beyond recognition, to the point it looks more like a stylized sun.
11/28/23 11:47	F1435	Looks too quilt like
11/28/23 11:47	F1435	I don't like the quilted-looking design on this flag This design feels messy and confused. I have no idea what the green object is. I think I see half of a snowflake, but what's the corn-looking piece and why is it all green if it's supposed to be corn? Is it supposed to be corn? I should not have these questions when looking at a state flag.
11/28/23 11:47	F1435	I rank F1435 fourth of the 6 options. The gold feature doesn't look like a star, it looks like a yellow snowflake. Moreover, 8-pointed snowflakes are just wrong. Also, the evergreen branches are stylized to the point where it's difficult to tell that's what they are.
11/28/23 11:49	F1435	This one is a good choice!
11/28/23 11:49	F1435	F1435 has a star (I think that is what it is supposed to be) that looks like a cross and a granny quilt. I could almost deal with the quilted corn, but hate the cross thingy. Please do not use this. I am not a fan of any of the 6 designs. Perhaps go back to the Northstar flag that has been around for years, or something with a loon or other state symbol that would be recognized across the country.
11/28/23 11:51	F1435	I don't know how this one made the top 6.
11/28/23 11:53	F1435	No way.
11/28/23 11:56	F1435	too busy
11/28/23 11:57	F1435	I don't really know what I am looking at. A sun and some kind of flower?
11/28/23 11:58	F1435	Please, for the good of the state, go with any of the other designs before this one. This would maybe make a good blanket, but it looks simply 'wrong' as a flag. I understand that some people on the committee feel strongly in the positive of this flag, but this one is not it.
11/28/23 11:59	F1435	Incomprehensible imagery and color choice;I fail to see how this surpassed so many thousand contenders.
11/28/23 11:59	F1435	Not sure what F1435 represents.
11/28/23 12:00	F1435	Please don't pick this one. There were so many better choices. The design is confusing, and cluttered even while trying to be minimalist.
11/28/23 12:00	F1435	Of the flags that have been identified as finalists, this is the weakest in design. It doesn't resonate with the state - it could be Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois.
11/28/23 12:01	F1435	Noooo! I do not get inspired by OLD TIMEY quilts - why are two of these quilt inspired? There is nothing aspirational about quilting patterns.



11/28/23 12:04	F1435	I feel like the imagery in this one is not as clear. I understand the north star. What is the significance of the geometric shapes? What sort of plant is that and what is the significance to MN? I think I saw somewhere that the dashes along the sides signify the tribal communities and counties of MN, it would be nice to see an explanation for the rest.
11/28/23 12:04	F1435	Nope
11/28/23 12:05	F1435	Don't eat the yellow snow? Or don't worry the sun will melt the snow and green things will grow? What is historic or cultural about this design?
11/28/23 12:06	F1435	Please don't choose this one. It looks like a first grader made the image with their set of tangram shapes. It doesn't really represent Minnesota at all. Am I looking a snowflake, the sun, a star or a flower?
11/28/23 12:08	F1435	Horrible
11/28/23 12:08	F1435	Marijuana?
11/28/23 12:10	F1435	Poor design
11/28/23 12:10	F1435	This flag is horrendous. It's too cluttered and the plant looks like a cactus.
11/28/23 12:13	F1435	no, just no please
11/28/23 12:18	F1435	I like the crops represented
11/28/23 12:18	F1435	I hate this design, and Minnesota can do so much better than the primary element on its flag being a soybean.
11/28/23 12:20	F1435	Is this supposed be representative of agriculture? Plants in general? Start over.
11/28/23 12:21	F1435	Did I say corporate?
11/28/23 12:21	F1435	This was one of my least favorites. From the stitching on the side to the green plants in the flag body, did not like either of those items. I think the one thing it has going, for it is the star/snowflake/Scandinavian sweater pattern if you could isolate Just the star and get rid of the other stuff then it might have a chance.
11/28/23 12:22	F1435	I do not like this option(F1435). i do not feel that this shows what minnesota as a whole is. This is not a good flag for minnesota!
11/28/23 12:22	F1435	Remove the green part, or make a solid green bar on the bottom, maybe with a white bar on top of that.
11/28/23 12:23	F1435	A pretty good design, but quite a bit on the bland side, and I don't care for all the lines and the ends. What do they symbolize? How many inches of snow? :-)
11/28/23 12:23	F1435	I love this design. I think having a Native American designer speaks to the diversity of our state and honors the original custodians of this land.
11/28/23 12:23	F1435	None of these flags reflex Minnesota, should have pick the loon with aspect of Minnesota included in the emblem.
11/28/23 12:24	F1435	A pretty good design, but quite a bit on the bland side, and I don't care for all the lines and the ends. What do they symbolize? How many inches of snow? :-)
11/28/23 12:25	F1435	Snore.
11/28/23 12:26	F1435	This is my least favorite of the designs. Not sure what the green element is supposed to represent, or the mostly white (but a few yellow?) lines on the edges.
11/28/23 12:30	F1435	Favorite so far.
11/28/23 12:30	F1435	I like the arrangement - simple humble colors and design making a statement for our state.
11/28/23 12:30	F1435	DO NOT like the tick marks on the sides. It doesn't "say" Minnesota to anyone. HORRIBLE OPTION.
11/28/23 12:31	F1435	This flag is very ugly, feels like a kindergarten project
11/28/23 12:31	F1435	No. This is too much like a quilt or a sweater.
11/28/23 12:33	F1435	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag? Confusing, what does it mean?
11/28/23 12:33	F1435	This submission feels very stiff and not inviting to the viewer.
11/28/23 12:34	F1435	What happens to the flag once Space Invaders is no longer the hot, must-play game for kids?
11/28/23 12:37	F1435	Ok.
11/28/23 12:37	F1435	This is the only design I truly don't want to win. I don't like anything about it. I beg of you to pick any other finalist.
11/28/23 12:37	F1435	F1435. This just doesn't seem to make sense to me. It is attractive just just doesn't seem to represent Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:38	F1435	The geometric design of this flag is abstract and jarring - it comes across as harsh and it is extremely unclear what the flag is intended to symbolize/represent. Perhaps a more realistic rendering could improve it, but I have no clue what this is attempting to portray.
11/28/23 12:38	F1435	This is a truly awful design. Yellow snowflake, or yellow star? Wheat? Corn? Fringed edges? What is happening here?
11/28/23 12:39	F1435	F1435 looks a bit childish and reminds of tangrams.

11/28/23 12:39	F1435	Please pick this!!
11/28/23 12:40	F1435	This is extremely artistically pleasing - probably the most artistically pleasing of the group. Love the geometric shapes that make up the trees and star and love the representation of the Native nations and counties that are in Minnesota. My only issue is that it doesn't feel like a flag to me.
11/28/23 12:42	F1435	Meaningless. There is so much more to this state than a star and plants.
11/28/23 12:43	F1435	I wish this flag had an explanation with it (along with some of the others). This one confuses me the most. Is it supposed to be the sun and a flower? or crops? Also, why are the lines in the upper left yellow, but none of the rest are? Again, designer interpretation would be so helpful with these! While a very good design, without meaning, you lose the point of being a flag.
11/28/23 12:45	F1435	This is my least favorite! Reminds me of weed and don't think we need that for our State!
11/28/23 12:48	F1435	Very boring! Not sure what that is suppose to be? Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota? Color is terrible.
11/28/23 12:49	F1435	This one is hideous
11/28/23 12:50	F1435	Awesome flag. Great symmetry. It would be a wonderful representation of Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:50	F1435	This is my other favorite.
11/28/23 12:50	F1435	No, it's too much like a Barn Hex/Quilt Sign, also the 3 elements lack a "focus" area, even though the "star" is yellow.
11/28/23 12:51	F1435	Sorry, this looks like a "quilt pattern" you'd see on a bed. This is not a pattern I would hope to see on a flag representing the State of Minnesota.
11/28/23 12:51	F1435	Kindergarten??
11/28/23 12:52	F1435	If the green and blue were a few shades darker, this would look a lot better. These shades will go out of fashion very fast.
11/28/23 12:53	F1435	Awful. How this not only got out of the first rounds but into THE final round is truly baffling. This is one of the worst flag designs I've personally ever seen, and I've seen some awful designs. Not only does it feel half finished, but it's an insult to good flag design. Feels like the dog you throw into the pile to steer people towards the flag the commission truly wants. How this even got in ahead of the popular grass roots North Star flag is insulting to good taste and the thousands of people who supported that flag. Baffling.
11/28/23 12:53	F1435	No. Resembles a NORDIC quilt pattern
11/28/23 12:56	F1435	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 13:01	F1435	Like the blanket edging. But - are the green things pine trees, mutant corn? Another not great quilting project .
11/28/23 13:02	F1435	Mixed feelings about this one.
11/28/23 13:02	F1435	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone. This cannot be a serious option.
11/28/23 13:03	F1435	in children's books, shapes and objects are often simplified in order to appeal to a young child's developing eyes. This flag looks like it was copied straight out of this strawman book. That being said, if i see this flag waving over me, I won't think it's the official flag for Minnesota. I will think that someone's kid ripped a page out of their favorite story book and thought that would have been better. Kids have good ideas;this isn't one of them.
11/28/23 13:03	F1435	Also, not all the lines at the side are white, and that irrationally angers me).
11/28/23 13:03	F1435	The design is nice but I feel like I need some context of what it is to understand it fully.
11/28/23 13:07	F1435	Ugly
11/28/23 13:10	F1435	This one has an oragami-ish vibe, not in a good way. It seems unprofessional. With this one, I feel we'd spend too much time trying to explain it, and being embarrassed.
11/28/23 13:12	F1435	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:13	F1435	This looks like a cactus and not very MN.
11/28/23 13:15	F1435	Nope
11/28/23 13:16	F1435	What is wrong with making the state flag reflect the state. The north star can be any northern state. The loon says Minnesota
11/28/23 13:16	F1435	Please no
11/28/23 13:16	F1435	The worst! All I think of is marijuana or hop plants.
11/28/23 13:20	F1435	Was this flag chosen as a finalist to make the other 5 look better?
11/28/23 13:20	F1435	Much too busy of a design, will become outdated very soon.

11/28/23 13:21	F1435	I really don't like this one. At first, the weird blocky geometric design makes it unclear what is even being portrayed. Some sort of plant and the sun perhaps? I only know from context that I think it's the north star. The color scheme also isn't great. Maybe they should be darker or more pastel or something, but right now they're too bright and not complimentary.
11/28/23 13:21	F1435	of the 6 finalists this is my Least Favorite.
11/28/23 13:23	F1435	F1435. I really don't like this one. It looks childish. Nothing like what a state flag should be
11/28/23 13:24	F1435	Out of all the choices, this one would be my pic for the new state flag.
11/28/23 13:24	F1435	This looks like something I would have made in a 3rd grade Photoshop class. Also looks like someone accidentally left their measurement hashmarks on the sides??
11/28/23 13:24	F1435	I don't feel this flag, f1435, is a good fit for our new state flag. It feels like it represents Southwestern MN very well, with the farm theme, corn growing under the sun, but I don't feel it captures the spirit of the state as a whole. I'd be disappointed if this was the flag which ended up representing me.
11/28/23 13:24	F1435	What is the symbolism of the lines on the edges? How does this represent our history?
11/28/23 13:24	F1435	Horrible! Wtf is this!!? Yâ€™™all lost your damn minds
11/28/23 13:28	F1435	This one is confusing to me. I am not sure what the green thing is supposed to represent?? I do like this one though.
11/28/23 13:28	F1435	Please don't pick this one
11/28/23 13:28	F1435	ugly,
11/28/23 13:29	F1435	Too busy!!!!
11/28/23 13:30	F1435	This design (F1435) is awful. It does not meet the criteria for good flag design, it's unattractive, and the symbolism is unclear. (Why is the snowflake yellow? What do the green parts represent? I can't read this flag easily.) This hot mess is the worst of all the finalists.
11/28/23 13:30	F1435	Star is ok , rest looks like crappy clip art graphic. If that is supposed to be a Showy Lady Slipper flower they failed art class.
11/28/23 13:33	F1435	The symbolism on this submission is not obvious to me. The overall look feels too angular, too busy. I feel like the Nordic Star works better as a snowflake than as a proper "star", so I wonder if that would be better in white. I have no idea what the white and yellow "fringe" stripes are supposed to be, or why some of them are yellow.
11/28/23 13:38	F1435	I can't even tell what it's supposed to be. This is the worst one.
11/28/23 13:39	F1435	I don't get this one at all. What plant is that supposed to be? If there's going to be anything representational, it should be iconic and obvious what it is. If it were a lady slipper that would be one thing, but is it wheat? corn? soy? wild rice? Is the star doing double duty as a sunflower? It's too ambiguous.
11/28/23 13:39	F1435	This one is nice sort of soft and interesting. But it doesn't feel very minnesota too me, feels warmer like arizona
11/28/23 13:40	F1435	Busy and unremarkable
11/28/23 13:41	F1435	F1435 has an asymmetrical design that is interesting, but will likely not stand the test of time. The star and green growth convey the sense of natural beauty that fits the state, and the design is distinctive. But it is at most a second choice.
11/28/23 13:42	F1435	Really like the imagery on this one, especially the vegetal design. Worried that it might be a bit too complex for a flag. Beautiful, though!
11/28/23 13:46	F1435	No, green cutouts look odd
11/28/23 13:48	F1435	This flag is too busy, the lines on the side have no meaning. I'm assuming the green stuff on the right side is some sort of plant. It looks awful and has no flow. Too busy to look at.
11/28/23 13:50	F1435	I really don't care for this design. Too much going on. Feels unbalanced. Please no.
11/28/23 13:54	F1435	I love the use of the color, but this design does not incorporate the reality of Minnesota snow.
11/28/23 13:54	F1435	This is ok. The yellow star is very similar to the "Ohio Star" quilt pattern. My first reaction is that it's a flag for Springtime.
11/28/23 13:56	F1435	Yet another snowflake from a Norwegian sweater. Doesn't represent all Minnesotans.
11/28/23 13:56	F1435	Somehow more Scandinavia-coded than F29 and not in a good way. Also the design looks a little unbalanced, something will be made more obvious when seen from a distance. Overall, looks like an amateur quilt.
11/28/23 14:04	F1435	I donâ€™™t get itâ€™  what is the green trying to represent?!
11/28/23 14:05	F1435	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:07	F1435	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.

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11/28/23 14:10	F1435	Extremely geometric, unbalanced
11/28/23 14:13	F1435	Interesting but it favors farming and isn't easily identifiable. I wouldn't look at it and say "Oh, that must be Minnesota" This flag could be many states
11/28/23 14:13	F1435	Please no. What even is that?
11/28/23 14:14	F1435	Blah!
11/28/23 14:17	F1435	While I like what the hash marks represent, it's too busy and makes the edge of the flag look frayed. The main design looks like a quilt and will become outdated very quickly.
11/28/23 14:20	F1435	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original! No clue what the green is suppose to be...weed maybe
11/28/23 14:22	F1435	I appreciate the Native American symbolism. It feels like just a piece of a larger design, making it less effective as a stand alone flag.
11/28/23 14:25	F1435	There is way too much going on. It's "busy" and not clean, and looks like it was pieced together with Windows 95 clipart.
11/28/23 14:25	F1435	BOOOO THIS SUCKS HARD
11/28/23 14:26	F1435	I like the symbolism that they were going for here, but it is way too abstract and way too busy. The lines on the sides of the flag aren't great. I presume the green is supposed to represent crops/the forests, but it is way too abstract to tell from the outside what it is. This one is a hard no from me. It looks way too much like a welcome rug.
11/28/23 14:27	F1435	What on earth are those green things supposed to signify? Downvote on this one.
11/28/23 14:28	F1435	As a child, I loved tangram day at school. I assume this flag comes with a free set of tangrams for every resident.
11/28/23 14:36	F1435	I like that they have a unique aesthetic to this design, but I think it has too many small details and will struggle to have clarity while being flown. So many geometric shapes with thin lines may make it too complex. I also do not know what plant that is supposed to represent. From what I have heard from others, this is an unpopular design among the six finalists and I have to agree it is my least favorite for a flag. A good design, just not for a flag, in my opinion.
11/28/23 14:38	F1435	Very plain and Boring! They look like a quilt.
11/28/23 14:38	F1435	This flag has some decent ideas that need better execution in my opinion. I would swap the color of the side bars with the star, centrally locate the star, and remove/retool the plant... things. I like the symbolism present here, but it doesn't really come together for me as cohesively as the other submissions.
11/28/23 14:39	F1435	YUCK
11/28/23 14:40	F1435	F1435 is my least favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 14:41	F1435	Put a tree, not green scribble.
11/28/23 14:47	F1435	No
11/28/23 14:48	F1435	This looks like transformers.
11/28/23 14:50	F1435	I would be proud and honored if this was the MN state flag. It feels inclusive.
11/28/23 14:51	F1435	I like the simplicity on this one but it is not so clear to me what the greenery is -- leaves? Crops?
11/28/23 14:54	F1435	This one is not my favorite.
11/28/23 14:56	F1435	F1435 seems like an elementary school project. I'm not even sure what the thing on the right is.
11/28/23 14:58	F1435	This design had more potential than the others--again it has some character, some whimsy. But at the end of the day I think all the little color blocked shapes arranged into bigger shapes is going to look super dated in like 10 years? Also, the colors on this one (specifically the majority being yellow and green) just don't look good together. Its just not harmonious.
11/28/23 14:59	F1435	Meaningless
11/28/23 15:02	F1435	I am generally a very agreeable person but if this is picked as our flag, I will be upset. Other than the star, nothing about this design screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 15:06	F1435	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring. This is the worst one yet.
11/28/23 15:08	F1435	Just a mess of random shapes haphazardly thrown together. I was told this way soybeans at one point in time, but MN is #3 on the top exporters. It almost looks like corn too, but MN is #4 in the top exporters. The star is kinda neat, but F29 does it much better
11/28/23 15:08	F1435	Vexillology = Artificial Intelligence's Waterloo
11/28/23 15:09	F1435	I would be proud and honored if this was the MN state flag #F1435. It feels inclusive.
11/28/23 15:09	F1435	A bit much going on here. What even is the green thing.

11/28/23 15:12	F1435	WAY too busy. Designs are paradoxically too complex and also too abstract to be recognizable. What's with the tiny lines on the edges? Only part I like is the star
11/28/23 15:14	F1435	I know this is supposed to look like soybean, but it looks like hops. Either way most of the state does not grow soybeans. Why not sugar beets or corn or wheat?
		My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.
11/28/23 15:14	F1435	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:16	F1435	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:19	F1435	I have no idea what this is supposed to be. Is the green stuff supposed to be a maple? A forest? A pine tree? I don't get why barn quilt designs are on two of the finalist flags. The commissioner who disqualified loon flags should recognize that many Minnesotans from the cities might have never seen a barn quilt. I had never seen one until I was 23, and that was in Wisconsin, not Minnesota! At least Minnesota has a uniquely large loon population, and most Minnesotans take pride in loons. I've seen more barn quilts in Wisconsin and North Dakota.
11/28/23 15:27	F1435	Too grandma and not in a good way.
11/28/23 15:27	F1435	Horrible...nothing to show it is Minnesota
11/28/23 15:29	F1435	Makes the state seem very agricultural. Maybe a better flag for Iowa. Pass. There are 50 states, and will likely be more some day, this one doesn't stand out or particularly identify the state, which is the purpose of a flag..
11/28/23 15:41	F1435	is there something wrong with an actual STAR, or do we need abstract pointy tips? IS that Marijuana in the green? foolish
11/28/23 15:43	F1435	Looks like generic clip art, what's special, what unique, what about it couldn't be generated by AI? It would be improved by adding more elements, like a loon, lady slipper, lake, woods, prairie. It currently says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is. I look at this and think not of Minnesota, but instead think- who cares?
11/28/23 15:48	F1435	This is ugly!
11/28/23 15:51	F1435	Not terrible. Not great.
11/28/23 15:51	F1435	This looks like a quilt pattern. Plz for the love of god no. Ugly AF. This is what I would expect as a thanksgiving table placemat in Iowa. Honestly, I'm pissed off that Southern MN in the state flag commission didn't want a loon on the flag because it doesn't represent them, but oh, let's put some random PowerPoint parallelograms on the flag to represent our state's strong parallelogram industry.
11/28/23 15:53	F1435	F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire field of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from state like New Mexico, California, & South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi & Utah state flags. F1435 - I don't get it or like it really. What are the geometric shapes supposed to represent? Should I have to ask? Looks like a quilting pattern. Add "Minnesota". F
11/28/23 15:55	F1435	# F1435. No! This looks like a grandma's quilt block. Not right for a modern, progressive state.
11/28/23 16:05	F1435	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Not very creative except it has more than just a star. It maybe symbolizes a forest. It leaves the rest of the criteria in the dark
11/28/23 16:08	F1435	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:09	F1435	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:10	F1435	I have no idea what this is supposed to represent or what it has to do with Minnesota
11/28/23 16:10	F1435	I do not understand this one at all and honestly, I kinda hate it.
11/28/23 16:19	F1435	BLUF: This is trash, it will not be popular. This commission ignores history at its own peril, and at extensive cost to the reputation of the legislators that might approve a flag. The Original North Star Flag has been ignored, and any replacement that is not the Original North Star Flag will have no wide appeal or lasting impact. Pick a flag already popular, the one we wanted to replace the current one with.
11/28/23 16:20	F1435	looks like it belongs in a flower shop

11/28/23 16:23	F1435	This is NOT a Minnesota design. It is an exercise in geometric shapes. I see no trees. Nothing. The worst finalist of all flags AND seals. Replace with a loon finalist. Our children like to draw real things like people and bugs. So many snowflake quilt patterns like this were submitted and all are not worthy of a flag.
11/28/23 16:23	F1435	This flag acknowledges that we are on Native lands and gives a voice to all of those silenced throughout our history. This flag embodies strength and resilience;A flag I would be proud to claim.
11/28/23 16:33	F1435	This is the best flag desig . I love the loom style and the representation of each tribe and county in MN.
11/28/23 16:35	F1435	This looks like a very bad bed quilt, not a flag.
		<p>On Flag F1435:</p> <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Offers something distinctly different than other 5 designs</li> <li>-- Uses 8-pointed star in orientation that does not suggest religious symbolism</li> </ul> <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Feels incomplete, like a swatch cut from a larger piece of fabric</li> <li>-- Unclear symbolism (when not accompanied by text)</li> <li>-- Not accessible: green on blue difficult to separate visually</li> </ul>
11/28/23 16:35	F1435	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:35	F1435	No. No. No. This design misses the mark. What the designer described as trees look more like corn stocks to me. The star looks like a quilt square.
11/28/23 16:38	F1435	This design is lacking in almost all elements that make a good flag. Too much visual noise to be memorable and easy to draw. Too blatant of images to hide interesting imagery and symbolism. It looks like those grade school block projects where you combine shapes plastic shapes to learn about other shapes.
11/28/23 16:40	F1435	This would be good with just the star and the border stripes. Although the greenery is attractive, it's distracting and confusing here.
11/28/23 16:44	F1435	This design is well intended but just doesn't work. The most prominent symbol is a wheat? Is that even wheat? What plant is the green thing. If it is, it's way too specific to be a representation of the entire state. Most Minnesotans don't think of our state and say, "Wheat! Yeah, from the wheat state!" You never say that and I don't either. Also, the STAR should be the prominent feature of this design, without that big ol' WHEAT overshadowing it. The star is much too small in scale. The hatch marks are very thoughtful, good concept. However, sadly, they do not convey anything meaningful as a design element. What they're intended to communicate would be better incorporated into the state seal. In the flag design it's just confusing, unattractive, and cluttered looking. Upon seeing this design I wondered what that represented was it some homey kind of blanket stitch because we spend our summers knitting blankets for the coming winter? No, that would be on all four sides. Hmmm was it fringe? No, because we're not cool enough to be perpetual hippies stuck in the 70s. My point is that the intention is lost here, sorry to say. Thanks for your time!
11/28/23 16:47	F1435	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs.
11/28/23 16:57	F1435	This one is too busy and unclear without explanation. This should not be the next Minnesota flag
11/28/23 17:02	F1435	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:11	F1435	All o the designs are meh. The left and right border dashes on this one are unhelpful.
11/28/23 17:26	F1435	Has a meaningless look to it like an oven hotpad.
11/28/23 17:32	F1435	Too obtuse
11/28/23 17:33	F1435	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:33	F1435	The green part of this design is overly complex and confusing. It's not clear what it's intended to represent.
11/28/23 17:33	F1435	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:33	F1435	All very plain but would choose this one.
11/28/23 17:33	F1435	Beautiful design! Use of the loom design links the history to a modern, attention grabbing design.

11/28/23 17:34	F1435	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:34	F1435	Don't care for this one.
11/28/23 17:34	F1435	Start over. ðŸ˜
11/28/23 17:34	F1435	Please no!! This looks like a patchwork quilt.
11/28/23 17:34	F1435	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:35	F1435	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
		Design F29 is nice in its simplicity. If the same symbol was used on the seal it would tie them together nicely.
		Design F944 is great except the star is too basic. Could the star from F29 be used here instead?
11/28/23 17:35	F1435	For design F1435 the green part of this design is overly complex and confusing. It's not clear what it's intended to represent.
11/28/23 17:36	F1435	I prefer this one not having the green or stripes, just the star. But design 1953 is my favorite.
11/28/23 17:36	F1435	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:37	F1435	Better than the rest
11/28/23 17:37	F1435	Don't see anything representing MN Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:38	F1435	I didn't "get it" without the written explanation. While I respect the Native references, MN is home to the Lakota as well. I thought the trees were odd flowers. This & the swirly water one are not favorites.
11/28/23 17:39	F1435	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:39	F1435	This should be the winner
11/28/23 17:40	F1435	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:40	F1435	This doesn't look like any other state's flag (a positive), and it has great graphical impact and symbolism, especially honoring the Ojibwe. It also rhymes nicely with seal design s147.
11/28/23 17:41	F1435	This is not a truly Minnesota design... it is the the worst of all those that the committee chose. It looks like a Dutch flower design with a gold snowflake poinsettia... and the white ridged lines on the sides... very confusing. Please take into account that the Designer will not have a chance to explain to viewers what the design represents... and this one is the most confusing that needs context, and is not within the guidelines of a flag design. Confused how this ever made the final cut??
11/28/23 17:41	F1435	Cute design but not for a flag
11/28/23 17:42	F1435	This one, F1435, please
11/28/23 17:43	F1435	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:43	F1435	The best out the mediocre designs.
11/28/23 17:48	F1435	My 3rd choice. I could live with it. Certainly unique. Don't like the frizzle around the edges. Looks more like a blanket than a flag.
11/28/23 17:49	F1435	This is my second choice. I like the designs but I wish it were more hand drawn instead of looking so digitally drawn. But the design is meaningful for all of us.
11/28/23 17:50	F1435	Looks too much like a quilt.
11/28/23 17:54	F1435	The star looks like a Scandinavian symbol.
11/28/23 17:55	F1435	I don't get it
11/28/23 18:02	F1435	There's not enough contrast between colors within this flag - which would be inaccessible for those who might be colorblind or in low light areas.
11/28/23 18:03	F1435	F1435 is just too clunky. The abstract shapes remind me of those wooden shape blocks that they have in elementary schools or daycares. It also just feels like an "8-bit" version of what it is trying to portray. All the little hashmarks on the sides are way too busy. This is my least favorite finalist.
11/28/23 18:07	F1435	It looks like a cactus in the Arizona sun

11/28/23 18:07	F1435	Looks too much like a quilt square
11/28/23 18:07	F1435	Do not like at all
11/28/23 18:11	F1435	This one is a bit unbalanced, and looks very quilt like - and because of that, it is probably my least favorite. It is something that we have to live with for a long time, and I think the design would start to wear on us after some time. I like the idea of the striping, and I would hope that we could add that striping to any of the designs.
11/28/23 18:11	F1435	I don't feel any of the choices are good. None represent the historical or culture of MN.
11/28/23 18:11	F1435	Thumbs down.
11/28/23 18:12	F1435	Prefer another
11/28/23 18:12	F1435	F1435 doesn't say Minnesota to me
11/28/23 18:14	F1435	Hard no
11/28/23 18:14	F1435	Where is a Loon flag? I do not like any of the North Star flag designs. I do not like this one.
11/28/23 18:14	F1435	I like all of them. My favorite seems to be F1953, because it had an abstract shape of MN in the design. I am wondering if we can add the stripes like the other design, to represent the 87 counties and tribal nations. My least favorite is F1435
11/28/23 18:15	F1435	No. This evokes "Transformer" toys.
11/28/23 18:15	F1435	I love having the tribal nations and Ojibwe style.
11/28/23 18:16	F1435	Ojibwe loom style using the star from the first design listed, the reflection from the 2nd design and a LOON! This design, as is, a definite NO.
11/28/23 18:18	F1435	I really don't like this one. I don't get the green plant-like forms. I assume they represent some type of growth. The question that will be asked every time it is viewed "what are those green things ?
11/28/23 18:18	F1435	The statement for this flag is great. But the design not so much. Reminds me of playing tangrams
11/28/23 18:19	F1435	I REALLY DO NOT LIKE THIS ONE.
11/28/23 18:19	F1435	A good flag should need no explanation.
11/28/23 18:20	F1435	Please no to this one
11/28/23 18:20	F1435	Great design and I would love to have it as a rug to hang on my wall. Just doesn't do it for me as a flag.
11/28/23 18:22	F1435	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:23	F1435	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F1435 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:24	F1435	The worst one of the finalists, in my opinion. Loom-style is a neat idea, but the green foliage takes up way too much space with no real reasoning to it being there. If it had just the yellow star, it would've been a cleaner and neater look.
11/28/23 18:25	F1435	To be honest I hate this design. It reminds me of the colored math tiles from elementary school. As far as being representative of all of Minnesota it looks like wheat stalks with one bloom which screams farming and like the south western plains which is a very small part of Minnesota and not the part I'm from.
11/28/23 18:26	F1435	Too abstract, doesn't say Minnesota to me.
11/28/23 18:26	F1435	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:26	F1435	Kind of blocky.
11/28/23 18:26	F1435	Awful. Boring, looks childish, doesn't represent Minnesota
11/28/23 18:26	F1435	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:27	F1435	Again, what the heck are you telling me with this flag. It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag has picture information on it. Everyone needs to stop with the someone's feelings are going to be hurt BS.



11/28/23 18:28	F1435	Terrible idea! Leave the current flag as it is.
11/28/23 18:29	F1435	-10 foolish
11/28/23 18:29	F1435	Stripes are too small and insignificant . Solid blue is boring.
11/28/23 18:29	F1435	I love this design the most! Simple yet unique and beautiful
11/28/23 18:29	F1435	This one doesn't include winter, not a contender
11/28/23 18:31	F1435	Yet another quilt block design that does not represent Minnesota. Things more like loons, deer, woods, lakes but none of the flags have any of these elements that are associated with the state. There was nothing wrong with our flag.
11/28/23 18:34	F1435	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:35	F1435	Doesn't represent MN
11/28/23 18:39	F1435	F1435 is the best one
11/28/23 18:44	F1435	It's pretty, and it's not super complicated, but it just feels too "busy" to me.
11/28/23 18:44	F1435	this is WEIRD!!!! Once again, the star looks like a scandinavian quilt design!!! And the other "things" look like flowers! I dont get it
11/28/23 18:49	F1435	This is a flag I would be proud to fly. Our state wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for the land it is on, and it is right to honor the Native people and culture of Minnesota, who have cared for this land and continue to do so.
11/28/23 18:51	F1435	I like the North Star, the colors representing Sky and treesâ€¦ I also appreciate the means of representing our Native American tribes.. This needs to be explained and expressed! This gives me a happy positive feeling..
11/28/23 18:57	F1435	I really think this flag does NOT represent the state of Minnesota. The stripes are difficult to notice and the overall design is a stretch to align with the description.
11/28/23 19:01	F1435	looks like a corn seed flag
11/28/23 19:01	F1435	Keep current State Flag. No changes.
11/28/23 19:04	F1435	Least favorite - the fletching along the edges looks like quilting: Too busy.
11/28/23 19:05	F1435	Is symmetry of this is thrown off it won't look good hanging horizontally or vertically this should be ditched. this is an unfortunate finalist.
11/28/23 19:05	F1435	Please no. The other 5 are better than this one. What even is it??? It looks like the jolly green giant in green armor or something...
11/28/23 19:06	F1435	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:07	F1435	This would be perfect as the new state flag.
11/28/23 19:10	F1435	This flag beautifully represents Minnesota in all of its glory. I would love for it to be our new flag.
11/28/23 19:10	F1435	This flag gets my vote. I love the thoughtful layout and design elements.
11/28/23 19:25	F1435	This one seems very busy. Don't like
11/28/23 19:27	F1435	F1145: I am not a fan of this design. I do not like that all 8 points of the white star are equidistant from the center. It's not really a star shape, more like a cross. I also don't care for the color combinations. This seems boring to me, and not in a good way.  F1435: Also not a fan of this design. I did not realize the green shapes were trees. I thought the green thing was a Lego man holding some bizarre green torch. Also, don't like the 8-pointed "star" has each point being the same distance to the center. It's more of a cross shape.
11/28/23 19:30	F1435	These are all so awful
11/28/23 19:32	F1435	Too plain, not enough representation of our beautiful state.
11/28/23 19:36	F1435	Once again, focusing too much on one culture. Way to extreme statement. Can't someone put the STATE on the STATE FLAG?!!
11/28/23 19:36	F1435	Doesn't look like night and certainly does not look like trees. The colors are terrible.

11/28/23 19:50	F1435	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:52	F1435	One of my least favorite designs although I do appreciate the narrative. The green stuff doesn't look like trees to me, it hints at wheat.
11/28/23 19:53	F1435	Not all Minnesotans are or were Scandinavian. These designs are representative of Scandinavian culture and do not represent all Minnesotans.
11/28/23 19:53	F1435	Add a loon.
11/28/23 19:54	F1435	too confusing . strange symbolism.
11/28/23 20:02	F1435	This one shouldn't have been a finalist, sorry but it looks like it was designed using Microsoft paint from the 90s.
11/28/23 20:05	F1435	Looks like an outdoor blanket. Not bold enough for a flag.
11/28/23 20:14	F1435	I don't understand what any of the symbolism means. What are the green things? Not my choice
11/28/23 20:14	F1435	That doesn't look like a tree. I think it is too abstract for a flag.
11/28/23 20:15	F1435	As someone of American Indian ancestry, I am actually a bit offended by how much this flag relies on American Indian symbols. American Indian tribes are their own sovereign nations. Minnesota is part of a separate sovereign nation. The flag of Minnesota should not be reflecting my ancestor's sovereign nation so much. Minnesota is its own entity, and as such should use its own symbols. Please don't co-opt my ancestor's symbols as your own quite so much. Thanks a ton!
11/28/23 20:16	F1435	I don't really understand this flag, it's my least favorite. Is the green stuff corn growing before it's ready for harvest? I can't tell.
11/28/23 20:16	F1435	As someone of American Indian ancestry, I am actually a bit offended by how much this flag relies on American Indian symbols. American Indian tribes are their own sovereign nations. Minnesota is part of a separate sovereign nation. The flag of Minnesota should not be reflecting my ancestor's sovereign nation so much. Minnesota is its own entity, and as such should use its own symbols. Please don't co-opt my ancestor's symbols as your own quite so much. Thanks a ton!
11/28/23 20:18	F1435	Tress good but not this one
11/28/23 20:22	F1435	I would like this one except for the green things. I'm unsure what those are supposed to represent
11/28/23 20:26	F1435	F1435 has quite a confusing design-one that many people do not recognize easily let alone immediately. I'm not sure that qualifies this flag as a strong contender.
11/28/23 20:27	F1435	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one
11/28/23 20:29	F1435	I love what this flag represents and I love that the designer is native Ojibwe. The style is unique and memorable
11/28/23 20:29	F1435	The leaves remind me of Marijuana plants.
11/28/23 20:36	F1435	F1435 NO, not this one.
11/28/23 20:39	F1435	Looks like some clip art on a blue background. Nothing in this says Minnesota to me. The flag shouldn't need an explanation to understand the meaning.
11/28/23 20:42	F1435	This is very cool and I would not be disappointed with this choice. My only thoughts against it is that (1) it represents our past more than our present. (2) it's hard to redraw and repeat as a symbol. While I love the intricacies, I think a flag that's easy to draw makes for a stronger unifying symbol.
11/28/23 20:44	F1435	The trees look like books and the lines on the side are weird. I appreciate the fact that it has indigenous ties but I don't think a rug is the right style for a flag
11/28/23 20:44	F1435	I hate it. What are you people smoking?
11/28/23 20:46	F1435	Stupid „GOT NO IMAGINATION???? Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish?
11/28/23 21:02	F1435	This looks like an area rug
11/28/23 21:06	F1435	As a lifelong MN resident, this design immediately resonated with me. It is simple, distinctive, and a beautiful homage to the Indigenous roots - past and present - of our state.
11/28/23 21:07	F1435	I love this design and believe the flag needs to honor the Indigenous Peoples of Minnesota (especially since the last flag was so racist).
11/28/23 21:10	F1435	I don't get it. It's a no for me!
11/28/23 21:11	F1435	F1435 is awful. It looks like a quilt, not a flag.
11/28/23 21:22	F1435	Something I could have drawn up in 3rd grade. Makes us look like a bunch of simpletons
11/28/23 21:22	F1435	I love this design, would vote for it to be the winner! I love that it's done by a Native artist and prominently represents the first peoples of Minnesota.
11/28/23 21:31	F1435	This is beautiful and incorporates the indigenous community in design and style

11/28/23 21:41	F1435	This design is too plain. Shows no Minnesota history. It has a middle eastern feel to it.
11/28/23 21:43	F1435	Are you kidding? How is anyone supposed to figure out this is the state flag of Minnesota?
11/28/23 21:44	F1435	My vote goes to F1435 - I love the idea of acknowledging the tribes that have been here for so long in such a public way.
11/28/23 21:45	F1435	Hate the colors. Doesn't look like the night sky or trees. Doesn't signify Minnesota.
11/28/23 21:46	F1435	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists areâ€¦ not great. This one isâ€¦ what is going on. The representation of our native population is beautiful, but the design of the flag is terrible and looks weird on a flag. In a piece of art, wonderful. For a flag? Uh, no thanks. As with flag submission F1154, it looks like someone just copied and pasted images onto a blue background. It looks tacky, like a child made it. Thereâ€™s no organization whatsoever. This is not an upgrade from our old flag. If anything, itâ€™s just as bad.
11/28/23 21:46	F1435	Donâ€™t like. Reminds me of marijuana.
11/28/23 21:51	F1435	This is pretty & has some important details. But at first glance looks like a very nice blanket.
11/28/23 21:52	F1435	Can't stop seeing the green area as a transformer.
11/28/23 21:55	F1435	Love the Ojibwe design representation and the mix of the star and trees.
11/28/23 21:59	F1435	Do not like this one at all. Don't think it represents my state of MN. Waste of money changing our flag
11/28/23 22:01	F1435	This has all the components of this state. The tribes and counties that make up communities, the natural world of our beautiful state are all encompassing in this design.
11/28/23 22:03	F1435	I love Sarah Agaton Howes of Heartberry! They are an amazing Indigenous artist who deserves recognition as much as our state needs reconciliation. Choosing this design would make a powerful statement about our priorities as we progress toward a more equitable future for Mni Sota Makoce. Also, it is a beautiful design that reflects the natural world in our region.
11/28/23 22:03	F1435	Looks like a seed company logo.I won't fly it.
11/28/23 22:03	F1435	a quilt-type star? yellow snowflake? and green flowers? Trees? I think not.
11/28/23 22:05	F1435	The concept of taking inspiration from Ojibwe weaving is wonderful. I wish this more attractive in execution.
11/28/23 22:06	F1435	Yuck. No.
11/28/23 22:06	F1435	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:07	F1435	The eight pointed star is good but the green trees are too much.
11/28/23 22:07	F1435	The idea behind this design is commendable but not the right design for our new flag.
11/28/23 22:09	F1435	I donâ€™t personally like this one. It is meh and doesnâ€™t really work as a flag.
11/28/23 22:09	F1435	For the win
11/28/23 22:21	F1435	I like the asymmetry of this one a lot in fact i think it is far and away the most beautiful the only thing is it to me looks more static like a weaving for a rug but i really appreciate that it has trees / buds
11/28/23 22:21	F1435	I love this very much. It may be my favorite of the finalists from a purely aesthetic point of view, but it is not my top choice as a flag. I love the star form and hope to see a variation of this 8-pointed quilt style star in our final design. I appreciate the plant forms, and I also love very much the boreal parts of our state, and would like to see our state's flora honored in the state seal but do not feel a need for them to be represented on the flag at the cost of simplicity.
11/28/23 22:25	F1435	This design will age terribly and looks MUCH too geometric.
11/28/23 22:27	F1435	Looks like a quilt. Not a fan.
11/28/23 22:33	F1435	This design speaks to who we are as a statewide community. The North Star, beautiful trees, the beautiful blue of the sky and water.
11/28/23 22:39	F1435	No, no, no. Those do not look like trees. You want trees you do them across the entire bottom and donâ€™t go as high as the right side. Donâ€™t like the look of this. Looks like an old quilt and grandma messed up the pattern.
11/28/23 22:40	F1435	Unclear symbolism, and haphazard placement.
11/28/23 22:40	F1435	Hate it
11/28/23 22:42	F1435	I love this design. The water, trees and North Star speak to the features of our state that are universal. The fact that it is made with Ojibwe loom design ties it back to the indigenous people who occupied this land prior to it being Minnesota.
11/28/23 22:44	F1435	As Minnesota is the birthplace of the Mississippi and the land of 10,000 lakes, it doesn't seem right that we would have a state flag that doesn't represent water in some way.

11/28/23 22:46	F1435	Hokey. Grade school art work.
11/28/23 22:53	F1435	No! Looks like the kids game Tanagrams. No!
11/28/23 23:31	F1435	Just awful. This isn't a state flag it's a postcard image you'd find at a tourist centered kiosk at the airport.
		Ugg. I had no idea what the green quilt pieces were even supposed to represent.
11/28/23 23:35	F1435	The white border is kind of cool. Otherwise, ugg.
11/28/23 23:37	F1435	VERY BUSY! It doesn't encompass the enormous agriculture picture of this state only the trees
11/28/23 23:48	F1435	Recognizing the indigenous peoples of MN is important but they are just one facet of a diverse multicultural state. This design doesn't reflect that. It's also difficult to understand the shape.
11/29/23 0:25	F1435	Pretty but too busy for a state flag .
11/29/23 0:26	F1435	Unacceptable, No sun, no water, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper or north star. No history and or any thing of substenance.
11/29/23 0:41	F1435	This is my least favorite. The green design looks like tulips. Childish.
11/29/23 0:56	F1435	All of the current top 4 flags are beautiful and full of great symbolism. However, this one stands out the most to me. The tribal connection is important and the simplicity of the design is refreshing!
11/29/23 1:52	F1435	I don't get what's going on in this design without being instructed by the designer. Sun? Plant? Confusing.
11/29/23 2:29	F1435	Feels unbalanced and looks like a rug.
11/29/23 3:25	F1435	I understand that this is packed with indigenous design and meaning, and it was designed by a native woman. Unfortunately, it resembles a dandelion weed just lopped off by a lawn mower.
11/29/23 4:22	F1435	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 5:17	F1435	While I appreciate the symbolism of the stripes, that appears to violate two of the design objectives established by the commission. "Enduring Appeal" asks that a design emphasize inclusivity and unity. And "Mandatory" specifically prohibits symbols that represent only a single community. This design emphasizes, rather than diminishes, the division between Indigenous people and the rest of Minnesotans. Tribal nations are already proudly represented by their own flags - they should not be singled out on a state flag intended to project inclusivity.
11/29/23 5:20	F1435	This is my choice for the State Flag. I think it is beautiful and so important to represent not only our beautiful Minnesota nature but also our Native history and heritage. Well done!
11/29/23 6:11	F1435	No. Looks like a child created it.
11/29/23 6:11	F1435	Better than the current flag, bit still pretty complicated while also somehow being rather plain. A child would have difficulty drawing this, even with a flag to look at for reference.
11/29/23 6:35	F1435	None of these flags say Minnesota. At least put a loon or a lake somewhere.
11/29/23 6:36	F1435	Not very attractive. Looks like a pattern for a sweater. Does not convey anything about the state.
11/29/23 6:49	F1435	Wonderful design. A true masterpiece.
11/29/23 6:50	F1435	This is the worst design of the five choices
11/29/23 6:51	F1435	Truly a Minnesota design? A star and plants that could be tulips? Test thus on 10 people to see if anyone says "Minnesota."
11/29/23 6:55	F1435	I like F1435 also. I LOVE representation of the 11 tribes and 87 counties, but I didn't know that's what the lines meant at a glance. I think (for better or worse) it looks like a blanket with the lines looking like fringe. I wonder if there is a way to make them more prominent or use a colors that are more different than yellow and white to represent them?
11/29/23 6:56	F1435	No. Least favorite. Looks like hops not a tree.
11/29/23 6:56	F1435	This is the worst flag design of all five
11/29/23 6:57	F1435	This is awful. Please don't pick this one. Looks like bad AI design.
11/29/23 7:02	F1435	I think this better represents Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:06	F1435	Indigenous art! Huzzah!
11/29/23 7:08	F1435	I think the imagery in this specific flag is too abstract and hard to interpret as a tree and stars. I don't think it should be selected.
		I throw my hat in for this design. Lovely, unique and relevant, not just of the moment. Lasting and classic.
11/29/23 7:09	F1435	Thank you.

11/29/23 7:10	F1435	This flag is perfect for Minnesota!
11/29/23 7:17	F1435	Voting a resounding YES for this thoughtful tribute to the Ojibwe people.
11/29/23 7:26	F1435	I don't like this one. I have no idea what the green thing is supposed to be. A piece of corn? a tree? marijuana?
11/29/23 7:26	F1435	How did this make any cut? By FAR the worst finalist.
11/29/23 7:30	F1435	I love the idea for this design. I am also Native American, I believe this represents all people of Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:31	F1435	Not my favorite of the finalists--it looks like a game of Tetris.
11/29/23 7:37	F1435	The lines in details are too many. Simplify for more power.
11/29/23 7:41	F1435	Thought we were trying to get away from any ties to ethnic groups. They could fly this flag at all the Casino's within the state.
11/29/23 7:42	F1435	No way please. Green shapes are weird - - one looks cut off.
		Not sure how the green plants represent everyone in the state any more than the Loon. Much of the population do not live on a farm. Need to make these designs less computer generated graphics.... please! Add a Loon or something. Please.
11/29/23 7:44	F1435	Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:46	F1435	Basic geometric design
11/29/23 7:47	F1435	All states have night sky and most have trees. Ojibwe motifs do not represent most of MN, which is overwhelmingly NOT Native American now. No historical info.
11/29/23 7:49	F1435	All of the flag designs are pretty awful, but this one is the worst. I think the commission should start over. There is nothing in any of the designs that Minnesotans see as being uniquely Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:49	F1435	Not this one. Looks like a crosstitch pattern.
11/29/23 7:50	F1435	I do like the design, but the North Star doesn't come through; should be 4 points. The meaning will get lost flying in the wind . It's a no.
11/29/23 7:58	F1435	I'm not a fan of this design (F1435). The trees look too much like abstract figures. The star design is ok, but it shouldn't be yellow. The fringes on both sides are distracting, and not sure why several on the top left are yellow while the rest are white.
11/29/23 8:03	F1435	Don't like it. Looks like legos.
11/29/23 8:03	F1435	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:03	F1435	I really like this one, especially the stripes and the star. I like the idea of having the trees represented.
11/29/23 8:04	F1435	This is not my favorite. It looks like a rug from Pendleton, not a flag.
11/29/23 8:06	F1435	I vote for F1435
11/29/23 8:06	F1435	I love this design!
11/29/23 8:08	F1435	Looks like a battleship.
11/29/23 8:08	F1435	I like this style and before I knew they were trees, they also reminded me of crops which is a big part of our state also.
11/29/23 8:11	F1435	I don't really see a tree here. I think it's confusing - which is too bad b/c I like everything else about this one
11/29/23 8:11	F1435	If you're going to depict vegetation make it somewhat identifiable you could have a lady slipper abstract and people would still know it's a lady slipper this says nothing it says weeds to me
11/29/23 8:14	F1435	Appreciate the stripes for counties and tribes. Looks less like a quilt square than most of the others.
11/29/23 8:20	F1435	Looks like a cookie press spit this out. A star should have 5 points. Our flag should contain a star, water, and a loon.
11/29/23 8:25	F1435	These are all too modern for me
11/29/23 8:28	F1435	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:28	F1435	Looks like the Transformers or made with Legos
11/29/23 8:32	F1435	This is the poorest design of the finalists. I appreciate the representation of the tribal nations and Ojibwe style, but the emblems of the star and trees are too busy and feel unbalanced.
11/29/23 8:32	F1435	This is not pleasant to look at.
11/29/23 8:37	F1435	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?
11/29/23 8:37	F1435	Too many ambiguous elements: what are the two green shapes (green wheat and another green wheat?), why are some of the notches in the side colored white and some colored yellow? I like how the flag tributes Ojibwe loom style, but this flag has too narrow a representation of MN.

11/29/23 8:38	F1435	These symbols would be more workable if they were a bit smaller. Maybe incorporate some of the river and sky theme into it, too.
11/29/23 8:40	F1435	Looks like a Christmas decoration and spring lawn decoration Not a state flag material
11/29/23 8:42	F1435	This looks like a Minecraft creation
11/29/23 8:43	F1435	F1435
11/29/23 8:43	F1435	Excellent, this flag looks like a flag should. Great balance!
11/29/23 8:44	F1435	Awful! Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:44	F1435	I vote for F1435
11/29/23 8:46	F1435	Awful! Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:49	F1435	had no idea what this hash marks along the side were suppose to mean until I read the designers statement. NO ONE will have any idea what they mean. If you want to represent the tribal nations it needs to be done in a way people will understand it. Also, I had no idea what those green things were suppose to be. they don't look like trees to me.
11/29/23 8:53	F1435	F1435 looks like 1990s clip art. Please get more creative and less abstract
11/29/23 8:57	F1435	Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state. Boring!!!
11/29/23 8:59	F1435	f1435 looks like a marijuana company logo!
11/29/23 9:00	F1435	Green tulips? Looks like a business logo. Boring
11/29/23 9:01	F1435	I do not like this flag. Too abstract
11/29/23 9:02	F1435	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride. This design also looks like a Hamas flag.
11/29/23 9:03	F1435	Don't care for this one relative to the others.
11/29/23 9:04	F1435	Statement is cool, but I don't understand the shapesâ€”i donâ€™t see a tree.
11/29/23 9:04	F1435	BORING. Where is there ANY "Oh, yeah, that's gotta be Minnesota's flag"!!!???
11/29/23 9:04	F1435	Please do not pick F1435. It is not as graphically pleasing or representative of MN as the others.
11/29/23 9:05	F1435	bad European road sign
11/29/23 9:06	F1435	I thught the trees was a flower. The yellow reminds me of a snowflake. No
11/29/23 9:06	F1435	Love the Ojibwe aspect. The rest of the design is meh.
11/29/23 9:07	F1435	While I appreciate the representation of the native people. I do not believe this visually expresses what they are trying to say with this flag. In my opinion, this flag does not well represent the state.
11/29/23 9:09	F1435	Looks clunky
		WHAT IS GOING ON HERE!!! This flag suffers from a clear lack of editing, and the fact that it made it this far makes me seriously question whether or not someone was taking some of that sweet, sweet flag bribe money under the table.
11/29/23 9:14	F1435	The inclusion of tribal nations is something that the others don't do explicitly, but this flag could not be more incomprehensible, and the statement does little to explain WHY the "beloved trees" are placed seemingly randomly throughout the field?!
11/29/23 9:14	F1435	Easy for a child to re-create, but also looks like a child created it. Not professional for a state flag.
11/29/23 9:16	F1435	I vote for this flag f1434
11/29/23 9:17	F1435	I vote for this flag f1435
11/29/23 9:19	F1435	Not a good flag design. It's not clear what this is depicting and looks like a child's shape game was used to line up shapes to create a random pattern
11/29/23 9:26	F1435	This one honors our indigenous people. A nice design.
11/29/23 9:29	F1435	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive. Snowflakes don't look like this.
11/29/23 9:30	F1435	Looks like a quilt square, outsiders will not understand the significance of the colors or the stripes

11/29/23 9:31	F1435	If someone asked what it is, I would not know what to say. It's the worst finalist of all eleven. I would take the surfing bigfoot or ANY loon or lady slipper design over this straight-line geometry. Our young ones would not draw this. They like to draw birds and houses.
11/29/23 9:35	F1435	Who would know the Ojibwe reference or the stripe reference? If you have to explain what everything is in the flag, it's not a good symbol! Needs to look like something more than a placemat.
11/29/23 9:36	F1435	Nice for a blanket or wall hanging, but I don't like this for a state flag.
11/29/23 9:37	F1435	Please - NO. This does not look like a good representation for a state flag. Another design that looks like it should be on someone's quilt at their cabin, but not a state flag.
11/29/23 9:37	F1435	what even is this? the state flag should be easily identifiable and beautiful. this is neither. too robotic and boring
11/29/23 9:39	F1435	Christmas paper!
11/29/23 9:39	F1435	No
11/29/23 9:40	F1435	This flag makes it look like a weird plant armored person is worshipping the sun
11/29/23 9:41	F1435	This is so beautiful.
11/29/23 9:41	F1435	Of all of the finalists, this is the one that best shows a combination of native culture and our history of farming. I think this can best represent Minnesota in the future.
11/29/23 9:41	F1435	Too singular of a message. Not inclusive of entire state.
11/29/23 9:45	F1435	I love that it is influenced by Native traditions, but it feels really unbalanced to me.
11/29/23 9:45	F1435	Again, this looks like a Wal-Mart display sign. It screams Clearance item
11/29/23 9:46	F1435	No. The little lines in yellow are hard to distinguish from the white lines and are confusing as to why they are there.
11/29/23 9:48	F1435	I like the lines for the counties. But it's not obvious on looking what these things are supposed to be. Yes, a star is nice, but it is not special to MN. It's in SPACE!!
11/29/23 9:49	F1435	NO
11/29/23 9:49	F1435	I like the idea of the stripe for each county and tribe. However, the tree being off-center makes the design feel unbalanced.
11/29/23 9:50	F1435	I really like this design F1435. I like the colors and simplicity.
11/29/23 9:50	F1435	The most visually interesting and honors our origin as a state as well as who we are now.
11/29/23 9:51	F1435	This design doesn't make any sense. No one will know what it means and doesn't depict MN at all. Do better. MN is not just a native state we need to be inclusive to everyone.
11/29/23 9:51	F1435	Impossible to draw.
11/29/23 9:53	F1435	Too busy.
11/29/23 9:55	F1435	I feel this is the most respectful of the tribal lands and the best design offered.
11/29/23 9:56	F1435	This design covers all that should be represented in a state flag: nature, natural attributes, as well as honoring tribal nations. It is a clean, representation, with bold colors.
11/29/23 9:57	F1435	I don't know what that green blob on the lower right is. Will anybody else?
11/29/23 9:58	F1435	LOOKS LIKE A GRADE SCHOOL PAST UP
11/29/23 9:58	F1435	I am a life long MN resident. To be blunt, the flag submission finalists are terrible. They are over modernized, and the only thing reflecting Minnesota is the star, being the North Star state. The committee that picked the finalist list must have read the article you have linked on the website and strictly stuck with the simplistic principles outlined in the article. Presumably this is going to be the new flag indefinitely;the modern feel of the submitted flags will not age well. The modern design doesn't even appeal to anyone I've discuss the topic with now, myself included
11/29/23 9:59	F1435	Terrible, we needed a new flag but we can do better.
11/29/23 9:59	F1435	Boring
11/29/23 10:00	F1435	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 10:00	F1435	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 10:05	F1435	F944 Best of finalists. Represents North Star, northern lights and waters of the land of lakes. Outstanding design.
11/29/23 10:07	F1435	If any of these flags are chosen, it should be this one.
11/29/23 10:08	F1435	Love the star. I hate the green parallelograms. Maybe adopt this star with one of the other designs.
11/29/23 10:10	F1435	Just OK. Too busy. Stripes or "ticks" on the sides simply detract from the design.

11/29/23 10:10	F1435	F1435 is my least favorite choice.
11/29/23 10:11	F1435	F1435 is too busy.
11/29/23 10:12	F1435	I like the stripes representations the tribal nations
11/29/23 10:19	F1435	I was taught that Minnesota is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds and the people's roots here remain strong. I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the best flag practices make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:21	F1435	I like the stripes along the edges for the counties and tribes. The rest is not representative enough and not attractive.
11/29/23 10:26	F1435	The trees look more like corn stalks and I don't like the yellow star. Where are the snow and lakes?
11/29/23 10:28	F1435	This is a beautiful design that honors Minnesota history and the history of Indigenous tribes in the state.
11/29/23 10:29	F1435	Doesn't depict the state. Straight lines, rigid.
11/29/23 10:30	F1435	Don't like it
11/29/23 10:35	F1435	I love quilting and knitting. However, this flag is NOT IT. It does not represent our state, and it doesn't even look nice. No, do not pick this one.
11/29/23 10:36	F1435	All I can think of is why?
11/29/23 10:37	F1435	I think representing our First Nations communities is the most important factor with this flag design.
11/29/23 10:38	F1435	Definitely this one! I love how it captures all the special parts and history of Minnesota.
11/29/23 10:41	F1435	This is my 2nd favorite of the finalist because it symbolizes the beauty of Minnesota and recognizes the tribal history
11/29/23 10:41	F1435	This is my least-favorite design, primarily because the "trees" (or is it singular?) look to me like some kind of agricultural weed. Probably black nightshade. It's hard to find a tree motif that represents the whole state, so I can't suggest a good replacement. The other elements work for me. I think the stripes are a cool idea. They kind of look like fringe, especially if they ran to the edge, which could be a symbol our first nations. I like that each nation and county gets a stripe.
11/29/23 10:42	F1435	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a kindergarten attempt.
11/29/23 10:49	F1435	This flag does not look good. It is very busy, somehow both overly complicated with many shapes, and under-complicated like it could be made with pattern blocks. The inclusion of 87 stripes for the 87 tribal nations and counties is interesting in theory but would look better as part of a state seal, not on something that you need to be able to view from hundreds of feet away. The star is interesting and could be incorporated into another design. but the symbols on the right are unreadable as trees and whatever is underneath that second tree just makes it look bad.
11/29/23 10:49	F1435	Ugly hate it
11/29/23 10:51	F1435	I don't think I can express enough how much I hate this one. I thought you were trying to de-complicate the flag design?! What are the stripes?! Counties and tribes? Multicolored, just enough to make you think your monitor is going bad. Those "trees" do not look like trees. It looks like the Mandalorian (or a Decepticon from Transformers, maybe even Thor... maybe a Roman soldier?) is holding up a tulip before the sun. I can't even imagine trying to draw this in my civics section of elementary school. You should have gone with F247 or F248 and simplified the stars used in the "lakes".
11/29/23 10:55	F1435	This one gets my vote!
11/29/23 10:56	F1435	Love this design! Especially love that it's Indigenous.
11/29/23 10:57	F1435	If you have to explain the symbolism - it is not symbolic.
11/29/23 10:59	F1435	WE ARE NOT ALL OJIBWE AND THEY DID NOT LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE SO WHY IS THIS BETTER IT JUST SAD WE HAVE GET A NEW FLAG WHY
11/29/23 11:00	F1435	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:12	F1435	I love the reverence given to the Native people by the symbolic loom beading pattern and lines on the edge of the flag representing them. I also like the county lines. Third favorite.



11/29/23 11:15	F1435	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:16	F1435	This flag looks like a Dutch windmill farm sign. Ot doe not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 11:17	F1435	Sorry but these are all awful for a state flag. It doesn't have anything to show it's Minnesota or date they joined the US. I am guessing Minnesota has some nice things that could be put on the flag without offending anyone. These are all so abstract they mean nothing and most look like a flag for some random auto parts store. Being creative and even modern is one thing, being so abstract you have no ideas even what the flag represents is another.
11/29/23 11:17	F1435	I think this one is hideous. It doesn't look like a flag. It's just as bad as our current flag.
11/29/23 11:19	F1435	Should represent all people in MN not just Ojibwe
11/29/23 11:19	F1435	I like that this one has different things represented and pays homage to Native Americans. I'd like it to have lakes represented as well.
11/29/23 11:20	F1435	to plain 2 stars
11/29/23 11:30	F1435	I like the Ojibwe design and representation of each tribal nation and county in Minnesota.
11/29/23 11:30	F1435	Does this show/represent our whole state? Agriculture, fishing & lakes, trees, seasons, state burd or flower? Native Am were here in beginning, but a lot of immigrants are here now. When you see it, w representation of state is 3 of many things. There's beauty in MN & it's not represented
11/29/23 11:31	F1435	I really don't care for F1435 - too abstract, can't relate to it. BDS
11/29/23 11:35	F1435	F1435: After paying more attention to the description I'd say this is my #1 choice.
11/29/23 11:36	F1435	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:40	F1435	I like the loom idea and the stripes along the edges. However, I thought the green items were corn -- did not see trees at all. I think the block pattern style for the sun/star and trees is too distracting and inconsistent with the thin stripes.
11/29/23 11:41	F1435	This design is terrible and does not capture what MN is about, and only focuses on the native communities. It does not represent all of MN. How about we spend tax dollars on fixing the mess that is the metro area (thank you Walz and Frey), rather than focusing on a flag and seal that is already great.
11/29/23 11:41	F1435	Beautiful! I love the recognition of the Indigenous tribes and the distinctive loom style.
11/29/23 11:41	F1435	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs. F29 is too simple (and just call it The North Star and skip the French translation). F1154 is not very appealing. I dislike F1435 because of the Ojibwe reference and no Dakota reference (the Dakota were in Minnesota before the Ojibwe, and should be recognized as Minnesotaâ€™s first people).
11/29/23 11:42	F1435	I really love this one! It captures our state well both presently and in the past.
11/29/23 11:44	F1435	6th grade art project
11/29/23 11:49	F1435	This design looks like a quilt. It is too old fashioned and makes Minnesota look like a "hick" state. It is backwards looking. I hate it.
11/29/23 11:51	F1435	Lame
11/29/23 11:58	F1435	Another bland submission. I could go on and on about the lack of history and you have to explain what it means, REALLY!
11/29/23 11:59	F1435	The symbolism behind this is incredible. Please choose this one and support the Indigenous artist who designed it!
11/29/23 12:02	F1435	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:03	F1435	This design does not evoke trees and stars, it looks like a flower on a leafy stem.
11/29/23 12:11	F1435	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:12	F1435	Sarah's flag is the best!
11/29/23 12:13	F1435	What does a yellow poinsettia and a green two headed autobot have to do with Minnesota. Way to abstract less then 10% of the people will get this one. Has to be the 1st one eliminated. f the artist has to explain the concept to understand it, it has already failed. The committee screwed the pooch on this one. .
11/29/23 12:14	F1435	Looks like Sauron holding the head of Sauron. Lame

11/29/23 12:20	F1435	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan can't tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:20	F1435	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. This one looks like an art project in school, not a state flag
11/29/23 12:22	F1435	F1435 is the only flag that might make me move states.
11/29/23 12:23	F1435	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:23	F1435	This one is a train wreck. All I see is a yellow poinsettia and a 2 headed autobot, not sure that represents Minnesota in anyway. This one is way too abstract and very much generated by computer graphics designer. There is no creative mastery in this one at all. It is said if the artist has to tell the story to create the mastery behind the creation he/she has failed as the creator. Lets just give this one the grade it deserves F
11/29/23 12:25	F1435	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:27	F1435	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:30	F1435	Is this a Minecraft Jolly Green Giant? A Bobba-Fett?
11/29/23 12:30	F1435	NOT THIS ONE. These finalists all look like they were made with a Microsoft design program from the early 80s. I am so so disappointed in the selection committee. Were these all designed by the same person? And how are they related to the chair of the selection committee? These are just AWFUL!
11/29/23 12:31	F1435	too many straight lines, needs something curvy
11/29/23 12:31	F1435	This is my favorite of the finalists. Its nice to see the ojibwe loom style because it honors first people. I also like it includes trees, which our woodlands have had such an important place in our place as a state. I love the 8 point star. I def like this one.
11/29/23 12:33	F1435	Nothing Minnesota there. Alien invaders.
11/29/23 12:33	F1435	What kind of plant is this supposed to be? Corn? Pine tree? Buckthorn? Snowflakes have 6 sides.
11/29/23 12:37	F1435	Again this looks more like a pattern for a quilt, not a state flag.
11/29/23 12:38	F1435	F1435 is an eyesore and does not follow any fundamental vexilological practices. Please not this one.
11/29/23 12:38	F1435	Worst flag from the options. Too cluttered and breaks too many flag design norms.
11/29/23 12:41	F1435	I am drawn to the colors and composition which are both meaningful and pleasing to the eye. A bonus: the green plants resemble people holding open books. I love that this design honors Minnesota's First Nations.
11/29/23 12:42	F1435	Do not like this design as much as some of the others.
11/29/23 12:45	F1435	The green part looks like Transformers symbols. Probably drawn by someone who grew up with Transformers toys.
11/29/23 13:01	F1435	This one is my favorite!!! I really like the look of it, the symbolism and the way it looks woven. Beautiful!
11/29/23 13:06	F1435	I like the nod to the Ojibwe, but that's not all Minnesota is about. I'm a little confused where the blue and green color scheme also comes from in a few of these flags.
11/29/23 13:11	F1435	To me the green symbol that is supposed to represent pine trees looks like corn. I think if they were flipped upside down they would be more representative of a tree. Or if the trees could be redesigned like a pyramid with the smallest part on top and widest on the bottom. I like the concept but this just doesn't work. Maybe for Iowa!
11/29/23 13:13	F1435	This is truly a beautiful design and stays true to the state's heritage. Very distinctive.
11/29/23 13:23	F1435	Will stock up on current flag! This flag is racist! What about other races? Not one loon or state flower.
11/29/23 13:27	F1435	I love what the flag represents, and it has a nice, inviting feel of a quilt on a winter day.
11/29/23 13:28	F1435	Uglier than 1154.
11/29/23 13:33	F1435	I like this flag. Probably my second favorite. I like the tree and star motifs a lot. My only complaint is that it's a little too busy but generally I like the colors and the designs.
11/29/23 13:34	F1435	Terrible
11/29/23 13:35	F1435	F1435: No thank you
11/29/23 13:38	F1435	Looks like a wallpaper border.
11/29/23 13:40	F1435	No. Yuck.
11/29/23 13:47	F1435	Not bad, but I'd like it better with a loon on the top or the northern lights. Hey, the State of Colorado does NOT have mountains throughout the state, but that doesn't keep them from using mountains in their ads to reflect the state. Same with Minnesota loon.

11/29/23 13:54	F1435	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion. it looks like a grade school project cut out of construction paper and the lines on the ends are too busy and won't work small . horrible decision to pick this for a finalist.
11/29/23 13:59	F1435	Confusing, scattered and whooshy. Looks more like a blanket than a flag. The ideas it symbolizes are nice, but poor execution.
11/29/23 14:08	F1435	F1435 thumbs down. This looks like a carpet design. Doesn't say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 14:13	F1435	Yikes -- a disorganized quilt block.
11/29/23 14:15	F1435	This flag is uneven and not pleasing to look at. The lines on the side felt like an error with the picture, and are most definitely not going to be easily replicable. I thought the "trees" were green flowers, so perhaps there's a better way to go about it. The art style is cute though!
11/29/23 14:21	F1435	Also bland and attempt at inclusion of native culture but poorly done...and as the others here, void of people, places, animals, flowers...could be a clothing logo not a representation of MN.
11/29/23 14:27	F1435	I like F1435. It's like a beginning. Fresh. Happy. Growing.
11/29/23 14:32	F1435	Nope. Too blah. Too modern. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree, no river/lake and no field.
11/29/23 14:34	F1435	No no no. WAY to busy and computer designed looking.
11/29/23 14:35	F1435	I like that indigenous designs are included
11/29/23 14:38	F1435	Do you like beans?
11/29/23 14:43	F1435	Best so far, but the star should be white
11/29/23 14:45	F1435	I understand the intention here but this isn't working for me. It looks like a cartoon robot holding up a prize. Also comes off as too Scandinavian.
11/29/23 14:50	F1435	Very poor - a 0 on scale of 10
11/29/23 14:51	F1435	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says they look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:53	F1435	This is trash dont use it please
11/29/23 14:54	F1435	F1435 - Worst of the bunch! Artistically does nothing for me.
11/29/23 15:00	F1435	I really appreciate the symbolism represented through this design and the meaningfulness behind the stylistic choices (the Ojibwe loom style and the stripes for tribal nations). I think this design is the opposite from the negative connotations of the last Minnesota state flag, and therefore it's symbolism runs deep.
11/29/23 15:04	F1435	This is a very poor design, the ideas aren't horrible but the art is ridiculous
11/29/23 15:05	F1435	I love that this flag takes into account both Indigenous heritage of our state and is visually reminiscent of Scandinavian knitting motifs.
11/29/23 15:06	F1435	I'd strongly encourage the Commission to avoid this design -- it's very complex, strange and hard to parse. At the very least, if it *is* chosen it should be revised to ensure that the spacing between elements is consistent and the weird line patterns on either side of the flag should be eliminated, but I honestly can't imagine this flag catching on even then. The impression I keep getting from it is of children's blocks arranged in a pattern, which I don't think is what we want.
11/29/23 15:07	F1435	A terrible design without balance or interest.
11/29/23 15:09	F1435	I support F1435
11/29/23 15:10	F1435	Grandma got crafty again. Big NOPE.
11/29/23 15:11	F1435	worst of the finalists, it would actually be kind of funny if you selected this one since it's so bad.
11/29/23 15:13	F1435	The representation that this gives is beautiful. I have much appreciation for the artist and the meaning she put into this!
11/29/23 15:18	F1435	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:23	F1435	Better than the other star ones, appreciate the background of it - but still extremely plain and without any depth. Boring. Looks like cookie cutters. If it was free drawn and with shading, would be nice. F1435
11/29/23 15:31	F1435	Does not remind me of Minnesota. It makes me think of the desert more.
11/29/23 15:32	F1435	No!! Nothing there that connects to Minnesota - why are all the flags so childlike??!!
11/29/23 15:39	F1435	Boring, it doesn't make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:41	F1435	F4135. Nice design. But why would Minnesota's flag feature a flowering cactus?
11/29/23 15:43	F1435	Horrible submission #4. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:44	F1435	Unrecognizable, not appropriate for a state flag

11/29/23 15:47	F1435	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:48	F1435	Hate the version the most. Our family thinks it looks like a flag for a foreign country.
11/29/23 15:50	F1435	I really like this one. Simple and unique
11/29/23 15:52	F1435	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:56	F1435	Clever idea to have a tick-mark for each county and tribal nation, but that makes this one fail the criteria of being readily reproduced by hand. The symbolism is abstract and cluttered. Any of the three elements might work, but it doesn't make sense together. I'm all for hidden meaning, but the flag has failed when someone has to explain the basic meaning to youâ€”twiceâ€”even to get it. Honestly, how could this be considered a finalist? There were so many other options that were stronger.
11/29/23 16:02	F1435	I luv what F1435 represents. It is perfect representation for all Minnesotans, esp in respects to our Native Community. We are on their land and so for that, we need to start drawing attention to much deserved cultural , art, awareness and appreciation.
11/29/23 16:11	F1435	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:11	F1435	I think we should have flag design F1435 to celebrate our native and non-native communities. I think this flag would show that we value the natives of our state and go along way in showing that.
11/29/23 16:12	F1435	Do not select this design please.
11/29/23 16:13	F1435	The motifs are too abstract to easily be understood, and the borders are confusing (mostly white with only some yellow). I wish there were more variety in the final choices. So many of them look similar.
11/29/23 16:14	F1435	Reminds me of a Scandinavian design for needlepoint or some such other craft. Not impressive for a state flag.
11/29/23 16:14	F1435	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:17	F1435	Looks like someone got a rubber stamp and went wild on this design. Right up there with abysmal quality and design.
11/29/23 16:17	F1435	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a North Star none of the flags really show the true beauty and culture of Minnesota .
11/29/23 16:26	F1435	I don't like it. I like the symbolism of the tribal nations. But the design is blah.
11/29/23 16:29	F1435	Where do I even start? You can't tell what this plant is, it's just vaguely "plant", the sun/snowflake looks odd in there, the geometric shapes make it look less like a flag and more like an elementary school project, and the lines on the outside make it too busy. This design would be a lovely quilt or pillow case;it would not be a good flag. Symbols have to be legible;I didn't know what this design was supposed to be until I read the artist's note. I really want a flag that honors our Indigenous ancestors and stewards of the land, and this flag is not the way to do that. Ellie
11/29/23 16:43	F1435	Please don't pick this design. I like the symbolism of the stripes for the tribal nations and counties, but the aesthetic of the rest of the flag will not age well. I don' think that there is much tweaking that could make this better without fundamentally altering the design.
11/29/23 16:54	F1435	Beautiful. Her work is always amazing
11/29/23 16:55	F1435	Very stunning and thoughtful, well-balanced design. I love Native design and clear intention, though I wish the green symbol would be easier to interpret as a tree.
11/29/23 17:06	F1435	This would make a good quilt but it's not flag material. And, it does not say Minnesota from either ten feet away or ten yards.
11/29/23 17:14	F1435	This one also requires explanation, which is not helpful with a flag.
11/29/23 17:16	F1435	I htink this one is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isnt totally symmetrical.
11/29/23 17:19	F1435	I really dislike this design--it is too busy and seems childish.
11/29/23 17:22	F1435	Too complicated
11/29/23 17:23	F1435	I think F1435 is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isnt totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points. F944 is my least favorite and believe it will age the worst. It looks like it was designed by the Minnesota United. The one think I like about this one is the star shape. F29 is probably my second favorite. Simple, but not especially unique. F1154 gives me a similar feeling. Simple, fine, but not really all that unique.
11/29/23 17:29	F1435	Who comes up with this crap? Itâ€™s ugly and BORING, does not represent our state. Gross! Keep the flag we have!

11/29/23 17:29	F1435	While I appreciate the intentionality of brining in tribal attributes, this is my least favorite of all the finalists. The tree art is too "creative" for most of us to embrace or recognize (e.g. it is more of an acquired taste/style than universal, which is what I think you are aiming at). The scale of it all seems off. The loom style will not weather well on flags. Please don't pick this one!
11/29/23 17:30	F1435	It's supposed to be a flag not a rug.
11/29/23 17:30	F1435	Near design but too complicated for a flag. These rich colors could be applied to some of the other submissions though.
11/29/23 17:32	F1435	Nope. What?
11/29/23 17:33	F1435	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is chosen will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:33	F1435	overly complicated, but best star
11/29/23 17:43	F1435	not a fan of the trees, where's familiar state things (loon, north star, lady slipper) ?
11/29/23 17:44	F1435	Are You kidding?? All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota! Sorry, Start Over!
11/29/23 17:44	F1435	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:46	F1435	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 17:53	F1435	I really enjoy the star component of this flag and think it should be incorporated into whatever flag becomes the finalist.
11/29/23 17:56	F1435	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.
11/29/23 17:56	F1435	Absolutely my favorite one!
11/29/23 18:07	F1435	All I can think of is an ugly Christmas sweater.
11/29/23 18:08	F1435	I'm all for asymmetry, but this design isn't balanced. What are the green things "corn? Trees? It doesn't make sense to me.
11/29/23 18:08	F1435	Beautiful flag It nods to trees, agriculture, and the star.
11/29/23 18:18	F1435	I think this flag is the most interesting of the four choices. It honors the indigenous peoples of MN that also honor the beauty and nature that makes our state great. Winner!
11/29/23 18:29	F1435	This is beautiful, and we should be supporting people who were on this land before Minnesota was made a state. And this pays homage to the features of Minnesota!
11/29/23 18:30	F1435	The tiny stripes on the side are far too fine a detail for a flag, both from a legibility standpoint and maybe from a manufacturing standpoint? The green shapes feel more like some kind of creature holding a weird green torch to me than a tree.
11/29/23 18:32	F1435	Very Ugly!!!!
11/29/23 18:34	F1435	Nice sentiment, but the side marks would be lost. The whole design is confusing. It looks like a Christmas cactus.
11/29/23 18:42	F1435	The sides feel too detailed for how simple the middle is, could be a difficult design to remember
11/29/23 18:43	F1435	No. Looks like something from inside of a Church
11/29/23 19:03	F1435	It says absolutely nothing about Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 19:10	F1435	Looks like a big person holding a little person in a hand like in the circus. Remove all the green stuff, leave the star.
11/29/23 19:12	F1435	Forgot to mention in 1st comment: lose the comb teeth edges, but you probably already knew they had to go.
11/29/23 19:12	F1435	Terrible, the Indians can finance their own flag with casino dollars.
11/29/23 19:16	F1435	love the native tribes incorporated in this piece
11/29/23 19:17	F1435	I pick this one!!!
11/29/23 19:19	F1435	Oh God No. it looks like a Lego build
11/29/23 19:20	F1435	The "tree" design is confusing. The meaning of the stripes is intriguing, but greatly adds to the complexity of the flag, and will be easily obscured when the flag is viewed at a distance (as it frequently will be viewed outside) or when it is shown in small size (as it frequently will be viewed online and in print). The stripes, especially those at the end of the fly of the flag, will be prone to fraying, weakening the intended meaning of the flag. If this flag is selected, the stripes should be made more durable in some way or deleted entirely.

11/29/23 19:26	F1435	I would like more information about how the final designs were selected. What was the reasoning behind it? They are all somewhat similar. I'm disappointed that that some designs with excellent composition and imagery were eliminated and that these final options are not more varied. From the final choices, there are only 2 that are acceptable. F1425 has interesting composition and symbolism.
11/29/23 19:37	F1435	This image is confusing to me. I'm guessing there's some meaning behind it, but it's not anything that's intuitive. Why are there bars on either side of the flag? Why are some of the bars colored yellow. I suppose the green represents plant life, but what kind? It doesn't resemble anything that I associate with Minnesota (could be a cactus as far as I can tell). I'm also assuming the yellow represents a star, but why is it yellow? I don't associate yellow with stars.
11/29/23 19:40	F1435	What design is this and how does this represent Minnesota?! No! Very poor design!
11/29/23 19:40	F1435	I love this representation of the state
11/29/23 19:42	F1435	I like the intention of the designer in incorporating the various state motifs, but the end product reminds me of a desert flower and the small horizontal lines on either end make it look a bit like a place mat. Therefore, this is the only design in which I would be disappointed if it were chosen.
11/29/23 19:44	F1435	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:58	F1435	No idea what this is suppose to represent of Minnesota. Ugly design!
11/29/23 20:07	F1435	This one is not bad but not sure why the flowers are on it
11/29/23 20:10	F1435	F18 is beautifully revised and yet retains the familiarity of the former Minnesota flag which most ppl I've talked to want
11/29/23 20:18	F1435	Do not pick. This looks like someone copied the logo of the 1984 Sarajevo winter olympics and stuck it on a flag next to a fractal alien designed on a Commodore 64.
11/29/23 20:20	F1435	I really like the uniqueness of this it's not necessary the most simple and that's why it's amazing. I think this one or Flag Submission F29 are the ones we as state should go for
11/29/23 20:22	F1435	I really like the uniqueness of this it's not necessary the most simple and that's why it's amazing. I think this one or Flag Submission F29 are the ones we as state should go for
11/29/23 20:36	F1435	This is way too busy. I like the colors - blue, green, gold, and white, and it's a pleasant enough design, but isn't suited for a state flag.
11/29/23 20:37	F1435	I vote No keep the flag the same as it's been
11/29/23 20:41	F1435	I will relocate to Iowa if this flag is selected.
11/29/23 20:42	F1435	blue background: YES for our water and sky One eight pointed star: YES..but close the gaps to make a star, not a snowflake style. Tree designs: NO Use green: YES, but in a border or stripe for ALL land resources:Crops and fields, Prairies and open spaces, as well as deciduous and evergreen trees. Drop the stitches for the counties. Keep it simple.
11/29/23 20:47	F1435	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS
11/29/23 20:51	F1435	This is the worst of the 6 possible choices. There is no symmetry in the design. It looks like yellow and green tiles cluttered on a blue rug.
11/29/23 20:54	F1435	Another Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 21:09	F1435	Something about its symmetry doesn't feel right. It feels like reworking the layout would be a good idea w/ more distinguishable trees.
11/29/23 21:11	F1435	I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, it's history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, don't ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:16	F1435	The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.
11/29/23 21:18	F1435	Bad, confusing ...

		<p>Rating the 6 finalists, this is absolutely #6 on my list. This design fails on so many levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The green and blue are low contrast against each other, which makes them hard to distinguish for some people and in some lighting conditions (the lowest accessibility standards still require at LEAST a 3/1 contrast ratio, this is 2.91/1).</li> <li>- The shapes are not evenly spaced. The star is not symmetrical, and every gap on the "tree" is a different width, with several of them not even being parallel!</li> <li>- The "tree" as a whole is awful. I didn't even realize it was supposed to BE a tree until I read the Designer Statement. And why does it just have another copy of the top of the tree sticking out from one of the... branches? It doesn't make any sense.</li> <li>- The stripes are not symmetrical either (the ones on the left are further from the edge of the flag than the right side), they're not evenly spaced, and WHY are the first 11 a different color? At least none of that matters when viewing this flag from far away though, because if you're more than a few feet from the flag (which is where 99% of people view flags from) the stripes COMPLETELY vanish.</li> </ul>
11/29/23 21:18	F1435	All in all I would rather keep the current (very bad) flag than switch to this one. 1/10, at least it doesn't have the word "MINNESOTA" written on it.
11/29/23 21:32	F1435	F1435 -- no This looks like the graphics on a 1980s Nintendo game. Definitely do not keep the stitch lines down the sides. And as usual, too much going on -- cannot have two trees and a star.
11/29/23 21:44	F1435	Finally, those symbols together have too much association with Christmas -- the flag should resonate for all religions, year-round.
11/29/23 21:44	F1435	These look like Tulips in the sun. Not what MN is about.
11/29/23 21:45	F1435	These look like Tulips in the sun. Not what MN is about. I like it that it represents a Tribal nation. But the pattern of the sun is a quilt pattern I know this because I quilt.
11/29/23 21:53	F1435	Don't like this one at all. Not fond of this type of tree look. NOPE!!
11/29/23 21:55	F1435	The loom motifs on the left and right periphery are incredibly unique and not found in any other state flag design (that's a good thing).
11/29/23 21:58	F1435	TOO GENERIC. NOTHING FOR A MINNESOTAN TO RELATE TOO. PREVIOUS FLAG IS FINE.
11/29/23 22:00	F1435	Looks like a sports team logo. Not dignified. Speaking of sports teams, the Loons great logo looks more Minnesota than any of these finalists.
11/29/23 22:01	F1435	Is this the state quilt?.
11/29/23 22:03	F1435	Very Swedish looking. Like the sun but not the Tulips. Don't look like pine trees. Need to have a feather or something symbolic of Natives. This is nice but would be better to have traditional looking Pines I think.
11/29/23 22:34	F1435	The symbolism is nice, but there's no way my young kids will be able to draw this properly... and I don't even know what the green part of the flag design is supposed to be.
11/29/23 23:06	F1435	The shapes on the flag are indiscernible, and meaningless. If the green shapes represent trees, this flag is appropriate for any state in the U.S.
11/29/23 23:09	F1435	Of all the finalists, this one is my least favorite. It is not intuitive what it represents: without seeing any accompanying description when I first saw this design, all I could guess was that it represented some kind of plant beneath the sun (others in my family guessed that the plant was some kind of robot), whereas the stripes on the edges were completely mystifying and looked like bar codes (these stripes, I think, are also too small to really stand out at any distance). If this design is done in some kind of traditional Ojibwe style I don't mean to disrespect that, but wouldn't that violate the parameters which said the new flag shouldn't include elements representing specific cultural groups?
11/29/23 23:15	F1435	This is by far and away the best design of the 6. This was my choice before the flags were narrowed down and this is my choice now. I love the artist's™ symbolism and artistry using an Ojibwe loom design. I would feel so proud to have this flag representing our state.
11/29/23 23:21	F1435	Beautiful, honoring and long lasting.
11/29/23 23:36	F1435	It is bland, looks like a quilting square and legit has no direct meaning for our state. UGLY
11/30/23 0:00	F1435	This flag is very bad. It looks like sprites from a 1980s video game printed on tractor-feed paper. The fine lines along the edges are in violation of the commission's own design parameters of simplicity (very few children could draw this design accurately, from memory or otherwise).
11/30/23 0:00	F1435	Could also be from a pattern I used in school to make clothes. Doesn't seem to symbolize typical day to day activities.

11/30/23 0:26	F1435	<p>This flag design is very complex and unmemorable at the same time.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to recreate it from memory.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from a distance.</p> <p>Distinctive Colors: Utilize a color palette that represents the state effectively. Blue, green, and white are often associated with Minnesota's natural beauty, while red and yellow can symbolize its vitality. Limit the number of colors on the flag to three to four, contrasting nicely and coming from the standard color set.</p> <p>Mandatory: Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design.</p> <p>Simple Iconography: The design should be simple enough to be easily reproduced and recognizable even when scaled down.</p> <p>Typical display: The Commission should consider the flag's visibility when it is displayed on a pole, without the full design visible, and the impact of weather elements when displayed (cloudiness, windiness, etc.)</p>
11/30/23 0:55	F1435	<p>While I do like the balance of this design, it really doesn't look like a flag to me. It looks good, but it looks like a quilted pattern inspired by a flag rather than what I'd like the flag to actually look like. The colors are very good and have enough contrast so that everything stands out. As for the shapes, I like the yellow shape but I'm confused by the green shape. It looks like it's supposed to be a plant of some kind, but I have no idea what plant (I see the artist calls it a tree, but it looks more like a small budding flower to me). Nothing about this evokes "Minnesota" symbolism. If the plant were a lady slipper, that would at least be something relevant. I would also hope that the lines (meant to represent stitching, I assume) on the sides of the flag would not be included in the final design.</p>
11/30/23 1:05	F1435	<p>I think that this is the worst finalist. It looks weird, ugly, and too detailed to me. The symbolism would not be clear to an outsider. Besides, nobody is going to count up all of those lines and then figure out that they represent counties.</p>
11/30/23 1:10	F1435	<p>What an incredible design and excellent way to honor the first people of Minnesota. I cast my vote for it. It makes me happy to look at. And proud.</p>
11/30/23 1:10	F1435	<p>The inclusion of the color green on the Minnesota flag seems inappropriate because Minnesota is not a very green state outside of summer. Maybe gray, brown, or yellow would be more appropriate colors than green.</p>
11/30/23 1:11	F1435	<p>This flag would more appropriately represent my hometown of Burnsville, Minnesota rather than the state itself. Like other finalists, there is nothing distinctive about the design, the colors, or the shapes included on this flag. I understand that the committee followed vexillological rules in their selections, but this flag breaks those rules in all the wrong ways- it could not be drawn from memory on a napkin, and it could not be distinguished flapping in the breeze from 100 feet away.</p> <p>Recent redesigns (Utah and Mississippi, for example) include very clear iconography of what makes their states great, and this flag fails in that attempt. It is not memorable or distinct, when I look at this flag, I do not think "Minnesota".</p>
11/30/23 1:12	F1435	<p>The asymmetrical design keeps it interesting.</p>
11/30/23 2:13	F1435	<p>I like the concept and representation, just not the design. Again, the clip art look does not give a sense of connection and lacks depth for me.</p>
11/30/23 5:08	F1435	<p>I love this one. It's important the history of mn.</p>
11/30/23 5:22	F1435	<p>I'd personally be embarrassed if this was our flag. Please select any of the other options. I don't get it.</p>
11/30/23 5:31	F1435	<p>Too busy and looking like something grandma knitted</p>
11/30/23 6:04	F1435	<p>These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever. (Very Scandinavian.)</p>
11/30/23 6:10	F1435	<p>Not a fan of this one at all. It's got some weird stuff going on around the edges, and these geometric shapes make it unnecessarily complicated to draw. I guess I can kinda maybe see a tree in the right but if I didn't read the description I wouldn't have known. Can't tell what that is.</p>



11/30/23 6:23	F1435	Love the blanket stitching but feel that it itâ€™s too much graphic covering the overall surface area, nice but prefer the star
11/30/23 6:23	F1435	sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.
11/30/23 6:37	F1435	I do not like this flag because I can't tell what the green symbols are. It also would be hard to draw from memory
11/30/23 6:51	F1435	I like the subtle reference to first nation art in the 'stitched' vertical borders, but the geometric images will be hard to read on a moving flag and do not convey aspirational values.
11/30/23 7:01	F1435	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:02	F1435	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:10	F1435	Not this one. I see thistle or dandelion in the green elements, not trees.
11/30/23 7:15	F1435	Please don't pick this. I don't even know how it made it this far. Too busy and hard to tell what it represents. Is that a leaf person holding a leaf?
11/30/23 7:19	F1435	Do not like
11/30/23 7:24	F1435	No.No.NO. Please No. It didn't even make my top 1500 list. It is the WORST finalist. What the heck is it? Is it a green man with a green baby in one hand and a yellow snowflake in the other hand? If it has to be explained....delete. Positive: perhaps the fringe is "nice" but I'm really trying to find something positive. Honestly, is there some connection between the committee and this artist? A BETTER IDEA: Replace in it's entirety with ANY loon flag submission.
11/30/23 7:25	F1435	My favorite. Looks like a flag and less like a corporate brand. Itâ€™s the most artistic of the finalists and the only one that reflects MNâ€™s first inhabitants.
11/30/23 7:46	F1435	NO....JUST NO!
11/30/23 7:50	F1435	I like this one because it honored our indigenous peoples of Mni Sota
11/30/23 8:02	F1435	Can't tell if this is a star or snowflake. Also what are the green symbols? Overall this is a bad design.
11/30/23 8:05	F1435	I don't get this design. It feels like it's trying to hard. Not a fan.
11/30/23 8:14	F1435	No. Again, there's more to MN than what this flag is picturing. I'd rather keep what we currently have than have this one.
11/30/23 8:22	F1435	Say what, this is almost like all the other designs. add some character to the flat. Minnesota is lakes, loons, evergreens, deer, snow, etc... get a more creative design for a state flag!
11/30/23 8:28	F1435	I love this flag. Having a flag that honors indigenous people in Minnesota would be a beautiful change, especially after the history of our last flag. As a teacher in Minnesota, I would be proud to explain the meaning of this flag to my students.
11/30/23 8:29	F1435	I like this one the best. I love the colors, the art, and the representation in the lines on the sides of the flags. I think it is important to have an indigenous artist design our flag!
11/30/23 8:29	F1435	If I were going by process of elimination, I'd eliminate this design first from the list of finalists. There's too much going on in this flag, too many separate parts. When I look at the green, which the artist considers trees, I see a green armored knight in a helmet holding the head of another armored knight. Also, the "star" to me looks more like a flower. Flowers are nice, but don't represent Minnesota. And neither does a decapitated knight.
11/30/23 8:34	F1435	I REALLY like and appreciate that this flag has symbolism and significance for native people of the region. I think it could be really powerful for the State to choose a flag that pays homage and respect to these communities after so much death, destruction, and harm has been caused to them for centuries.
11/30/23 8:35	F1435	F1435 flag honors our MN Ojibwe, our MN tribal nations and MN counties. It's beautiful and originally represents our state.
11/30/23 8:38	F1435	I like the asymmetry of this flag design within its simplicity, and the way it evokes both nature and handmade traditions (quilting and weaving). It feels less like a corporate bank logo than the other flags. And the stripes on the side representing the tribal nations and counties is an important feature. Including the Indigenous history of our area and not only a colonial idea of French language â€œStar of the Northâ€ is important step to repairing the wrongs of the previous flag and owning our history.
11/30/23 8:42	F1435	This flag violates a number of NAVA flag rules and is otherwise unappealing to look at. Please don't choose this flag to represent Minnesota and Minnesotans.
11/30/23 8:43	F1435	This is one of my least favorite designs. The biggest problem that I have with this design is that the green part reminds me of a grain like wheat or barley with pre-harvest sprouting.
11/30/23 8:47	F1435	No
11/30/23 8:51	F1435	No.....
11/30/23 8:55	F1435	What the heck is the green supposed to be, maybe trees? This is the worst option selected.
11/30/23 8:56	F1435	I love that this is done in Ojibwe loom style. Did any Ojibwe members comment on this? Their comments should hold the most weight to ensure it's appropriate.
11/30/23 8:58	F1435	beautiful and great representation of water, agriculture and nod to our native american heritage.

11/30/23 9:00	F1435	This is my second favorite of the 6 finalists. I like the representation of trees and the basic colors. The only thing that gives me pause is the concept of a hand stitched quilt-like design being flown on the flag pole.
11/30/23 9:00	F1435	This one is absolutely terrible
11/30/23 9:01	F1435	This is the flag that caught my eye and my mother-in-law's eye the first time we looked through the semi-finalist collection. This flag is beautiful, simple, representative and cultural. The design is unique and strong. I would choose this flag if given the opportunity.
11/30/23 9:02	F1435	Way too complicated for a flag. Definitely remove the dashed bars on the sides, and I think the green icons could be removed as well, and just have the yellow star/snowflake.
11/30/23 9:03	F1435	944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol. Very wrong. 1435 is too Indian; why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom?
11/30/23 9:04	F1435	This looks like clip art, not a fan.
11/30/23 9:05	F1435	This is my favorite. But why do they all look like they were designed by the same person?
11/30/23 9:07	F1435	Ugly, not very flaglike, shapes will get lost at a distance.
11/30/23 9:13	F1435	What is the green thing? Some kind of leaf but not sure what. This looks like something a kid would assemble with some blocks.
11/30/23 9:14	F1435	I don't like this one; the shades of the colors don't go together, it's not very simple, and I feel like it would look weird if it were put on a shirt or something
11/30/23 9:14	F1435	Why are we wasting mine and all other tax payer \$\$ on this crap. It doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. Keep old flag. When I look at this flag I yawn.
11/30/23 9:17	F1435	Looks ridiculous. They green things look more like space aliens than anything else.
11/30/23 9:20	F1435	This is my top choice for the new state flag. As a high school history teacher, it provides a wonderful reflection of my student body, and functions well as an entry point for a discussion about the indigenous roots of Minnesota, as well as the contemporary realities of our state. In addition to connecting us to our roots as a state, I love the way in which each county is reflected in the stitching on the sides of the flag. Lastly, the reflection of geography in the flag also functions as another learning entry point for my students.
11/30/23 9:23	F1435	Love this flag, especially the star and that it has trees. We thought the trees were sheaves of wheat - which was odd because wheat wasn't from here - until corrected. I would love this flag if the same design motifs used for the trees like more like pines. I also think the lines would make this flag hard to down scale in size, but it looks beautiful full sized and has an important message.
11/30/23 9:25	F1435	This is the better of all designs, however, all the designs have little personality and are too computer generated...
11/30/23 9:26	F1435	I love the thought process of utilizing the Ojibwe Loom art and woven beadwork as inspiration here. It's too simplistic for my eye and what it's missing is mirroring. This style, with changes/improvements. Perhaps making the sun/North Star the center of the piece and radiating the beadwork style outward incorporating trees and water.
11/30/23 9:27	F1435	Love this flag, especially the star and that it has trees. We thought the trees were sheaves of wheat - which was odd because wheat wasn't from here - until corrected. I would love this flag if the same design motifs used for the trees like more like pines. I also think the lines would make this flag hard to down scale in size, but it looks beautiful full sized and has an important message.
11/30/23 9:30	F1435	I really like the distinct symbol of our 11 tribal nations and connection of the counties that make up our state.
11/30/23 9:31	F1435	This is a general comment. I am very disappointed in the choices. The missing piece for me is the Loon. It is a symbol that brings us all together. I do like the nature and tribal references. I think it is too abstract though and missing the loon.
11/30/23 9:32	F1435	While I appreciate the sentiment of the tribal nations representation, this is objectively a bad design for a flag. I don't know what those shapes are supposed to be and it will look bad flying in the wind.
11/30/23 9:34	F1435	This is too busy for a flag
11/30/23 9:36	F1435	This design looks a bit clumsy and busy. I love the idea of incorporating symbolism to represent the tribal nations and the counties... past and present.
11/30/23 9:40	F1435	One trait of a good flag design is if an elementary school student could sit and draw it from memory. I think this flag is too complex for that.
11/30/23 9:41	F1435	I do not like the overall design of this flag. I agree that the star design on this one could be repurposed on another of the designs, but overall this flag is too much I think. The green designs on the bottom are not representative of anything to me, I cannot tell by looking at it what they are supposed to be. It seems almost like a boat or corn, neither of which invoke Minnesota to me. The stripes on the sides are also distracting and it does not feel cohesive, they remind me of that old printer paper with the holes on either side that you tear off. (continuous form paper)
11/30/23 9:42	F1435	This design captures NOTHING of Minnesota's history and heritage. This design is like vanilla ice cream: Almost no one would pick it, because it is without distinction or significance. Put back some flavor by including items of historical significance to our flag. We are nothing if we do not celebrate our history and heritage. NONE of the new flag designs acknowledge ANYTHING of historical significance to Minnesota.
11/30/23 9:42	F1435	More importantly, this design looks like it might be more appropriate for a mountainous, 3rd world country.
11/30/23 9:47	F1435	This flag is beautiful and the most truly Minnesotan!

11/30/23 9:47	F1435	F1435 would be 4th of the 6. I like that it's an Ojibwe design. But it reminds me a bit of Minecraft.
11/30/23 9:48	F1435	I really love the asymmetrical feeling of this design. the stripes give the feeling of a fringed blanket. This one is my second choice!
11/30/23 9:53	F1435	Not a fan of this design. It doesn't say "Minnesota" to me. My brain went immediately to thoughts of beer can labels.
11/30/23 10:00	F1435	I do not see trees or the night sky.
		This is probably my favorite, but I don't really care for any of the finalists. They lack variety and uniqueness.
		Were there any professional designers on the panel?
11/30/23 10:02	F1435	Some of the submissions were great but the finalists are very disappointing. I hope you reconsider!!!
11/30/23 10:03	F1435	Love this. In my opinion it's the best finalist flag!
11/30/23 10:14	F1435	Considering MN is Dakota land, the flag should be made by an indigenous person!
11/30/23 10:21	F1435	This is absolutely beautiful and meaningful. It is my favorite!
11/30/23 10:23	F1435	Ok, maybe. I see the Native American influences but lots of states have indigenous people.
11/30/23 10:24	F1435	WYF is this? Seriously there were 2000 better designs than this, including our current flag--which I hate.
11/30/23 10:34	F1435	This design is a total mess, through and through. The endless number of hashes on either side, the complicated and haphazard polygonal shapes of the stars and trees make for an ugly flag were it to be flown above for any purpose. Additionally, young children (or really anyone) would have a difficult time drawing or recreating it. I appreciate the attempt to recreate an Ojibwe style, but flag design is an entirely different ballgame.
11/30/23 10:36	F1435	Sorry, but this looks like something from the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Too much going on.
11/30/23 10:37	F1435	My least favorite of the finalists. Difficult to reproduce. Hard to know what the plants are, and therefore are distracting.
11/30/23 10:39	F1435	This looks like 2nd grade art and way overthinking. We have such wonderful artists in MN...we can do simpler and better than this.
11/30/23 10:40	F1435	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them. This one is the WORST by far. Hard to believe in this creative state filled with artists, this is the best we could come up with.
11/30/23 10:42	F1435	The tree design is so abstract to be nearly unrecognizable. Hate the yellow snowflake or is it a sun. Again, symbolism is unclear.
11/30/23 10:43	F1435	i love it!
11/30/23 10:44	F1435	Love this design! It honors the history of everyone in Minnesota. 🌲☀️
11/30/23 10:54	F1435	I did not realize comments were general and not to the specific designs the comment box appeared below. This comment was meant to be for flag F29: Of the finalists, this design is by far my favorite. A bold and unique star design offers such a great opportunity for iconography that is distinctly Minnesotan. I understand that a flag is about more than what apparel can be made using the design -- but I hope the commission does think about this aspect as well. There is a TED talk by Roman Mars about flag design ( <a href="https://youtu.be/pnv5iKB2hl4?si=Qkr1wYqxwzB8oRik">https://youtu.be/pnv5iKB2hl4?si=Qkr1wYqxwzB8oRik</a> ) where he discusses how strong the Chicago city flag is and how that flags elements show up every where in the City of Chicago. I hope that we end up with iconography on our flag that gives Minnesotans something that they can also wear and display their pride with. I think this kind of single element to focus on would give Minnesotans that opportunity. When I think about the feelings I get listening to Roman Mars describe the pride with a good flag -- this submission is the one of the remaining 6 that I can form that connection with. If I were to make changes to this -- I would consider using blues and greens from the current State of Minnesota wordmark color schemes. They are bright and this blue feels a bit dark to me. I'd boost the size of the star a bit more. I could potentially see some edits to the star itself as long as it doesn't make the star more basic. Aim for unique! Minnesota's star!
11/30/23 10:56	F1435	I love that this is an Ojibwe design, with nature represented as well as our counties. I am curious to hear the Dakota perspective on this.
11/30/23 11:02	F1435	I highly dislike this one, all I see are frogs.
11/30/23 11:05	F1435	Too symmetrical and cartoony, it looks like a robot holding up a tree and a star. The stripes are too short and too much that it causes a distraction (love the thought, bad execution).
11/30/23 11:06	F1435	It would have been nice if there were people with art backgrounds on the committee. Several of the designs that were passed over are much more pleasing to the eye in terms of design, color and balance than some chosen. Of the possible designs F1435 seems best for the flag. I also like the loon with wild rice for the state seal.
11/30/23 11:10	F1435	it's a truly MN design, but not a very attractive or memorable on
11/30/23 11:11	F1435	Don't care for it
11/30/23 11:13	F1435	Incomprehensible.

11/30/23 11:16	F1435	No.
11/30/23 11:20	F1435	My second choice. Great colors and recognizable symbols
		Not going to be my flag for Minnesota
11/30/23 11:32	F1435	No
11/30/23 11:37	F1435	This is my vote for the new state flag. :)
11/30/23 11:41	F1435	The "star" and "trees" are so stylized as to be unrecognizable . Please reject all the finalists and start over
11/30/23 11:44	F1435	I feel that I could just cut and paste my comments for each flag. Boring, represents native americans only and same colors as all the rest. Looks like it was done by a child. Waste of my money. All these flags are tremendously worse than our current flag! The current flag already represents native americans in my mind in a vry tasteful manner
11/30/23 11:46	F1435	Personal favorite. I appreciate the thought that the designer put into honoring Minnesota's indigenous heritage. It'd be really cool to see a woven version of this.
11/30/23 11:48	F1435	Like every choice, this is much worse than existing flag and looks like it was drawn by an elementary student in ten minutes. Why ignore every culture except Native American?
11/30/23 11:53	F1435	I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color. This is terrible.
11/30/23 12:05	F1435	Do not like the trees, this is to much like a Scandinavian design. The people that live here are from many different cultures
11/30/23 12:05	F1435	The prettiest of the finalist designs. I don't love the background blue (wish it were deeper navy) but the star/flower and trees and Ojibwe style are just lovely.
11/30/23 12:06	F1435	This is the least impersonal flag and no one would mistake this flag for Alaska
11/30/23 12:12	F1435	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:16	F1435	While I love the cultural reference, it is very singular. I think there could have been a way to bring this style forth with more culturally diverse meaning.
11/30/23 12:19	F1435	OJIBWE PEOPLE WERE NOT NATIVE TO MN, THEY PUSHED THE SIOUX OUT.
11/30/23 12:28	F1435	Love this! So beautiful and meaningful. A true representation of MN.
11/30/23 12:28	F1435	No. Our state flag emblem needs to be more- More regal, more depth. this would be very nice as a card.
11/30/23 12:31	F1435	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag.
11/30/23 12:33	F1435	What's with the knights in green armor?
11/30/23 12:35	F1435	I appreciate the attempt and the motivation behind it... but... no. If Green Giant sponsored a sports team, this would be a good start for their logo.
11/30/23 12:35	F1435	Pardon my French, but this one is dogshit. I love the Ojibwe loom style, however this flag is not symmetrical and gives an unsettling "uneven-ness" when looking at it. It looks more like an art piece for a local museum then a flag. Not only that, it's too complicated and it would be unrecognizable when flowing in the wind. I feel that if the designer reorganized it to be recognizable when in the wind and give it more symmetry, this one would be higher on my list of favorites. Unless changes are made, it's going to look like something you'd make on Microsoft paint in 10 min rather than a flag you could flag in the air that would have people loving it for generations and generations. This one would not come close to level of recognition and admiration as you'd see from Texas, Chicago, or Washington DC.
11/30/23 12:36	F1435	Not a fan of this one. All of these flags are giving the Disney movie Frozen and it would be shown flying above the town. Last time I checked we're not making snow our personality.
11/30/23 12:40	F1435	Better than the first 3 but says nothing about Black and White people!
11/30/23 12:42	F1435	Looks like a quilt square.
11/30/23 12:47	F1435	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:52	F1435	Start over.
11/30/23 12:55	F1435	Love the line symbolism. The symmetry bothers me and while this is a strong design, it is not the strongest of the 6.
11/30/23 13:03	F1435	I love that this was designed by a Native resident
11/30/23 13:07	F1435	I support the selection of the flag design submitted by Heartberry. The first people of Minnesota were/are indigenous people. This is a great opportunity to honor them.
11/30/23 13:13	F1435	This design is definitely the worst of all finalists. The abstract design, alignment, and hash marks on the edges are not attractive and stately.



11/30/23 14:10	F1435	Nope.
11/30/23 14:12	F1435	This is an amazing representation and acknowledgement of the land & people of MN
11/30/23 14:16	F1435	This has got to be the worst choice possible for the MN state flag. It is so ugly, doesn't represent the state and I feel a child artist could do a better job. We are way more than a state of blue skies/water and an ugly snowflake. I wouldn't waste my time ever buying this flag. If the flag is supposed to represent the entire state, no machine made designs and include some Native American symbols
11/30/23 14:17	F1435	Looks like a design from Minecraft game. Too blocky.
11/30/23 14:19	F1435	I like the Indigenous connection which should be preserved, but I don't like the design of the North Star! The rest of the design is too esoteric for someone to understand what Minnesota has to offer (lakes/rivers, varied topography (3 biosphere regions), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine -- all state notables). Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:23	F1435	To basic the normal flag itâ€™s okay donâ€™t change it itâ€™s perfectly normal and awesome ðŸ˜‘
11/30/23 14:23	F1435	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:25	F1435	I love the imagery and symbolism of this design. It is both unique and meaningful, and a way to honor and acknowledge the indigenous people of our state.
11/30/23 14:26	F1435	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project
11/30/23 14:29	F1435	This is an amazing design and stands out at clean, clear and colorful. I see the indigenous influence right away. I do like how the winters and norther lights are integrated into other designs. I also hope that this flag is selected for the design and not politics and is also not selected because if the backlash many people have towards Minnesota tribes. Racism is real and I can only imagine the comments.
11/30/23 14:32	F1435	Same quilt design as F29 and the 4th one listed. No thanks..
11/30/23 14:35	F1435	Every time I see this flag I wonder why they have an image of a person reading a book on the right side. A definite no
11/30/23 14:36	F1435	I like the colors and the shapes
11/30/23 14:37	F1435	This is my least favorite design among the finalists. It looks like one plant is holding up the severed head of another plant. No thanks.
11/30/23 14:46	F1435	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:49	F1435	I appreciate the nod to the Ojibwa loom style, I worry the design is a bit busy.
11/30/23 14:53	F1435	This is an incredible design for our state flag which embraces many of the meaningful elements that define Minnesota. It is a clear celebration of Indigenous culture and art, and beautifully captures the rich natural landscapes and histories that have shaped our state. The inclusion of the 87 MN counties in addition to the 11 tribal nations represented in the state truly sets this flag apart. I strongly support our adoption of this design as our MN state flag.
11/30/23 14:53	F1435	Awful. This looks too much like a quilt and the small hash marks on the sides are going to get lost when the flag is printed at a smaller scale. Kids are never going to be able to draw this one accurately with all the small shapes.
11/30/23 15:00	F1435	Design looks like childâ€™s first embroidery pattern. Nice thought of tribal tribute tho.
11/30/23 15:00	F1435	Pick this one!
11/30/23 15:03	F1435	Potential
11/30/23 15:06	F1435	This is a beautiful unique design. Iâ€™m impressed by the designer statement. Itâ€™s important to remember the tribal nations and the relationships of the state and counties. Itâ€™s important and beautiful. What a prideful way to show the Ojibwe loom style.
11/30/23 15:14	F1435	Great choice!
11/30/23 15:15	F1435	Big fan of the symbolism and feels like a design that would hold up to the test of time. Up there as one of my top two choices.
11/30/23 15:16	F1435	I like the ideas and reasoning behind the design. I think it is too agrarian to capture the entirety of what the state has to offer. I think a big draw and beautiful aspect of the state is in our wilderness, lakes, and wildlife.
11/30/23 15:21	F1435	This is my first choice for flag design. It is the only design that honors the crop/tree asset in our state.
11/30/23 15:21	F1435	This flag inherently breaks the vexillological rule of simplicity, especially because of the loom design on the edge. It is also poorly artistically weighted, appearing lopsided. The color scheme doesnâ€™t convey the feeling of Minnesota, with the green and blue tones being extremely light and simple, and the stylized symbols are not visually appealing.
11/30/23 15:25	F1435	Please start over. They're all terrible.

11/30/23 15:26	F1435	Looks like a rug - horrible
11/30/23 15:27	F1435	#3 of 6
11/30/23 15:28	F1435	Least favorite. Looks more like a quilt, and it's kind of a mess.
11/30/23 15:28	F1435	Those green things (which I assume are trees) look too much like Canada's maple leaf. Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state.
11/30/23 15:29	F1435	I love this design and what it honors
11/30/23 15:33	F1435	F1435 - The green shapes don't look like trees to me. I get more of a field of corn vibe. Again the quilting look is not very appealing to a wider audience. The stripes just add business and don't seem to be a great representation of anything.
11/30/23 15:36	F1435	The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.
11/30/23 15:38	F1435	Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:38	F1435	This feels like it has no focal point. I'm trying to look three places at once. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:39	F1435	Anemic, bland, totally nullifies settlers and native Americans from Minnesota. Is that the point settlers and native Americans make up Minnesota. This is from a native American who's affiliated with the white earth tribe. Horrible design. No connection to our history or are 10,000 lakes headwaters of the Mississippi North Star state etc . Totally generic and dismissive of our culture and state. Apparently a handful of sensitive people want to erase our history. Good or bad. Ridiculous
11/30/23 15:47	F1435	This design is not only unique but also inclusive of the first nations while showing the unity in our state.
11/30/23 15:48	F1435	Like the symbolism and creativity but frankly the cumulative aesthetic appearance is extremely ugly (especially the green parts;the yellow parts alone does not look that bad)
11/30/23 15:50	F1435	This flag ranks last for me - 6/6. I think it has a little too much detail for a flag. Though, I like the symbolism of the tick marks representing the 87 counties and 11 Native Nations, which I suggest should be incorporated into the state seal (see my comments with the frontrunner state seal).
11/30/23 15:50	F1435	It is disheartening to see that this design ignores Minnesota's rich history and inaccurately represents our statehood. This new design fails to do justice to our fellow Minnesotans, as it does not offer any insight into our state's unique identity. The design is needlessly simplified and does not reflect the depth and complexity that our state's history deserves. Therefore, it is imperative that this design be revised to incorporate Minnesota's history and accurately represent our statehood.
11/30/23 15:50	F1435	This is beautiful
11/30/23 15:53	F1435	Superior in design and color composition;it's the only configuration that makes reference to MN's forests, prairies, and wetlands;its star is subtly but unmistakably Native American rather than European and Christian. Even if this design is not literally Native American, it would be a healing and unifying choice--and it is lovely in flight: It seems to be flying even while holding still. Comment from author/illustrator Jim Latimer, winner of the 1989 MN book award.
11/30/23 15:54	F1435	Superior in design and color composition;it's the only configuration that makes reference to MN's forests, prairies, and wetlands;its star is subtly but unmistakably Native American rather than European and Christian. Even if this design is not literally Native American, it would be a healing and unifying choice--and it is lovely in flight: It seems to be flying even while holding still. Comment from author/illustrator Jim Latimer, winner of the 1989 MN book award.
11/30/23 15:56	F1435	No - too busy and doesn't look good vertical
11/30/23 15:58	F1435	This should be our star! The leg pairs should be shortened so that points are radially symmetrical as in the Capitol Rotunda.
11/30/23 16:02	F1435	I love this design! It feels fresh, simple, and colorful, with meaning behind each element. I also love that it incorporates Minnesota's Native nations into the state's representation. What a wonderful shift to uplift and celebrate our Indigenous communities instead of minimize or erase them. 100% support choosing this for our next MN flag!
11/30/23 16:05	F1435	There's something about the green part of the design that doesn't seem to fit quite right. Great ideas about the representation though.
11/30/23 16:08	F1435	F1435 - Just no. It's not a blanket, its a flag.
11/30/23 16:16	F1435	If this is the design that is picked MN will be the laughing stock of the country and I will move states out of embarrassment.
11/30/23 16:16	F1435	This is my second favorite. We need a loon. If it had a loon, it would be my favorite.
11/30/23 16:19	F1435	I think this is one of the most confusing and is super ugly to be a flag for Minnesota. We can do better.
11/30/23 16:21	F1435	Here we have blue color, yellow color, green color in shapes hard for anyone to decipher except for the star. I kept looking for the counties and native nations and finally saw the marks around the edge. I really like the thought but I doubt anyone would even see it or understand it. Looks like pole plaques will be everywhere.

11/30/23 16:30	F1435	There is nothing offensive about the existing state flag. This is just more BS brought to us by the people that want to destroy our state and country. Keep our existing Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
11/30/23 16:32	F1435	I love the stripes for the Tribal Nations and counties and the Ojibwe loom design, I would like these stripes and Ojibwe loom style wild rice and pine trees added to the flag f944(the one with the white and blue zigzags)
11/30/23 16:46	F1435	What is this I think this would look great as a bed spread in a cabin or in a hotel on the shores of lake vermilion that looks like it is strait out of the 80s complete with wood finish tv, VHS player, a case of Shlitz beer. and a half full ashtray to complete the ensemble
11/30/23 16:52	F1435	beautiful design and represents the real minnesota.
11/30/23 16:56	F1435	This one!
11/30/23 16:58	F1435	This is a very bland design. Too abstract.
11/30/23 17:02	F1435	This design really represents our state as we currently are. I appreciate acknowledging the tribal nations and counties as equals.
11/30/23 17:09	F1435	They are all the sameâ~"i, □
11/30/23 17:10	F1435	F1435: at the current size the stripes get lost. They need to be enlarged so they will actually show up when the flag.is flown.
11/30/23 17:10	F1435	Hate it
11/30/23 17:11	F1435	I vote for this flag. It is lovely and truly represents our state.
11/30/23 17:12	F1435	I LOVE this one. And, it is IMPORTANT that we incorporate Native culture into our new flag.
11/30/23 17:12	F1435	While I can appreciate the designerâ€™s intent, I donâ€™t feel this like design is unified enough. Each piece makes sense on its own, but the arrangement of those separate pieces on the flag seems disjointed. The design just doesnâ€™t hang together for me.
11/30/23 17:13	F1435	I'm not sure what this is supposed to be...it doesn't look indicative of Minnesota
11/30/23 17:15	F1435	Too busy and disjointed. My least favorite
11/30/23 17:17	F1435	Again, This feels very religious. Too much crazy religious ideals going on right now.
11/30/23 17:23	F1435	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:25	F1435	This would make a great blanket design from the Faribault Woolen Mills, but there's nothing uniquely Minnesota about it. MANY states have green trees with a sun.
11/30/23 17:33	F1435	No, the designs look like flowers, not trees. Not a unifying design. The stripe idea is lost on most people, myself included.
11/30/23 17:35	F1435	I don't get it. Looks like those plastic geometric pieces you make dogs and stuff out of.
		Awful. It looks like a decorative banner at the mall, not a state flag. I don't mean to offend the artist, but the simplistic design looks like it was done as part of an art project using photoshop clipart on an iPad.
		I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it. You did a great disservice to the the State of Minnesota by not commissioning legitimate artists and designers to create a legitimate flag - and if you did pay some of them - Minnesotan's didn't get their money's worth.
11/30/23 17:42	F1435	Yes, Minnesota will now have one of the worst - if not THE worst - state flag of any state in the union. This is what you get when you task committees to make decisions and dumb everything down to the least common denominator. You end up with something less than mediocrity. Sorry, I cannot embrace this. I vote (G), none of the above.
11/30/23 17:42	F1435	This flag is just way too busy;the lines on each side of the flag combined with the unnecessarily complex geometric patterns make for a very busy and not very pleasing flag to look at.
11/30/23 17:45	F1435	Dull, too simple, how is the MN prairies reflected or farms, dull colors, no bright colors, as with all the flag choices it is too stylized.
11/30/23 17:49	F1435	The trees look more like wheat. I like the homage to the Ojibwe on the edges.
11/30/23 17:57	F1435	F4135- I really enjoy the meaning behind this flag but the content needs additional work. The negative space is chaotic. I suspect this design is in the lead and I hope that you spend a lot of time refining. I prefer F29.
11/30/23 17:58	F1435	This design carries the most meaning and is very beautiful. I would be very proud to have it represent our wonderful state.



11/30/23 18:01	F1435	This is easily the best of the final flag designs! Not only does it feel Minnesotan in a way that I do not get from the others, but it is also thoughtfully created to honor our land's collective history. The dashes on the side representing each county and tribal nation give the flag the look and feel of a cozy scarf. This flag is even more impressive when you take into account how well it complies with the unofficial "rules" of flag design. This design uses 4 colors which is just enough to be colorful but not become uninterpretable. There are no words or numbers. Good, you can't read words and numbers on a flag from a distance. The shapes on the flag are unique but not so unique that people won't know what they are. Stars and stripes are the most commonly used designs on flags and while there is a star here, it sets itself apart from the typical 5-point star on a flag (Texas, US, China, Panama, and so on). This design is recognizable from a distance, simple but unique, marketable, and thoughtful. No other of the final contenders can compare.
11/30/23 18:03	F1435	F1435 is another nice quilt pattern. Maybe we should have a state quilt and this could be it. Otherwise as a flag we are given a macro shot of Minecraft images.
11/30/23 18:08	F1435	No; it plays tricks on the eyes. And does not look Minnesotan; the green looks like a cactus or succulent. but why didn't you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag? And why can't it have our state bird and flower etc? students won't even know what those are anymore.
11/30/23 18:09	F1435	Do not care for geometric shapes. Appears Scandinavian to me, not very inclusive.
11/30/23 18:11	F1435	Flag Submission number: F1435 does nothing for me. Too abstract.
11/30/23 18:14	F1435	My second favorite of the 6. I like the native feel to it.
11/30/23 18:20	F1435	It's nice to pay tribute to the tribes, but this design seems a bit like a children's tangram art piece.
11/30/23 18:22	F1435	Does not work vertically. Too much sameness???
11/30/23 18:22	F1435	very confusing.... unless you are a quilter. Remember, Yes, the indigenous people were here first, but this state was also built by the immigrants... were is the representation of the Norwegians, Germans, Vikings and others?
11/30/23 18:26	F1435	No, this is by far the worst one. It looks like leaves and doesn't represent everyone in MN. If we are redesigning because our old one doesn't represent everyone then this is the same direction as the one we already have
11/30/23 18:33	F1435	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OF MINNESOTA. Do not embarrass us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:33	F1435	Looks like a kid did it. None of them represent MN so childish.
11/30/23 18:34	F1435	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OF MINNESOTA. Do not embarrass us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:48	F1435	Pick this one!!!!!!
11/30/23 18:50	F1435	I think the design is beautiful and honors the original people of the state!
11/30/23 18:52	F1435	Image on her bottom right looks like alien beings. Not going to be easy for a child to capture.
11/30/23 18:52	F1435	Until I read the artist description- I had no idea what they were trying to communicate with this piece. WHY? Almost feels computer generated in art
11/30/23 18:55	F1435	1154 and 1435 are ugly
11/30/23 18:55	F1435	No - too simple.
11/30/23 18:56	F1435	NO NO NO NO EMBARRASSING
11/30/23 18:57	F1435	Flag F944 is my favorite. It feels unique yet memorable. The river appears to reach the sky and the North Star. Flag F1435 is my second choice. I like the symbolism of vegetation which reminds me of our crops including wild rice.
11/30/23 18:59	F1435	Pick this one!!!!!!
11/30/23 19:09	F1435	Each design is reminiscent of a poor quality color by number. All of these designs are a joke and a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE MY STATE FLAG!!!
11/30/23 19:11	F1435	F1435 is my top choice
11/30/23 19:18	F1435	Too busy with lines & patterns. Confusing symbols.
11/30/23 19:19	F1435	I'm sorry but all I see is cannabis buds instead of trees. Please don't pick this one.
11/30/23 19:20	F1435	While I appreciate the sentiments behind this flag, I didn't know what it was depicting upon first look. The tick marks on the sides are interesting, but they don't translate well from a blanket to a flag, at least not for me. The green does not look like a tree to me. It's not my favorite.

11/30/23 19:24	F1435	This looks like a cactus with a sun. I get WAY more southwest state vibes. Not Minnesota vibes. My least fav.
11/30/23 19:25	F1435	I really like the design but not the background color. I would like the background to be black with white dots all over so it would be like the night sky with stars all over.
11/30/23 19:26	F1435	Too pixelated. Looks like a dandelion.
11/30/23 19:28	F1435	I love this design. I appreciate the style and inclusion that this flag represents and am so grateful this is designed by an Indigenous artist of Minnesota.
11/30/23 19:40	F1435	This is too much like the children's tannagram puzzle game, and too feminine. Yikes, just not good
11/30/23 19:41	F1435	Definitely a unique design that would stand out from other state flags. It would be somewhat like flying a quilt. I like the lines that represent counties and tribes.
11/30/23 19:50	F1435	This flag does not show the north star or the trees, and it does not say Minnesota
11/30/23 19:56	F1435	I really like the acknowledgement of the tribal nations along with MN counties within MN's borders. It's also a very beautiful visual. This is one of my favorites.
11/30/23 20:06	F1435	Beautiful!
11/30/23 20:06	F1435	Looks like a knitted sweater - MN, the frumpy state! Yuk.
11/30/23 20:08	F1435	I really like the idea of the lines to represent the counties and tribal nations- it's a nice touch. It is a bit too geometric for me. I am unsure about the green shape? I wish there was more description. Is it a leaf? A tree? How could the prairie be represented? I think this swung the other direction and is prominently native american represented now. I do really like some aspects though.
11/30/23 20:09	F1435	I want to like this one based on the description, but I don't. The "trees" just look like corn to me, and our state is so much more than corn.
11/30/23 20:10	F1435	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!
11/30/23 20:11	F1435	Looks too busy and yet disconnected
11/30/23 20:12	F1435	I think this should be one of the bottom selections. The stitching on the side isn't a great look. I think it complicates the flag and makes it look messy. Also, it's unclear to me what the green objects are or are supposed to represent. This one is too busy and too confusing.
11/30/23 20:12	F1435	Love this!
11/30/23 20:19	F1435	After the previous flag entirely erased (at best) the history of indigenous communities in the state this flag is the obvious, appropriate, and best choice. It's unique, beautiful, and as the request for submissions asked, represents the great cultural diversity in people, natural beauty and other unique, amazing features of our great state. This is the one!!
11/30/23 20:19	F1435	I don't hate the idea of a loom/tapestry style of design. I also am very pro having a tribal connection in the flag design. I like that this one includes blue, green, and gold; I think those are a winning symbolic color combination for our state (see my further comments below). However, looking at this design blind, before I finally found the above description, I COULD NOT figure out what this design was supposed to be. Particularly the green part. Does not look like "trees" to me. I think trees and the North Star are both fine design elements for our flag. They would just need to look different from what we have here so it's actually clear that's what they're supposed to be.
11/30/23 20:19	F1435	In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited; I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.
11/30/23 20:19	F1435	If this is truly a MN design, where is the water and the loons? Who will know that the lines on the side represent MN tribes and counties?

11/30/23 20:24	F1435	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.
11/30/23 20:35	F1435	F1435 is not an improvement over the existing Minnesota state flag. The little hash marks on the edge will not show up on a real flag, and only serve to make the banner expensive to reproduce. The green on blue will blend together, and the green reminds me of Mitt Romney's logo for the Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation: something that does not clearly represent what it is supposed to represent. No one I have viewed this image with has recognized the green as a tree. Sorry, but please do not select this design for a flag.
11/30/23 20:39	F1435	Just looks horrible. Looks like kids drew it
11/30/23 20:44	F1435	I... really kind of hate this design. Maybe that's a bit strong language to be using, but something about it just really ticks me off. Feels flat. Seeing the designer statement, I appreciate the sentiment behind styling it after Ojibwe weavings, but I can't help but feel there must be a better option for representing Minnesota's indigenous population, potential for a more interesting design out there.
11/30/23 20:48	F1435	This would make a great design for a quilt, not a flag. Not sure if the Ojibwe loom style is too focused on one community.....
11/30/23 20:55	F1435	This is one of my least favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 20:58	F1435	F1435 is my favorite design of the remaining designs. I love the polygons (I am math teacher). I love the story. I love the simplicity. I love the colors. I especially love the markings on the sides representing MN's tribal nations and each and every county in the state.
11/30/23 20:59	F1435	I love this graphic but not for a flag.
11/30/23 21:03	F1435	Honoring Minnesota's indigenous roots by selecting this design will reverberate throughout the Native community. It represents the most beautiful aspects of Minnesota, which is nature and community. We are stronger together, and this flag is symbolic of our commitment to heal by moving forward together under mutual values of honoring the past as a bridge to the future of Minnesota.
11/30/23 21:03	F1435	Another good concept, with a color palette that belongs on a sports jersey, not a state flag. Also once again the tree design doesn't represent most of our forests since we cut down the oak savanna, in fact they look a little upside down considering our considerable pine forests.
11/30/23 21:06	F1435	I dislike the connection to a specific group shouldn't be considered for a flag.
11/30/23 21:11	F1435	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858. Ugly color
11/30/23 21:12	F1435	This is the worst of the bunch. I have no clue what they were trying to convey with this one. Among the worst of the 2,000 options. Definitely doesn't say MINNESOTA to this former resident.
11/30/23 21:15	F1435	No, leave the flag alone!!!
11/30/23 21:18	F1435	This flag, F1435, is abysmal. The fact it was selected at all is a disgrace to this whole commission. It is too complicated, the sides are needlessly patterned, and the colors are ugly. If you value this state, do not pick this flag. Dear God.
11/30/23 21:19	F1435	I am deeply moved by this submissions stripes to represent tribal nations and counties. I am also inspired by it be patterned after the Ojibwe loom style. I think it beautifully incorporates the tribal nations of Minnesota.
11/30/23 21:21	F1435	Trees?? Really?? They are poorly designed to represent Minnesota trees. This design does not resemble anything about the state of Minnesota. Go back to art school. This design gets an F.
11/30/23 21:22	F1435	This is beautiful! I love it.

11/30/23 21:22	F1435	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/agriculture), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or subdued brownish-red (Pipestone). The star could be the same color as the solid field.  F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference. Or maybe drop the snowflake imagery altogether and make it the star from the Capitol rotunda instead of many separate rhombuses. However, allowing the North Star to show through may be complicated.
11/30/23 21:26	F1435	Very unique flag design, and the significance behind each piece of the design is lovely. It's a little busy for a flag, but a better design and more distinctly Minnesotan than some of the other designs. This is my third choice.
11/30/23 21:27	F1435	Not a flag, a beadwork pattern or a rug pattern. Who picked these? They are all terrible.
11/30/23 21:32	F1435	I like the folk art feel of this design. It's a vibrant marriage of sky and earth.
11/30/23 21:45	F1435	What about our lakes, the Mississippi River, our state bird?
11/30/23 21:48	F1435	This design would be beautiful as a rug or tapestry, but as a flag I think the imagery is unclear and cluttered. Composition and clarity could be improved, and I appreciate the artistic vision.
11/30/23 22:00	F1435	This one is way too complicated. My least favorite.
11/30/23 22:03	F1435	This design would make a good state stamp, not a flag. The yellow bars representing Minnesota tribes is small and seems to be an after thought and does not represent the tribes well.
11/30/23 22:09	F1435	This design is confusing and probably too complicated to develop a strong emotional connection with our state's residents. The green elements look like ears of wheat, but why are they green? They don't look like trees, and they appear randomly positioned on the flag. The stripes on the sides are too numerous to replicate at smaller scales. It is hard to imagine people wearing this flag on hats and t-shirts.
11/30/23 22:15	F1435	None of the above
11/30/23 22:16	F1435	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible. this looks like a barn quilt .. I liked the one that kept the circle and put a loon in it....
11/30/23 22:16	F1435	This design doesn't make any sense and isn't pleasing to the eye. No one will recognize this as Minnesotan.
11/30/23 22:17	F1435	REJECT: design needs too much explanation to understand symbols. Unbalanced, hard to replicate.
11/30/23 22:18	F1435	Second choice
11/30/23 22:19	F1435	Looks like a rug blowing in the wind. I can't cover my heart and say the pledge of allegiance to a rug.
11/30/23 22:19	F1435	Looks like an Olympic flag.
11/30/23 22:19	F1435	This best represents Indigenous Minnesotans. And considering the century old settler-colonial racist trash that's being replaced, needs to be in the top.
11/30/23 22:20	F1435	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.
11/30/23 22:20	F1435	I think this is the best one!
11/30/23 22:21	F1435	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:21	F1435	F1435 captures the people and the place of Minnesota. Color and design is attractive and shows life, along with the detail of county counts.
11/30/23 22:21	F1435	My first impression of the larger green shape is Transformers. It sure looks like Optimus Prime to me. Does Hasbro get a cut of each flag sold?
11/30/23 22:24	F1435	At the bottom of my list
11/30/23 22:24	F1435	This is my least favorite of your flag finalists. I like the blue background. However, the trees shouldn't be on the flag. They are non-symmetrical, and I thought they were row crops until I read the description. Also, trees are not a good enough symbol of Minnesota. We have trees, but we are not really known for them. I would prefer something other than trees on the flag.
11/30/23 22:31	F1435	None of the above

11/30/23 22:34	F1435	This flag design really hits all of the right points for me as far as what I want to see in a state's flag. It represents ALL Minnesotans, and is intentional about teaching the world about Minnesota (the white stripes representing the county, and the yellow stripes representing the tribal nations). It is the only finalist design that made me stop to read more about what different parts meant. That's something that is actually really important. Others would see this flag and have the same question, "What do the stripes mean? Why was this style chose for the star and green elements? Let me find out more." It encourages others to ask for Minnesota's STORY, which is something that the other flags don't quite do for me. This unique point ALSO hits on another thing I want to see in a state's flag, an acknowledgment of history and a commitment to move forward. Being in traditional Ojibwe loom style shows the world that we acknowledge our history, while the actual objects depicted represent the landscape, nature, and MN North Star motto. Overall, I want to fly this flag because it is a direct message that we are better than our last flag's imagery, which was a message that illustrated hope for indigenous erasure, and because it represents every single part of MN: the motto, the nature, the history, and EVERY SINGLE PERSON in Minnesota. This flag celebrates every single county in MN, pays homage to every single indigenous nation, and highlights not only the history, but shows that we are committed to making MN better and brighter for EVERY Minnesotan.
11/30/23 22:38	F1435	Dislike it. I don't feel like any of the designs have alot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:41	F1435	I didn't know the green was supposed to represent trees until reading the caption. I feel like there might be a better way to represent the tribes than the stripes on the sides of the flag. Also, why are some of them yellow?
11/30/23 22:42	F1435	This design (F1435), while creative, simply does not work as a flag. It might work as a blanket, but as a flag, it's horribly unbalanced, messy, and too complicated. The lines on the sides of the flag are not prominent enough to be properly noticed, and enhancing them to be more prominent would make the flag worse. I also can't help but feel this design breaks the rules against representations of a single group, as it's clearly noted from the designer that the style is distinctly Ojibwe. This design does not represent Minnesota as a whole and would do little more for Minnesota than make it the topic of a "Worst Flags in America" YouTube video.
11/30/23 22:43	F1435	This design would be better if it also contained things MN is known for like a loon, walleye or lady slipper flower?
11/30/23 22:46	F1435	F1435 - I HATE this one. Can't even figure out what it's trying to depict or represent.
11/30/23 22:57	F1435	Wow - too graphic, too modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state!
11/30/23 23:00	F1435	Again, what happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality! This doesn't feel Minnesota. I can't look at the symbology and attribute it to any things about this state.
11/30/23 23:03	F1435	F29 and F1154 are far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much. F944 is probably best of the six, but still needs other aspects like loon, forest, etc.
11/30/23 23:03	F1435	F1435 is just not attractive. Looks like someone could design in an hour. Needs more Minnesota strength.
11/30/23 23:06	F1435	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better! Regarding F1435: I really like that there is visual representation of each of the tribal nations and MN counties. I am concerned however about the possibility of the flag becoming obsolete if other indigenous communities gain federal recognition which I know is being sought by at least one community. If that were to happen, could the flag be updated (as I think the US flag was when states were added to the union)? I think this design has a lot of aesthetic appeal. I really like that it's done in a Native style. I would want to make sure that the style and images are relatable to Dakota people as well as Ojibwe people before settling on this design.
11/30/23 23:06	F1435	I'm blown away that this is a finalist. Too much going on here to be considered "good" flag design. Are the geometric shapes plants, hooded individuals reading texts, menacing Samurai robots, tangrams,...? The fringes along the edges are too fine to be noticed at any distance. I do like the blue, green and yellow color combination.
11/30/23 23:07	F1435	Green figure is overly complex and confusing. Short lines won't be visible. Don't like this at all.
11/30/23 23:14	F1435	Prefer a large loon silhouette on blue lake with North Star above on green background Not the worst, but really kind of busy. Nice idea with the stripes as symbol, but who's going to see that from a distance? Also, tree design is too abstract. Overall nice but too unclear and busy.
11/30/23 23:17	F1435	Nothing about this design says Minnesota. What are the short lines on the edge of the flag for anyway? What do the green symbols represent anyway? The "star" in the upper left doesn't look like a star AT ALL!
11/30/23 23:21	F1435	I do not get it
11/30/23 23:21	F1435	I think this should be our state emblem because it not only highlights key points about Minnesota, but it also shows the simplicity of nature.

11/30/23 23:24	F1435	F1435 is my favorite, but I suspect it'd look better with the flower removed.
11/30/23 23:31	F1435	F1435 looks nice but the tribal nation stripes look like the flag is fraided. Any way of changing it to maybe stars or concentric dashed circles? I can't pretend to know how to depict what a tribal nation should be represented.
11/30/23 23:31	F1435	Of the finalists, I prefer this one the most.
11/30/23 23:33	F1435	Appreciate the graphic attempt, but unbalanced and visually very unappealing.
11/30/23 23:39	F1435	I would not choose this one. I realize it's designed like Ojibwe bead work, but it has a feeling of being some designs just stuck on a blue background. I really do not like the diamond shapes for a state flag. The seem rather harsh, and the star looks more like a flower design.
11/30/23 23:44	F1435	Like the yellow star very much especially with the optical illusion of depth (at least to my astigmatic vision) but would not be visible in a flag application. If we can't have loons (which DO migrate over the southern part of the state), without deciduous trees and grasses represented here is this too northern to represent the whole state? Question the tick marks for the counties, with the consolidation of school districts over the past few decades and the depopulation of outstate counties, I wonder if there will be 87 counties over the next 150 years. On the other hand displacement due to climate change could drastically increase our population over the next 150 years. The tick marks seems to be like the originalist interpretation of the Constitution that we are struggling with at present.
11/30/23 23:46	F1435	The colors don't really look quite right for F14, and those little lines kinda agitate me for some reason.
11/30/23 23:50	F1435	Do not like this submission. I like the stripes for the tribes idea but not the tree in the main part of the flag
11/30/23 23:52	F1435	Do not like this submission.i like the stripes for the tribal nations but not the style of the main tree
12/1/23 0:04	F1435	I like this one. The stripes representing the all the tribes and counties are a nice touch. The fabric look gives it a warm feeling missing from the others.
12/1/23 0:10	F1435	Please read the article in the November 30 STrib (pages B1+5). I agree so much with those commentators. I do like the design and the statement but agree that it is "trying to do too much." One green element might work better (or none) and I would incorporate a snowflake behind the gold star. I suspect those ideas would negate the loom style suggested by the designer. Also, s/he/they said the green designs are trees, but both the expert and I saw plants (yes, trees are plants!). I do love the colors!
12/1/23 0:14	F1435	This is not a truly MN design. Ojibwe loom style is not inclusive of the rich cultural diversity of all our people from early settlers up to current immigrants. Not easily recognizable as MN.
12/1/23 0:15	F1435	So many of the finalize design, are so unclear as to what they represent, and they look like stencils designs, or quilted pillow shams , not a state flag, nothing stately here.
12/1/23 0:16	F1435	I forgot to say that i really like the borders of lines representing the tribal nations and counties. A great learning tool! But we may need to consolidate the number of counties someday (I think we should - renaming all counties for women or flora/fauna!). That would require a change in the flag. How many counties were there on May 11, 1858?
12/1/23 0:22	F1435	F1435 Definitely "No"
12/1/23 0:31	F1435	I visually don't love this one, with the green trees being shown but nothing about the lakes or the rivers, but the native design inspiration to it is really cool
12/1/23 0:59	F1435	All these new flag designs are horrible. There is nothing that represents MN. I liked some of the ones you omitted that have water or loons or a better version if a north star. I'd rather keep the old flag than switch to one of these childish designs. They are an embarrassment! I suggest you start over or revise these.
12/1/23 1:30	F1435	This one is at least making an attempt to represent some of the many things that make MN, MN. I appreciate especially the representation of the 11 tribes through the yellow stripes and MN counties through the white stripes at the sides, and the representation of some of the state's flora and/or trees. I would put this tied for my 2nd place vote. But you really should have selected one of the dozens of submissions that had a loon on it. You should take the state seal w/the loon on it and put that design (loon, wild rice, water, etc.) on the state flag. That is my #1 suggestion. I cannot believe there is no loon on the flag finalists. Terrible decision there.
12/1/23 1:50	F1435	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?

<p>12/1/23 1:52</p>	<p>F1435</p> <p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status. But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. The website user awkward and unaccepting of the most popular image file types. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>F1435 is not suitable for anything other than a door mat. Its most peculiar design, bearing congress of rhombuses styled like a Maltese Cross in the canton of the blue field, with indistinguishable plants on the fly resembling those in primitive video games. Explicitly stated in the commission's guidelines for flag entries it declares that "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design". The Creator of F1435 states that the flag is "Done in Ojibwe loom style"; which both blatantly violates the core guideline on ethnic neutrality and flagrantly disregards flag design principles. Flags exist in animation, always moving. They are more than physical pieces of fabric- they are symbols that exist in a wide array of forms from tiny lapel pins to hoodies to colossal Camping World sized mega-flags. Quilts exist either as stagnant wall art or mostly stagnant blankets. They are works of art existing in only one form- a fabric quilt- and carry no symbolism in and of themselves. Flag and Quilt design are two separate dimensions and do not overlap. In miniscule F1435 would be indistinguishable, the green "plants" fading into the blue obscurity. In macro scale it would be an abomination to the eyes. Its design splattering so awkwardly against the sky, resisting the natural flow of a flag that was professionally crafted like the North Star Flag. The fimbriation featured on the hoist and the fly of F1435 again highlight that this is a design for a quilt, and is not suitable for usage as a flag. It breaks the laws set forth by the commission, and takes the place of the North Star flag- a law-abiding entrant with 35 years of enchanting the hearts of tens of thousands of Minnesotans and the only entrant to have proven success in the field. Shall we usurp the rule of law and let those that break it trounce those who obey? Such is the path to anarchy. The rule of law, is the duty of the commission to uphold and defend.</p> <p>F1435 could find use within a Native community- but is too strongly ethnically biased to serve the diverse general Minnesotan public. If such a criminal oddity is permitted to be a choice for the next flag, the North Star Flag which has the hearts of tens of thousands- likely far more- already behind it, should be permitted as a seventh finalist. No harm will result in expanding the pallet of options- it only offers a greater chance for success for the commission and for all Minnesotans.</p> <p>How would you describe F1435 to a blind person? A good flag should also be easily and precisely described verbally. One can describe F1435 as a Geometry homework assignment gone horribly awry. What a congress of rhombuses and polyhedrons! The English Language, with its sprawling 235,000 some words, would struggle to describe to a blind person the countenance of F1435. Whereas The North Star Flag has the top two-thirds a royal blue bearing a large golden five-pointed star towards the hoist, beneath it is a full-length horizontal wavy white stripe and at the bottom quarter is a full-length green stripe. See it? I bet you can. Done in just 43 words, you can probably draw a rough sketch and almost perfectly capture it.</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative who's had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F1154, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation. If the commission seeks to have carried out its duties to the utmost effectiveness, it has taken the most difficult route to the worst outcome by neglecting to include the North Star Flag, the most popular successor to the current Minnesota flag for the last 3 1/2 decades! Let there be 7 flags from which to choose. No harm shall result from this. It shall only benefit the entire state.</p> <p>L'Étoile du Nord, Star of the North. Read the word "étoile". What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. The public will too. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. They attract us innately. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The stars standing for our statehood, liberty, and union- whilst not denoting any ethnic group. F1435 relies entirely on Ojibwe symbolism and style. To adopt their symbolism as the official state symbolism gives immense weight to a tiny minority and disregards the majority. Such is the trait of tyrants. Again, the flag cannot represent any one ethnic group as dictated in the guidelines. Thus, this flag is disqualified from that alone, apart from its most awkward countenance and inadaptability.</p> <p>I do not insist that F1435 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian "survival of the fittest" race between it and The North Star flag begin; and may the best flag win. Albeit F1435 was not designed as a flag but as a quilt. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F1435 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the deeply popular North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
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12/1/23 2:22	F1435	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible
12/1/23 2:23	F1435	This is by far my fave flag, without a doubt
12/1/23 2:33	F1435	This design looks cool, but it is definitely not befitting of a state flag. It is my least favorite of the six finalists and it is honestly baffling that it made the final six and the North Star flag did not. Please reconsider the North Star flag (F22). The fact that it was disregarded despite organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans was very disappointing. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag.
12/1/23 3:27	F1435	I like what this flag represents, however, I think there's flags that represented our trees and the night sky in a better, more clear way including flags like: -F763 I like how this one puts a pine tree in a star and also adds symbolism by also looking like an arrow pointing up -F1062-1064 all represent our night sky and forests in a simpler way while also representing our waters -F2119 also shows pine trees and the night sky in a way that also implies a loon wing adds color bars to represent our snow and waters  I like the yellow "star" but again, I think there were other flag submissions that used that design element in more captivating ways like: -F29 makes that element look like a snowflake -F230 has a similar yellow star design but it's more eye-catching and kind of looks like wheat -F1378 also uses this element in a more eye-catching way
12/1/23 3:39	F1435	F1435: I like this, along with the thought, intention, and associations it holds, also appreciating the Native American angles. However, it feels too busy, and almost Southwestern, maybe also that the star reminds me somehow of the New Mexico flag. It makes me wish there were a third state use for it beyond flag or seal. Is there another way we could use this design and its beauty for the state?
12/1/23 4:39	F1435	I love the representation of the native community here. We've always been excluded
12/1/23 4:40	F1435	I love the representation of the native communities and the counties. This is the best redesign
12/1/23 4:41	F1435	Beautiful
12/1/23 4:42	F1435	Wow this is my fav
12/1/23 5:47	F1435	Unfortunately reading the designer's statement, this design violates 507.0945 Section 118 Subdivision 4:  "Symbols, emblems, or likenesses that represent only a single community or person, regardless of whether real or stylized, may not be included in a design."
12/1/23 6:31	F1435	Least favorite. Plants remind me of marijuana not pine trees and that's not what we want to be thought of. Lines on the sides are too much.
12/1/23 6:39	F1435	I love the nod to the tribal nations in this flag and the elements of nature, and the colors feel very Minnesota, but just like with all the selected flag designs, feels like it's missing something that would make me go "yes, this fully represents Minnesota". That said, this is one of my top two choices for flag designs of the options available for sure.
12/1/23 6:52	F1435	This is a unique design with meaning and beauty. As a New Mexican who moved to Minnesota ten years ago, this flag design will also utilize a Native American design to announce our tradition and shared appreciation of the great outdoors and the values developed in our wilderness that provides a thread that has tied all Minnesotans together for generations.
12/1/23 6:55	F1435	First, thanks to all to submitted an entry. Second, come on this is MN we can do so much better than these designs. As a homeschooling mother, we spent lots of time studying our great state of MN and the current flag. The submissions chosen to be finalists have NO depth, they are superficial, almost fake if you will. If one of these 6 finalists are chosen there is nothing to studying on the new flag. I wouldn't even waste the time showing it to young people. The submission of the blue background with a star and snowflake is the absolute worst. It DOES NOT represent the state entirely. We're more that snow, a blue background to represent the water (terrible idea) and the star. It appears to be done in 2 seconds by machine. Not worthy of being a finalist at all. The 3rd flag on the list reminds me of a flag from another country, not MN. Submission F1435 is just a no. MN can be more creative than this. I like that it has some Native American symbols, but c'mon, really. Machine done, not a true artist, some sort of web design shouldn't count.
12/1/23 6:58	F1435	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
12/1/23 7:00	F1435	This flag has our families vote (4). They're all great but this one is the one.
12/1/23 7:08	F1435	I prefer designs that incorporate green & blue - so the color are great. Consistency in branding is really helpful for tourism and identity. The 8 pointed Scandinavian star is not inclusive of all MN immigrants and residents. The slash marks on the sides will get lost when this flag is scaled down - for instance, for a lapel pin.



12/1/23 7:15	F1435	Pretty good. Best so far.
12/1/23 7:19	F1435	My favorite of them all
12/1/23 7:25	F1435	This is my least favorite design, as it reminds me of something I would have made with tangrams as a child or something my grandma would put on a beginners quilt. I have left more positive comments on other flag submissions, but I would be embarrassed if this became my new state flag.
12/1/23 7:29	F1435	I don't like the flag designs that resemble patch work/quilts. The quilt reminds me of Minnesota's Nordic history. Since the founding of MN, the state has become much more diverse, housing many cultures. The diversity of MN should be reflected rather than focusing on one culture (colonizing).
12/1/23 7:31	F1435	F1435 was OK. The colors on all the flags were boring and institutional. Thanks for letting us give a comment.
12/1/23 7:35	F1435	When I first saw this design, I wondered what the green things represented; they looked like cornstalks to me, not trees.
12/1/23 7:36	F1435	This flag is definitely my last choice for its dated and elementary appearance. I've left reasonable feedback on all flags, including extremely positive feedback on some of the others. However, I truly hope this submission does not become our flag.
12/1/23 7:37	F1435	The small white lines will not reproduce graphically and will look fuzzy and messy in varying sizes
12/1/23 7:45	F1435	These finalists submissions lack creativity. There were many amazing submissions that were creative and ties in mn in a meaningful and recognizable way. These do not deliver that.
12/1/23 7:45	F1435	This design has very meaningful history motifs and is quite unique and important. I find this design to be quite appealing.
12/1/23 7:52	F1435	Every discussion I've heard about this flag asks if the green is soybeans or wheat- but I haven't heard anyone suggest "trees." Trees may be the intent, but it's not what the world will think, and if loons don't represent all Minnesotans then soybeans certainly don't either.
12/1/23 7:52	F1435	I'm not sure what the yellow and green designs are supposed to represent.
12/1/23 7:54	F1435	The worst! What is it? If you have to explain it then no! Old computer symbols? No! Please stop!
12/1/23 8:02	F1435	F2100 is my #1 favorite. the blend of white, blue and green represent MN's season, waters, prairies/forests with an attractive North Star; F1435 is also a favorite - including Native Minnesota influences.
12/1/23 8:03	F1435	All the flags look like a computer designed them, this one has the most interest
12/1/23 8:05	F1435	F944 is my first choice because it evokes not only water and snow, but also the northern lights. This is the only flag design that does that. I like the symbolism of F1435, but the trees look more like cannabis buds - if they looked like a pine tree, it would make more sense. For the seal, I like S244 - it is the only one that includes our state bird and I love that it also includes wild rice.
12/1/23 8:09	F1435	F1435 is very ideal. Simple and beautiful.
12/1/23 8:09	F1435	Seriously not good design #2.
12/1/23 8:10	F1435	2nd choice, love style, star, and stripes. Green leaves/trees needs something, too cactus-y.
12/1/23 8:11	F1435	Unsure what the green plant is on the right.
12/1/23 8:12	F1435	This should be our next flag.
12/1/23 8:12	F1435	This is my least favorite of those that include tribal representation. I think tribal representation is better represented as part of the whole in other flags. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:13	F1435	Again, How does this represent the beautiful state?
12/1/23 8:16	F1435	looks computer generated Actually hate it
12/1/23 8:17	F1435	I like the representation of the state's 87 counties and 11 tribal nations. The representation of the North Star is obvious, as well as the green for our forests and of course the blue representing our lakes. I think this flag is as unique as Minnesota is.
12/1/23 8:22	F1435	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:23	F1435	None of these look like a state flag, more like a soccer team flag. Try again.
12/1/23 8:24	F1435	Absolutely terrible
12/1/23 8:25	F1435	Is this representing marijuana? Another stupid looking one. Stop!

12/1/23 8:26	F1435	I live near Itasca State Park, at a lake, surrounded by the quiet beauty of Nature. I also weave. Creating with fiber is timeless. It connects generations, creating the history of our existence. Minnesota overflows with inspiration to explore, create, and thrive. This design captures, boldly and beautifully, all that Minnesota has been, is now, and can be. To see this flag flying high above would quietly shout out to all, that we truly are the Star of the North.
12/1/23 8:27	F1435	Beautiful but a bad flag in my opinion. This would be very hard to replicate. If I, a grown adult, tried to replicate this on a piece of paper it would look bad and pretty wonky. I could see it being nice if it were just the star/flake/flower where it is with nothing else but the blue field its on (no ticks no plant).
12/1/23 8:30	F1435	To create substance in our state flag the new seal design should be placed in the middle of a cobalt blue background. The flag designs submitted look like bad clip art and do not have the elegance of a seal. Scrap every one of these designs, they are an embarrassment
12/1/23 8:31	F1435	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:32	F1435	Love it
12/1/23 8:36	F1435	Second choice of two.
12/1/23 8:40	F1435	No sorry
12/1/23 8:44	F1435	It's terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. Its screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:46	F1435	f1435. like the concept. dont like the it is lopsided. like the lines for tribes and counties but need to be revised - not cisible from a distance
12/1/23 8:49	F1435	Loving the 8 pointed star and the nod to MN's tribal nations. To me that is very important to be on our state flag, something representing our states Native American history and communities. But again, this one still isn't hitting the "ah ha! This is it!" I don't like that water as symbolism is missing.
12/1/23 8:49	F1435	That's supposed to be a tree?... Maybe if you got rid of the two outer arms, I can kind of see a pine tree there, then you can put a real stem on the block on the right to turn it into a deciduous tree. The 8-point star is fine, but was present in quite a few different designs. I don't care at all for the tick marks on the left and right edges of this design.
12/1/23 8:51	F1435	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:51	F1435	Too busy, and the flower image looks similar to marijuana buds.
12/1/23 8:51	F1435	The worst, and ugliest, option.
12/1/23 8:54	F1435	This design is well-intended but very confusing. It would be impossible to decipher when hanging from a flag pole.
12/1/23 8:55	F1435	Nope
12/1/23 8:59	F1435	I vote NO for this one. Its not bad, but until I read about it, I didn't know what it meant. Seemed confusing.
12/1/23 9:00	F1435	This design stands out! Love the lines representing the tribes. Something about the composition of the graphics inspires life and nature In Minnesota. Well done!
12/1/23 9:01	F1435	Personally not a fan of this one. If I had to choose, I'd put this above F944 and F2100, but lower than the other options. I appreciate the Ojibwe Loom Style, but I cannot image children being able to draw our flag due to the complexity and geometry. It is not very reproducible and seems quite cluttered to me.
12/1/23 9:01	F1435	None have of the state flag finalists clearly depict the backbone of Minnesota's people, namely agricultural, melting pot of generations, natural beauty, and its "you betcha" attitude. Highly suggest a restart.
12/1/23 9:05	F1435	I like how there are spaces between the shapes and the colors are pretty. -Tabitha I like how it represents forests and nature. -Caleb I really like the star because it represents the four directions. 'Eliana
12/1/23 9:07	F1435	I love this flag! The Ojibwe loom style is both authentic and unique, and would make MN stand out in the best possible way.
12/1/23 9:07	F1435	Nice color scheme but for the uninformed viewer none of the designer description is apparent. Again, no way of knowing what state the flag is representing.
12/1/23 9:08	F1435	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:08	F1435	I don't get it. Why is the green thing holding up another green thing?
12/1/23 9:09	F1435	Far too cutesy and childlike as a state-level graphic. The use of tanagram-style shapes is too reductive and does not provide the right sense of gravitas, respect, or honor to the peoples and cultures that have made Minnesota.
12/1/23 9:09	F1435	My least favorite. Looks like something printed from a computer. Too "blocky"

12/1/23 9:09	F1435	I appreciate the difficulty in winnowing a field of 2,000 designs down to six. However, this is honestly a baffling selection to me. The geometric elements look like they belong in a game of Minecraft and the green elements are so abstract that they mean absolutely nothing. It doesn't represent Minnesota. The ticks down the sides of the flag are extraneous. I would be embarrassed for this to become the Minnesota state flag. I implore you not to select this design.
12/1/23 9:15	F1435	Way too busy of a design. Does not read well.
12/1/23 9:18	F1435	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology. Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded. As a native and life long Minnesotan, I would be embarrassed.
12/1/23 9:18	F1435	This example would make a unique quilt, but it is too busy for a flag, and it would not be discernable when viewing from a distance. The commission should not select this option.
12/1/23 9:28	F1435	Not a fan of this design!
12/1/23 9:29	F1435	This does not feel fresh or updated. While I appreciate the symbolism and representation of our tribal nations, this design brings to mind the outdated fabric from a couch you might find in grandma's basement collecting dust.
12/1/23 9:32	F1435	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.
12/1/23 9:33	F1435	This does not look like trees. Looks like the cannabis state. Sorry.
12/1/23 9:35	F1435	No. Follows no design sensibility outside of artist's intent.
12/1/23 9:36	F1435	Beautiful. Simple. Inclusive.
12/1/23 9:37	F1435	This flag pays homage to tribal groups, but no one else. "Trees" do not represent Minnesota specifically.
12/1/23 9:37	F1435	I love how this leans into embracing native symbology. I like the representation of the native tribes on the stripes. I think execution could be improved a bit (perhaps by making them more prominent, rather than looking somewhat tacked on and busy.  I don't agree that the star is commonly recognized as a native symbol, though I do think this one is better than the four-pointed one on another design. I think this could be done better. I do really like the gesture and attempt, however; just not the execution on this front.  The green imagery on the flag seems like a great idea to me too. And I really like the style and how it meshes with that of the star. However, I'm not a big fan of the execution and recommend some other options in the geometric design.
12/1/23 9:37	F1435	Of all the designs, I like that this one conjures the indigenous experience, history, and naming of the land.
12/1/23 9:39	F1435	The iconography is too unclear here. I had to read the text to understand what the fairly abstract shapes meant. Also, the little stripes would be invisible at flag distances. Don't choose this one.
12/1/23 9:40	F1435	Like the unique Ojibwe loom style, symbolism, bright yellow star and especially the white lines used to represent the tribal nations and counties in our state.
12/1/23 9:41	F1435	This design is my least favorite of the six options. I especially don't get the green parts - I didn't even know what they were supposed to be until I read the description. This flag design doesn't say "Minnesota" to me.
12/1/23 9:45	F1435	I HATE this design
12/1/23 9:45	F1435	I immediately saw killer robots descending from the sun. Maybe its a nod to A.I. and would be more relevant when machines take over. I cant un-see it now.
12/1/23 9:48	F1435	I have no idea what this is supposed to be. Too complicated too. My least favorite of the finalists.
12/1/23 9:49	F1435	No. Too abstract. Unbalance. How will a child draw the hatch marks on the side?
12/1/23 9:54	F1435	Looks like a Holiday Postal stamp and not representative of MN! Go back to the drawing board!
12/1/23 9:55	F1435	This flag does not look nor feel like a flag, moreso some form of mosaic art. The trees look like green tulips, and there is no real body (for example, the French tricolor, or U.S. 13 stripes). Just vague images placed onto a deep blue background. As for symbolism, the only thing unique is the stripes one either side, some of which are weirdly colored. This is not explained in the description.
12/1/23 9:55	F1435	Comments from fourth grade: _ - I like the shape because it looks like a plant - I like the colors

12/1/23 10:00	F1435	There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!
12/1/23 10:03	F1435	Visually simple and conceptually complex--simultaneously. My favorite for both its formal characteristics (color, composition) and meaning.
12/1/23 10:05	F1435	Don't like any of the flag entries.
12/1/23 10:06	F1435	I really like how it shows the trees and night sky wich looks really cool and creative
12/1/23 10:09	F1435	Transformers have no unique Minnesota connection. Trash this one.
12/1/23 10:09	F1435	This flag (F1435) looks like it's one of those color-yourself rhombus coloring book designs. Looks nothing like any tree I've ever seen. Terrible design, and I understand it was included 6th to appease a certain council member....
12/1/23 10:11	F1435	Embarrassing, start over.
12/1/23 10:11	F1435	This design would be hard to replicate (and downright tedious on the edges). The design while unique, it ambiguous and unclear. It also seems to explicitly violate the guidelines of not representing a single person or group.
12/1/23 10:12	F1435	It looks too much like stylized flowers from a garden catalog. No, no, no!
12/1/23 10:13	F1435	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks t realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.
12/1/23 10:16	F1435	No. Just no.
12/1/23 10:24	F1435	Having a design indicative of our native history is a huge boon to our identity as Minnesotans. I have concerns about such small details like the stripes being lost in any drawn designs, or at a distance. Perhaps having blocks of color as opposed to the individual small stipes could incorporate the idea without losing readability at a distance.
12/1/23 10:24	F1435	Overall a great design otherwise.
12/1/23 10:25	F1435	My favorite as it gives the nod to Minnesota flora
12/1/23 10:29	F1435	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:39	F1435	Very simple. Not inspiring. Luke the plant snd quilting edge. Rate at 3/10 ten is high.
12/1/23 10:42	F1435	i love this one ! super simple and nice to look at
12/1/23 10:44	F1435	I do appreciate the cultural representation in the design. I like the stripes, but do not like the other elements as much. The shapes wouldn't be my choice on something like a flag. Overall, be in favor of new selections for the state flag. If design elements were collectively reviewed from the submissions to prepare a new design that would be better. Each flag has design considerations that show characteristics from a given demographic but may not fully depict Minnesota.
12/1/23 10:45	F1435	Love this one
12/1/23 10:50	F1435	This is too focused on ONE cultural aspect of our states history. What about Hmong, Scandianivian, Finnish ... Focusing on the states great resources and symbols serves all--and not ONE. We need a flag that unites.
12/1/23 10:51	F1435	This flag is my FAVORITE!!! Here's why I love it: the shapes, the colors, it's unique, the little stripes on the edges looks like fringe which feels very flag-like, it feels inclusive with the counties and tribal nations, it's interesting but not too busy, it feels modern and artistic yet traditional, the trees, the sky, and I love the way the yellow shape looks like both a sun and a snowflake -- all very Minnesota!
12/1/23 10:55	F1435	Clashing blue and green color choices. These also look closer to wheat or something rather than trees.
12/1/23 10:57	F1435	no, tlooks like a different quilt
12/1/23 10:58	F1435	Boring, too plain, needs more regarding Mn
12/1/23 10:58	F1435	A lovely tribute to Ukrainian Americans, but this one fails for the same reason there are no loons. First, the pysanky design for wheat is just weird on a flag. Second, wheat is not representative of Minnesota. So, no loons, no wheat, for the same reasons. Also, the blue-green contrast doesn't work. It's plug-ugly.
12/1/23 10:59	F1435	This design certainly does not represent the "Good" Flag, "Bad" Flag principles. It is far too busy and feels awkward and poorly designed. Why are the lines in the upper left yellow? Please firmly disregard this one!
12/1/23 11:02	F1435	I like the flag with the trees and the star, and the lines on either side representing the counties and the sovereign nations. And that's my favorite flag

12/1/23 11:05	F1435	Please not this one.
12/1/23 11:06	F1435	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design
12/1/23 11:10	F1435	Ojibwe loom style is beautiful in other contexts but unfortunately this design does not come close to doing it justice. Leaf design is reminiscent of the Decepticon logo. Autobots roll out.
12/1/23 11:10	F1435	I get the stripes and what they represent, but they detract from the overall flag. I would stick with the star and remove the green imagery.
12/1/23 11:13	F1435	Seems a bit busy for our flag. While the side stripes are meaningful, they will be lost in most applications.
12/1/23 11:14	F1435	The commission is charged with adopting a design that does not represent a single community;while our indigenous communities are an important part of our state, the design style of this flag is overtly of a single community. From a vexillology perspective it is too cluttered, and it is hard to decipher what the green portion of the flag represents.
12/1/23 11:16	F1435	I do not like the green shapes on this one. I do like the white lines on the sides but thought the designs are to avoid using cultural styles.
12/1/23 11:16	F1435	Nope....looks like a plant alien presenting its plant alien baby!!
12/1/23 11:18	F1435	This one has a great style and it is representative of our state, but it feels like itâ€™s unbalanced, and the negative space is just kind of awkward.
12/1/23 11:18	F1435	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:19	F1435	I love the meaning behind the flag, but hate that it has the barn quilt look of it. Too geometric. But I saw a piece about the creator and I really liked her symbolism in the flag. But I don't want it to be our flag.
12/1/23 11:21	F1435	I feel it's very important to represent the tribal nations in the new flag, but I'm not sure this flag hits the mark. The stripes are quite small, and I don't really understand why each county needs a representation - do people really identify with their county? Tribal identification is a real thing, but county? It's more a bureaucratic function these days. I would like to know if tribal communities feel this flag represents them well.
12/1/23 11:23	F1435	This design reminds me of old-fashioned printer paper with holes in the sides or something frayed on the edges and falling apart. I appreciate the nod to the tribal nations, but Minnesota is a diverse place and that is not represented in this design. Please do not choose this design.
12/1/23 11:25	F1435	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:25	F1435	Top choice of the limited options available. All of the flags are not wowng me in anyway. Some looks like a sporting event flag. The designs are disappointing as I don't think they are visually appealing nor do they represent MN in any way. The star on them are okay but the rest of the graphics seem meaningless with no connection to anything MN based.
12/1/23 11:27	F1435	Just no.
12/1/23 11:28	F1435	This reminds me of a quilt square and I donâ€™t understand the green portion (despite the artistâ€™s explanation). Itâ€™s confusing. This and F29 are my least favorite of the submission finalists.
12/1/23 11:29	F1435	I like the attempt to include some tribal symbolism. I feel that the loom does not stand out to represent anything unless one is to take the time to look up how the design was made. To me it looks kind of like a ratchet for old style movie frames. And I know that is not what is desired. As with my other comments, please include the state name.
12/1/23 11:29	F1435	This design is my 3rd favorite. It does not include the Mississippi River (which should be included on any MN state flag in my opinion). But I like the trees an the design generally better than those with just a star. I see the significance of the white stripes on each side, which is cool, but I don't think it adds to the overall design. Is there a different way to represent the tribal nations that would?
12/1/23 11:31	F1435	neat design but not a flag
12/1/23 11:34	F1435	What happened to our history? But of the six I prefer this design. I just with there was a more obvious way to show the tribes. I didn't know that's what the little lines were other than a border for the flag.
12/1/23 11:37	F1435	This would be an extremely disappointing flag. The design is way to busy, and isn't the most pleasing to look at. Some of the tweaks considered, including having only the star front and center of the flag would be much better. It is also disappointing that the committee would consider a design like this for a finalist, over the already-popular North Star Flag.
12/1/23 11:44	F1435	I would like to ask the committee to consider the North Star Flag as a finalist, or a variation of the North Star Flag, like F2100 with some further tweaks.
12/1/23 11:44	F1435	The North Star Flag by Lee Herold should be considered.
12/1/23 11:54	F1435	THANKS that part of living nature is here represented - our plants and possibly animal life if the li'l green clump on the rt. is changed to a block-style Loon! - placed above a bit, so it's part of the blue (water or sky.)
12/1/23 11:54	F1435	Itâ€™s unclear what the green part is supposed to be. Iâ€™m assuming a plant? But kids might just think Minnesota is represented by some eyeless green monster.

12/1/23 11:56	F1435	<p>This flag is too much, in my opinion. Most prominently, the green elements combine to look like some kind of toy soldier (Transformers?) with arms raised and a weapon in one hand. This is all I can see when I look at this flag.</p> <p>I would suggest eliminating all the green. Taking the star, increasing the size a bit and centering it on the blue background would make this the leading contender in my opinion.</p>
12/1/23 11:58	F1435	<p>I have heard a lot of complaints about the small stripes along the edges, but this doesn't bother me as it's relatively innocuous while adding some subtle meaning.</p>
12/1/23 11:59	F1435	<p>Strongly disapprove. Trees are low quality and not an accurate representation of citizens living in Minnesota. Our past is checkered with mistreatment of tribal nations and the design of our state flag should not be a poorly executed attempt at correcting injustices of the past. Focus on our state and what our state contributes to the Country.</p>
12/1/23 11:59	F1435	<p>I strongly approve of the state redesigning our Minnesota state flag! I appreciate this one with its incorporation of an Ojibwe loom style (I'd love to have some indigenous designs in our flag!), but I think it could be done better. Without the background knowledge, people would just see this as ugly.</p>
12/1/23 12:04	F1435	<p>This flag option represents our Native American Heritage and that is most important for me. We owe this to the original owners of our great State to honor them.</p>
12/1/23 12:05	F1435	<p>Where are the loons? Prefer F29 of the flag finalists.</p> <p>I really dislike this one. It looks like cactus and a sun. And now we have to take the seal off because it includes a native american and we are going to add this symbolism to this flag? How long before other races want to get rid of this one because it isn't fair? A vast majority of people I have heard comment all feel the things that are dear to them about Minnesota and make it unique are the loon, lady's slipper, mississippi river, northern lights, etc. Add a couple of things that represent the parts of the state that don't have these and have some depth to the flag. These look like poorly made quilt squares.</p>

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11/22/23 14:31	F1953	F1953 is the best one. Please pick that one
11/22/23 14:48	F1953	Probably my second favorite. But you would have to rearrange the colors.White in the center.
11/22/23 14:51	F1953	This flag looks more like a flag.
11/22/23 15:13	F1953	There were a hundred designs with the same concept that did it better. This flag would be much better with the addition of a gold stripe instead of white.
11/22/23 15:14	F1953	F1953: Nope. Where's Minnesota in this one?
11/22/23 16:07	F1953	It has a good start. The colors are too dull and deary. They need to be brighter. Also, not a huge fan of the inverted triangle, maybe a normal triangle with better colors, and we'll talk.
11/22/23 16:19	F1953	The Special K flag. Beware of using sky blue. It blends in with the sky when flying, like a water tower. All you see is negative space where the blue is. Also the concave point with stripes is similar to many national flags if you reverse to a convex point: Bahamas, Cuba, Czechia, Equatorial Guinea, Jordan, Mozambique, Palestine, Puerto Rico, South Sudan, Sudan, Western Sahara, Zimbabwe, to name a few. What's distinctive about this? Is this what we want? Really? On the plus side, the star isn't terrible.
11/22/23 16:33	F1953	Too dull colored. Canâ€™t get excited
11/22/23 16:40	F1953	I don't know if general comments are being considered, so I may be retracing my steps here: This finalist is by far the best design for a flag in my opinion. The tricolor design is timeless, and will continue to look good in 5 years or 500. The blue field on the left is well-proportioned, and adds more visual interest to a simple tricolor. The shape reminds me of the eastern border of the state, without having an ugly unevenness like some entries that focused on that border as a main design consideration. The North Star is very well sized to occupy a primary spot within the design, without taking it over completely. I like the soft, cool colors;though they could possibly be altered. However, I would prefer the order as shown here, because the white and light blue nicely sandwich the darker green. Perhaps the star could be changed as well, although I personally like the simplicity of it. This flag will look great flying on a pole, or hung vertically as a banner,
11/22/23 17:06	F1953	F29. Beautiful but please don't modify the white stripe for snow and wreck the designer's intent. Texas has a white stripe. Shape of state is cool, memorable
11/22/23 17:33	F1953	I LIKE THE CURRENT FLAG. I WANT TO KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. None of the new designs do our state justice.
11/22/23 17:37	F1953	WHAT DO THE COLORS REPESENT? WHERE ARE THE WORDS, GRAPHICS, CREATIVITY, IMAGERY?????
11/22/23 17:41	F1953	This one would be a fine state flag.
11/22/23 17:41	F1953	No. Just No. Looks like we are borrowing from Ohio's flag which is also ridiculous. No. No. No.
11/22/23 17:41	F1953	No. Just No. Looks like we are borrowing from Ohio's flag which is also ridiculous. No. No. No.
11/22/23 17:41	F1953	As a side note the dark blue part does sort of look like Minnesota but that star would put the capital in St. Cloud... which I am not opposed to.
11/22/23 17:44	F1953	This one looks too much like a cross between the Ohio pennant and other stateâ€™s flags. I say â€œno thank you.â€
11/22/23 18:05	F1953	This one seems the most like a flag, but maybe like a national flag.
11/22/23 18:37	F1953	Star of the north
11/22/23 18:41	F1953	F1953: No. Please not as presented but has potential to be a great flag. Negatives: - The light (is it white?) top color will get lost on a flag with hazy, cloudy sky. - Way too symmetrical (like a K-mart logo). Positives: - It's not a five-point generic star. - The shape is a bit Minnesota. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1. change the horizontal stripe colors to match the three biome colors of F1741, and make the horizontal lines wavy, and move the star up (centered between where it is now and the top of the flag), and move the indent of the Minnesota down so it more closely resembles the shape of our state (see F1505 & F1741 or even F99 will work). A BETTER IDEA: use this star on F1741 or F1782.

11/22/23 18:42	F1953	I would flip the blue to the top.
11/22/23 18:44	F1953	Perhaps with the white band in the center and the blue on top
11/22/23 18:48	F1953	F1953 is my favorite of the finalist flags. This morning on the radio I heard about one of your members regarding the redesign decision-making process and not wanting to get caught up in trends. I agree. I also think unique can be popular and timeless. I would encourage the team to be open to a non-ordinary flag shape. There are two existing flags I can think of that are not rectangular: Nepal and Ohio. Both are great examples of how a non-rectangular flag can work for Minnesota.
11/22/23 18:59	F1953	I vote for this one. I especially love the subtle shape of MN in dark blue on the left!
11/22/23 19:04	F1953	Love the simple, eye-catching, and distinctly Minnesota design!
11/22/23 19:51	F1953	Winner
11/22/23 19:55	F1953	This flag design is an improvement over our current state flag, but there are better flag submissions. This design is good, but not great.
11/22/23 19:56	F1953	Yes! Finally a design worthy of a flag! Sky blue waters. Green land. North star
		Awful A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:  (1) Loon/Star combo â€“ F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409, (2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo â€“ F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073, (3) Star Only â€“ F318, F1472, (4) Loon Only â€“ F959 (5) MN and Star combo â€“ F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650
11/22/23 20:43	F1953	
11/22/23 21:03	F1953	What is this for? Sierra Leone? Lesotho? Or a state in Russia? Stop it.
11/22/23 21:04	F1953	I think this is the best of the flag finalists. While it is good as is, I am curious as to using slightly darker shades of all colors chosen (except the white of course) and the possibility of moving the white horizontal band to the middle of the three such that it aligns vertically with the white star. My guess as to why the green band is the middle one here is because the light blue and white would not have enough contrast if touching, but that problem could be mitigated by using a slightly darker shade of blue in the horizontal band.
11/22/23 21:07	F1953	This is a nearly ok design - but even so it's not an AOK design. Please stop looking at so many on the low number pages - go to page 18 and you will find 42 workable designs of the hundred. You were all so rushed.
11/22/23 21:08	F1953	This is far and away my favorite of the six. With any of the flags, I think there is room for tweaking the shape of the stars. I know the commission reserves that option and I hope they use it. With this flag I could imagine the state doing something that I am unaware of any other state doing--authorize an official variation in which a more literal shape of Minnesota is used for the edge of the blue field. I also like the green in the middle;it is the best position to suggest a pine tree.
11/22/23 21:19	F1953	I hope the committee is taking care to consider how each of the flags looks when hung vertically as well as horizontally. In my opinion this one (F1953) is the best in both orientations, but itâ€™s farther ahead of the others when vertical.
11/22/23 21:30	F1953	Would be better without the white and a star with equal length points
11/22/23 21:57	F1953	F1953. Yes I guess. I donâ€™t â€œgetâ€œ the color scheme, which seems kind of dull, but at least it doesnâ€™t have a snowflake and it does have the North Star. So yes, this is the second best in a group of 6 of which 4 are terrible.
11/22/23 21:59	F1953	This one is nice... It would be a bit better if the darker blue shape at left more closely resembled a more true silhouette of the shape of Minnesota, with the north star toward the top left. A closer-to-true Minnesota shape would also be less symmetrical and more organic, interesting and timeless. Also, delete the white bar and use just the green and light blue bars for the whole right side of the flag. (if helpful, I made a VERY rough mock-up that I could send in). Thanks much!
11/22/23 22:09	F1953	Nothing recognizable relating to MN. Again, grandma's quilt or a boat flag. Where is the loon? Our state bird.
11/22/23 22:18	F1953	#1 pick - Stands out in style and colors are consistent with Minnesotaâ€™s new logo.



		<p>I very much appreciate that this design tries to use the shape of Minnesota. But I think it falls short in 2 ways:</p> <p>(1) As with two of the other finalists, the star looks like the Star of Bethlehem. As a non-Christian, I find this highly concerning. Our state flag should not appear to have religious symbols.</p> <p>(2) Instead of representing the eastern edge of Minnesota, the angle used for the dark blue section makes it look instead like a Pac-Man mouth. And as a result, it fails to connect with the real pride Minnesotans have in the distinctive shape of our state.</p> <p>Please: Re-consider other flag designs that do a better job of using the Minnesota outline. For example, flags F1396 and F1741 have better-designed abstract Minnesota shapes. Even better, flags F1609 and F278 use the distinctive and immediately recognizable Minnesota outline.</p> <p>We have an opportunity to create something truly unifying. We Minnesotans put the outline of our state on everything -- our walls at home, our cars, on clothing for ourselves, for our kids, even for our pets. Minnesotans have a unique love for our state outline. It's embraced enthusiastically and proudly across the political spectrum, across ethnic groups, and across rural and urban communities. Do other states put their outline on their state flag? No. But show me another state whose people identify as strongly with their state outline as Minnesotans do with ours. It makes sense for us.</p>
11/22/23 22:28	F1953	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/22/23 22:35	F1953	I could live with this but miss the loon...why do we have to be so straight lined on all the submissions except 1
11/22/23 23:24	F1953	I'd put a sticker of this flag on my truck. Clean design and no words.
11/22/23 23:50	F1953	This one!!
11/23/23 0:54	F1953	Take the star-flake from F29 and put it on this flag. Win.
11/23/23 0:58	F1953	A broken K-Mart sign?
11/23/23 1:13	F1953	This flag is easily identifiable compared to neighboring states' flags. I like this one the best of the last 6.
11/23/23 2:07	F1953	I think incorporating the shape of the state is a really nice idea, and makes it immediately recognizable at a glance. Before I saw this one, f29 was my favorite, but I think it would be absolutely forget if this one had the f29 symbol. Recognizable, merchandisable, and beautiful!
11/23/23 2:12	F1953	this one is yuck. i like the colors, but it looks like Minnesota Pacman is eating a better flag.
11/23/23 2:57	F1953	Love this one!!
11/23/23 3:11	F1953	Vote for F1953
11/23/23 3:27	F1953	Put the F29 emblem on this flag and instead of the current white star.
11/23/23 3:28	F1953	As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for simple layout and strong focus on the star in the hoist. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, it has a divided focus as the star in the hoist competes for attention with the bright colours in the fly. Secondly, there are major contrast issues between the green and blues that break the "rule of tincture" that Ted Kaye mentioned to you and that would limit visibility for colour-blind individuals, limiting its inclusiveness (a major consideration for your commission). Thirdly, the layout is visually confusing as it purports to show Minnesota's unique landscape from both a top-down view (the shape of the state in the hoist) and from a side-on view (the stripes in the fly) simultaneously. There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 5:20	F1953	This is absolutely my favorite of the bunch! Love the aqua color as it's not super traditional. I would hang this flag everywhere!
11/23/23 6:56	F1953	Don't pick this one. All that dark makes it too sad
11/23/23 7:00	F1953	This is my favorite design. I like the outline of MN, the water, land, and sky color bands and connection to the "North Star state".
11/23/23 7:33	F1953	Take the star from f29 and combine it with flag f1953 replacing its star.
11/23/23 7:47	F1953	I like elements of this design, but I'm not too big a fan of the color scheme. It feels somewhat muted and feels more suited to a mint gum brand. I think 29 is a much stronger design that would lend itself well to our state!

11/23/23 7:59	F1953	Replace the star on this with the star from #29 and it looks wonderful. It adds a much-needed splash of color. You can see a mock-up here: <a href="https://krikenoid.github.io/flagwaver/#?src=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2FLibrMt9.jpg">https://krikenoid.github.io/flagwaver/#?src=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2FLibrMt9.jpg</a>
11/23/23 8:05	F1953	This is my favorite!!
11/23/23 8:10	F1953	Classic yet fresh bold design with colors that represent MN well. Will stand the test of time!
11/23/23 8:41	F1953	The best submission for sure!
11/23/23 9:10	F1953	F1953 - I like the star shape, but not the colors. I don't get what this says about Minnesota either. This design reminds me of some flags from foreign countries, but with different colors. Bahamas, Comoros, Cuba, Czechia, Djibouti, Jordan, Mozambique, Palestine, Sudan, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe all have this style of flag.
11/23/23 9:13	F1953	Of the 6 designs, I like this the best because of the symbolism and the uniqueness of incorporated the shape of MN.
11/23/23 9:30	F1953	Of the 6 designs, I like 1953 the best because of the symbolism and the uniqueness of incorporated the shape of MN.  Overall I like the concept of this flag. it particularly reminds me of the graphic design of the Minnesota State College system, from which additional inspiration could be taken for this flag.  The star here is okay, but I do believe it would look better with someone more similar to F1093s, or F594s. The particular colors and arrangement on the horizontal bars could use some work. It is not recommended to have two shades of the same color on a single design (the blue being salient here) but this does pull it off. Experimenting with different colors and arrangement of the colors is definitely needed before pursuing the flag. Besides the design of the star, the leftmost element works very well, particularly the shade of blue chosen, and the abstracted shape state. I would recommend looking at the official state colors, and the design document for the Minnesota State College system before finalizing with design.
11/23/23 10:35	F1953	I overall like the design of this flag, especially the color palette used. It could however use a professional redesign to clear up some of the less refined elements.
11/23/23 11:05	F1953	Far and away best prospective state flag. Does not look like a Winter Olympics symbol or logo. Does not look like a trademark or brand as some others. This flag also has an abstract shape of Minnesota in the dark blue section.
11/23/23 11:08	F1953	This is by far the best one.
11/23/23 11:15	F1953	This is my top choice (for whatever thatâ€™s worth). Love the state silhouette and the colors. Would look nice flying in the wind. Would be interesting to combine the star/flake from 29 and put it on this one.
11/23/23 11:48	F1953	Flag 1953 is the best of the final six. Significant colors, simple but pleasing design that doesn't look too "busy." This deserves to be the new emblem.
11/23/23 12:04	F1953	I vote for this submission. This is a great combination of color and the North Star, it represents Minnesota!!
11/23/23 12:17	F1953	This is my second favorite design of the finalists. I like that it has the outline of the state, is identifiable, and is easy to draw.
11/23/23 12:49	F1953	Looking amazing deserved the win
11/23/23 13:25	F1953	This is my third favorite. I immediately understand the left side. I am unsure of the right side, but if someone could explain it to me, maybe I would like it. That said, a great flag, like the Alaska and New Mexico state flags, need no interpretation.
11/23/23 13:29	F1953	Love the hidden state outline and overall timeless look.
11/23/23 13:57	F1953	Impartial to this design because the state shape is what helps a lot of people recognize Minnesota on a map and it's well incorporated into this flag.
11/23/23 14:32	F1953	Serious flag for government use. Colors that no other state would use.
11/23/23 14:51	F1953	I really like this design and think it should be the final one selected! The hidden stylized shape of Minnesota on the left is really unique and clever! However, I think it would be even better if you replaced the star with the star/snowflake from the F29 flag design. It would use both flag designs and combine to make an even better, unique and memorable state flag!
11/23/23 15:00	F1953	Combine the star from F29, and the overall flag of F1953.
11/23/23 15:20	F1953	all things considered this definitely represents our state in the best
11/23/23 16:02	F1953	This is my favorite of the six finalists. Only thing I'd change is replacing the white star with the star/eight-pointed-star design from F29
11/23/23 16:03	F1953	All of them are terrible!
11/23/23 18:33	F1953	This is my top option if we can't have submission f15 which is a large loon as the flag. The loon is needed on a Minnesota flag  This is an excellent design for a flag. While it shares a lot of design elements with other successful flags, there are interesting and uniquely Minnesota twists. My only suggestion would be to replace the star with the symbol from submission 29.

11/23/23 18:58	F1953	<p>In the embrace of Minnesota, a land foreign to my Idaho roots, my family's narrative unfolded from German mining roots. A decade ago, I returned, a stranger to extended kin, yet captivated by an inexplicable love for this place.</p> <p>Here, it is this emblem that doesn't question my Norwegian authenticity. Amidst choices that resonate with Nordic echoes, this flag stands, a silent ally to my sense of belonging.</p> <p>Becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist, I find resonance in the 3 stripes of earthy hues, each a whisper of the diverse biomes cradled within this state. The star, a celestial tribute to our official darkened skies in the North, leaves ample room for interpretation.</p> <p>Is the blue a nod to our meandering rivers and lakes? Does the green embody the heart of our forests and prairies? Does the white cloak us in the hush of snow? In this chromatic poetry, myriad stories unfold, each a testament to the multifaceted beauty of Minnesota.</p>
11/23/23 19:14	F1953	I really think this one is the one
11/23/23 19:14	F1953	This is too sterile, there isn't anything other than the star to which I feel I can relate the state to. It's it a North star? It could be a flag for anything, anywhere.
11/23/23 19:44	F1953	This looks so great!
11/23/23 22:29	F1953	Of the finalists, I feel this designs is the most appealing overall in its shapes and colors. The tricolor for ruin is a classy design, and the shape of the field containing the star is a unique feature while still evoking a classic design language. I also think that, unlike some other designs, this will work very well when hung vertically at a banner, and can be made into a monochrome variations easily go people who want to stylize the flag for personal purposes.

		<p>I would like to preface this comment by thanking the commission for its dedication to the betterment of our state. As a lifelong Minnesotan and flag enthusiast, I've followed your meetings closely and am confident that any selection will be an improvement over our current flag.</p> <p>Of the six finalist flags, F1953 is easily my favorite, but I believe further improvements are possible. With the commission's spirit of "Frankensteining" in mind, I've prepared a revised version of the flag (viewable here: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>) with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flag now constitutes a geometrically golden rectangle, with the navy-blue outline of the state forming a perfect square (demonstration in album)</li> <li>• At its narrowest, the navy-blue field is exactly one third of the width of the flag, like many famous tricolor flags</li> <li>• The star is now confined to the height of one of the horizontal bands, and is centered in the aforementioned left third of the flag</li> <li>• The shade of green was sampled from F1154</li> <li>• The navy and sky blue were both sampled from F944</li> <li>• The top band is now white (rather than off-white), matching the star</li> </ul> <p>As a rationale for these changes, I found the existing submission's color pallet a bit "cold," and feared that the blues and green may be too similarly hued. Incorporating colors from other finalists solved this problem in a pragmatic and inclusive manner. I recognized the potential for an application of the golden ratio the moment I saw the flag, with only a minor adjustment required. The golden ratio is famously aesthetic and incorporated into many realms of design; Wikipedia provides an impressive list of its uses: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio</a>.</p> <p>While this is true of both the revised and original versions, I also wanted to draw attention to the particularly brilliant placement of the star. If the navy-blue field is viewed as an outline of the state, the star corresponds perfectly to where the capital city of St. Paul sits. Additionally, hanging the flag vertically from a crossbar creates a sort of arrow pointing to our North Star (demonstration in album).</p> <p>Again, the revised flag is viewable through this Google Photos link: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>. Also included are screenshots of the flag as hoisted, a demonstration of the golden rectangle qualities, and a short video alternating between the original and revised versions of the flag for the sake of comparison.</p> <p>Thank you again for your work, and for your consideration.</p> <p>Best, Kevin</p>
11/23/23 22:50	F1953	
11/23/23 23:27	F1953	I really like the design of this flag, and it would honestly be my top choice for the state flag!
11/23/23 23:50	F1953	This one is great. Easy, appealing, just pick this one
11/24/23 0:05	F1953	Not too bad but the colors are drab. Make the dark color a pretty dark blue (royal?) and the star and top horizontal line should be yellow. It looks much like most flags.
11/24/23 1:22	F1953	This flag symbolizes our nation. It is beautifully done with the star and the 3 colors to symbolize our history and what we are today.
11/24/23 4:14	F1953	Out of the 6 finalists, this is the only one that looks even half way decent. The others don't even look like flags! But this should not win by default because the other options suck so bad. Just make it the North Star Flag!
11/24/23 5:43	F1953	This flag is really beautiful, and by far the most serious flag committed. It bears the gravitas a state flag needs.
11/24/23 5:58	F1953	My first choice is, and always will be, the North Star Flag. But of the 6 finalists this is by far the best. If the commission is open to tweaking the design further, then I'd recommend changing the Minnesota shape to green, the star to a yellow 5 point, and the middle stripe would be wavy, either white/blue/white or blue/white/blue for better symmetry.
11/24/23 6:53	F1953	I love this design! It's very simple and elegant but I feel like the colors as well as the star sum up Minnesota so well.
11/24/23 7:51	F1953	I appreciate the actual state of Minnesota being shown on this flag. You can look at this one and know which state it represents, unlike the others that look like a quilt patch.
11/24/23 8:13	F1953	If it has to change

11/24/23 8:24	F1953	Commenting to offer my shirt for F1953. I think this is the best of the finalists. I do think it could be improved by placing the white stripe in the center, as the blue and green stripes kind of bleed into each other when seeing it fly. That said, I would be proud to see this flag represent our state.
11/24/23 8:27	F1953	I like flag. Looks good flag. Very nice. Please pick flag. It should win flag. Follows all the rules for good flag (simple enough that a child could draw it, distinct at a distance, not too many colors, no words/lettering)
11/24/23 8:39	F1953	As a graphic designer, I view all of the six finalist designs as extremely juvenile and amateurish. I really think there should be another round of submissions. This design has some merit with a few adjustments: The top color could be the light blue representing sky, the middle green would look great if there were some shapes like pine tree tips overlapping into the blue, and the green representing land where it meets the foreground color (changed to white) would look good curved as if it represented a snow covered lake or land. The star (changed to gold) would look better in the top third of the image are and the black shape would look better in the shape of Minnesota.
11/24/23 8:41	F1953	This is the most stately design of your finalists.
11/24/23 9:02	F1953	A beautiful flag for a beautiful state. This flag has a memorable, evidently significant design, embodying the state's very essence of nature and history. Easily envisioned on a flag pole!
11/24/23 9:09	F1953	One of the best finalists. Loads of potential. Replace the 8 pointed star to be more one the Dakota quilt star, put white strip in middle and it's already great. I've posted variations of this flag on Facebook too with just two green stripes on top and bottom with white in the middle and also one with gold and it looks very very nice. If some color changes were made, this would be great.
11/24/23 10:05	F1953	I really love this striking flag design. Simple and impactful! My favorite by far!
11/24/23 10:49	F1953	Our family enjoyed visiting about how to rate the choices. This lovely flag looks the most like a flag, has what we feel might be a compass star for guidance and for prestige about being north. There is 'sea blue' for the Great Lake on our shore, green for sustainability, the lost 40 acres near the mouth of the Mississippi, and a muted white for ??? *We would try to alter the white to be more representative of many cultures, many skin tones, one race.
11/24/23 10:50	F1953	This flag is a replica of the Palestinian flag, just with different colors and a little star. I think it is in incredibly poor taste to make it look like you are siding with any one particular side during an incredibly atrocious time in Middle Eastern history. The fact that the council is even considering changing our flag to match a flag of a country in the middle east is bewildering. And honestly it feels like a direct slap in the face of Jewish and Israeli non-jews who are struggling during this time.
11/24/23 10:57	F1953	This is my favorite of the finalists. Strong symbolism with the land, the north star, and the layout and spacing is great. I think this is a flag which could fly for hundreds of years.
11/24/23 11:09	F1953	Lots of good options, but including the abstract form of MN really sold me on this one. I love the colors too! I'll be proud to wear the colors of this flag!
11/24/23 11:32	F1953	This looks like the best out of all of them!
11/24/23 11:48	F1953	Pick F1953, or F944
11/24/23 11:52	F1953	I like the star shape - very distinct. Otherwise the colors are blah - they blend together too much. It needs a warm color added. The pattern feels very generic.
11/24/23 11:55	F1953	To whom it may concern,  I would like to see this with two horizontal stripes instead of three. The top stripe should be light blue (sky) and the bottom stripe dark blue (water). The dividing line between the stripes should align with the center of the MN state chevron shape (forming the horizon). The MN state chevron shape should be white (snow/ice). The str should be radius style and gold colored (L'E toile du Nord) like in submission F944. I have these changes mocked-up but can't attach a photo to this comment. Please email me for the attachment. Thanks, and keep up the hard work!  Regards, Tommy
11/24/23 12:04	F1953	This is your best option, but I would bring in the width of the state outline a tad more (dark blue) and introduce the traditional 8-pointed star.
11/24/23 12:05	F1953	This flag is distinct and rich with symbolism. I think it would represent Minnesota well!
11/24/23 12:40	F1953	This is my favorite. Most inclusive. Flags don't need wavy lines! When a flag blows in the breeze the lines become wavy then. This is the best one for doing what a flag does, signal at a distance.
11/24/23 12:41	F1953	F1953.
11/24/23 12:54	F1953	This design is the most timeless and subtle. Vexiology loves it. Tweak the colors a bit is all it needs.
11/24/23 13:13	F1953	Very well thought out design! Simply stunning!

11/24/23 13:30	F1953	This flag is simply beautiful and highlights what Minnesota stands for. A North Star of unity, the unique & abstract shape of Minnesota as its starting point while bringing in the the colors of meaning that makes our state the beautiful state it is - nature, snow, agriculture and water: God's gifts to us right in our backyard. I highly recommend this flag to represent our state. This flag is naturally and simply beautiful and will allow children the ability to learn to draw it and understand each characteristics' meaning without difficulty.
11/24/23 13:40	F1953	Of the final six that were chosen, this is by far the best one. It's very similar to Texas and Ohio, but that aside, I think it checks all the boxes. It's simple and has the best color representation of our state.
11/24/23 13:42	F1953	Love this one!
11/24/23 13:44	F1953	This is best one. Follows the standards in vexillology so it'll age the best. Could tweak it so there are less colors but that's about it. Its symbolic yet subtle so it won't be over the top.
11/24/23 13:48	F1953	I really like this design, especially with how the dark blue part is in the shape of the state. Main concern is how much the design resembles the Lone Star Flag. This is a Minnesota version of Texas' state flag. Texas has a great flag, so it's not a criticism per se, but it is less distinctive than some of the other designs for this reason.
11/24/23 13:52	F1953	This is the best finalist! I really hope this is the flag that is selected. It's crisp, thematic, and distinctive while still having the emotional feel of a true State flag!!
11/24/23 14:06	F1953	The flag represents everything about Minnesota
11/24/23 14:06	F1953	This is an excellent design! Perhaps combine it with the star from F29, and this would make a great state flag.
11/24/23 14:13	F1953	<p>I would like to preface this comment by thanking the commission for its dedication to the betterment of our state. As a lifelong Minnesotan and flag enthusiast, I've followed your meetings closely and am confident that any selection will be an improvement over our current flag.</p> <p>Of the six finalist flags, F1953 is easily my favorite, but I believe further improvements are possible. With the commission's spirit of "Frankensteining" in mind, I've prepared a revised version of the flag (viewable here: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>) with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flag now constitutes a geometrically golden rectangle, with the navy-blue outline of the state forming a perfect square (demonstration in album)</li> <li>• At its narrowest, the navy-blue field is exactly one third of the width of the flag, like many famous tricolor flags</li> <li>• The star is now confined to the height of one of the horizontal bands, and is centered in the aforementioned left third of the flag</li> <li>• The shade of green was sampled from F1154</li> <li>• The navy and sky blue were both sampled from F944</li> <li>• The top band is now white (rather than off-white), matching the star</li> </ul> <p>As a rationale for these changes, I found the existing submission's color pallet a bit "cold," and feared that the blues and green may be too similarly hued. Incorporating colors from other finalists solved this problem in a pragmatic and inclusive manner. I recognized the potential for an application of the golden ratio the moment I saw the flag, with only a minor adjustment required. The golden ratio is famously aesthetic and incorporated into many realms of design; Wikipedia provides an impressive list of its uses: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio</a>.</p> <p>While this is true of both the revised and original versions, I also wanted to draw attention to the particularly brilliant placement of the star. If the navy-blue field is viewed as an outline of the state, the star corresponds perfectly to where the capital city of St. Paul sits. Additionally, hanging the flag vertically from a crossbar creates a sort of arrow pointing to our North Star (demonstration in album).</p> <p>Again, the revised flag is viewable through this Google Photos link: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>. Also included are screenshots of the flag as hoisted, a demonstration of the golden rectangle qualities, and a short video alternating between the original and revised versions of the flag for the sake of comparison.</p> <p>Thank you again for your work, and for your consideration.</p> <p>Best regards, Kevin Krahmer, CPA</p>

11/24/23 14:17	F1953	What does this have to do with Minnesota? White People Green grass Blue water Night skies??
11/24/23 14:21	F1953	I like the color selection of this flag and how the canton/hoist is shaped vaguely like Minnesota. The design of the star looks cool.
11/24/23 14:28	F1953	My 2nd-favorite after F29. Gets in the distinctive shape of the state from a map. Easy to describe and sketch from memory. Least favorite part is the lighter blue, maybe closer to royal blue (but would not reject for that) ? Looks very obviously a flag, carries a certain authoritative feel.
11/24/23 14:48	F1953	I LOVE IT! â,â,â,â
11/24/23 14:48	F1953	I LOVE IT! â,â,â,â
11/24/23 15:22	F1953	Wow, this is a great flag. Select this one. It's inclusive and classic.
11/24/23 15:27	F1953	Beautiful flag. The stripes set it apart from the other corporate-looking ones. I hope yours is selected!
		This design is unique especially with the horizontal stripes but not really a fan of the star.  There is a recommendation I wish to propose, what if we combine the horizontal stripes with the star and snowflake symbol along with the dark blue background from F29, into one unified fabric of beauty?  It would carry so much symbolism within a simple design, yet showcase Minnesota's beauty in compromise, in taking the best parts of different designs into one collective flag for all to rally around.  I recall hearing the commission was open to the idea of combining elements from different flag designs.  There is a mock up of this proposed design. I would love to share it with the commission.
11/24/23 15:39	F1953	Take care and have a wonderful weekend.
11/24/23 15:57	F1953	Really like this one, It has the outline of the state, the North Star, and a traditional 3 color bar that just shouts this here is a real flag. Also all the colors are real nice. I'd fly this flag in my home.
11/24/23 16:04	F1953	This flag is a simple and strong design that would fabulously represent MN. I like the abstract outline of MN on the left (a more realistic depiction would be tacky). I also like the strong choice of colors that are clearly evocative of the stateâs natural elements. The white North Star against the navy silhouette of MN is extremely eye pleasing and I would strongly discourage changing the colors of those elements. Unlike the comments of one committee member, this flag really does not strongly evoke the flag of Texas. Any resemblance is simply because theyâre both great looking flags!
11/24/23 16:04	F1953	This is a beautiful flag
11/24/23 16:09	F1953	This looks like a dated corporate logo. please not this design. thanks.
11/24/23 16:13	F1953	No
11/24/23 16:25	F1953	Best resembles what our state stands for
11/24/23 16:51	F1953	This is the most flag-like of all the finalists, and I mean that as highest praise. You have to consider flags as something amateurs could sew, and something people could recall easily billowing from far distances away. This one looks the most traditional and easy to remember, and the colors, shape, and star emblem make it distinct from other state flags that also meet traditional flag design principles. The right-hand side also being subtly shaped like the state also makes it so clever! It's perfectly flag-like without being in your face or overly modernized. It can stand the test of time.
11/24/23 16:53	F1953	Simple! The star of the North and the reasons behind the color scheme are spot on.
11/24/23 16:58	F1953	Love the symbolism behind each of the components of his design.
11/24/23 17:00	F1953	This looks the most like a flag to me and I love the colors chosen to represent our state. I could see wearing this on a sweatshirt. I do miss the gold and snowflake over the North Star from the first design.

11/24/23 17:15	F1953	Of the six finalists, this is the one that would be most recognizable as belonging to Minnesota while adopting good flag design principles. It's simple enough to draw from memory, has limited colors, and is unmistakably Minnesota with the outline of the state. The only critique I have would be to have the star match the one that's on the seal so there's some design element connecting the seal and flag.
11/24/23 17:28	F1953	Nothing screams Minnesota!! Colors are strange.
11/24/23 17:39	F1953	Almost a copy of Texas flag with uglier colors and did star
11/24/23 17:40	F1953	F1953 is the best out of the finalists
11/24/23 18:07	F1953	Please don't use any of these 6 for the flag. They don't measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:17	F1953	Of all the finalists, this is by far the best. You really should drop these finalists and choose another 6.
11/24/23 18:18	F1953	The three bold stripes representing snow, nature, water with a single north star leading the way. Perfection!
11/24/23 18:19	F1953	The dark blue shape reminds me of the Minnesota map. I like the star.
11/24/23 18:23	F1953	I love this flag! It represents everything about Minnesota in a beautiful way. I would be proud to hang this at my house! I also feel this person should get recognized rather than the same people all the time
11/24/23 18:27	F1953	Reminds me of a foreign government flag.. Not something I would want my state flag to look like.
11/24/23 18:28	F1953	I'm not sure what i'm supposed to say here. I really like that design, especially the colors and it's general uniqueness
11/24/23 18:32	F1953	I love the simplicity of this design--modern, chic, great symbolism in the colors and emblems!!! Winner, in my book!!!
11/24/23 18:32	F1953	F1953 easily depicts our state and the simple nature of the star and colors will fly perfectly in the MN wind!
11/24/23 19:03	F1953	This one is just ok
11/24/23 19:31	F1953	This is a very strong design, the colors are sophisticated and the shape on the left is a clever nod to the shape of the state with simplicity and provides some exciting discover ability in the design. I would be proud to have this as our flag. Far and away, I say this is the best of the finalists.
11/24/23 20:06	F1953	Awful. Unimaginative, dull, and meaningless. In no way does this represent Minnesota. No observable connection to Minnesota at all. Are these AI creations? For humans used to create any of these designs. Ridiculous. Makes me sad to think where the state is going.
11/24/23 20:43	F1953	Who's on this commission? People from Wisconsin?
11/24/23 20:47	F1953	What are we, an eastern European country? This one is about as bad as it gets.
11/24/23 20:48	F1953	OK but looks more like a national flag.
11/24/23 21:09	F1953	I like the description and that is represents our diverse people! Unique yet simple!
11/24/23 21:16	F1953	This one is really pretty!! I love how the left side is reminiscent of the shape of MN, which is something I really love about the state. It's unique and makes me happy!
11/24/23 21:23	F1953	This flag is the best of the top six finalists for the new Minnesota flag. Please consider using this design as the official Minnesota flag
11/24/23 21:26	F1953	In seeing the finalist in the Minnesota flag contest, this one totally stood out as the perfect one. From the shape of Minnesota to the colors and the representation that they stand for, this by far is the most superior. This one has my vote!
11/24/23 21:41	F1953	F1953: the star should be yellow.
11/24/23 21:42	F1953	Best of the flag designs, but that's not saying much-kind of a weak group!
11/24/23 21:46	F1953	Of the selected finalists, this is the strongest entry. The clever incorporation of the simplified shape of the state, plus the representative colors of snow, water and trees, and our emblematic North Star all combine to tell a multifaceted story.
11/24/23 21:54	F1953	The flag is not confusing, I love the Northern star, I see the green to represents frost, the light blue for the lakes and the white for the snow.
11/24/23 21:54	F1953	F1953. Some what reminiscent of the flags of Georgia and Texas: Large design to the left and bars stretching out to the right. But still, not terrible. The star recognizes Minnesota as the "Star of the North". The bars from top to bottom say "Snow. Landscape. Water." I can see that, plus it is attractive to look at. This one would be acceptable.
11/24/23 21:57	F1953	I like it very much. A lot of thought went into this design. Good luck!
11/24/23 21:57	F1953	This is pure silliness. Keep our current flag.
11/24/23 21:58	F1953	This design, whatever its other merits, is far too derivative of the state flag of Texas. We are supposed to be forging our own unique identity, not copying from someone else's work, and to be frank I especially don't want to be associated with that state. We deserve better than to be seen as a cold version of the lone star state.



11/24/23 22:28	F1953	This flag with a variation of f29s star would look nice. If the yellow is too contrasting I guess that wouldn't work but of the 6 finalists this is a very nice flag. Simple and clear message that isn't bland. Familiar but still original. Would be happy to fly it in my yard.
11/24/23 22:41	F1953	F1053 I guess the dark blue banner on the left is supposed to be shaped like Minnesota and the light blue stripe is supposed to be the lakes, the green trees and crops. But I've heard people complain online that this flag looks like the Trans flag or the Palistinian flag. Changing the flag is controversial enough as it is, maybe we should stay away this one for that reason.
11/24/23 23:17	F1953	This design is, in my opinion, the best representation of our state.
11/24/23 23:28	F1953	This looks like a slight variation of the Palestinian flag. Yikes.
11/24/23 23:36	F1953	This flag represents so many wonderful aspects of beautiful MN!!! Please choose this beautiful design!
11/25/23 1:02	F1953	My immediate thought was ..... Someone trying to make it similar to Palestinian Flag ! ..... Moslem ? Actually, it looks like a combination of Palestinian AND Somali flag !
11/25/23 2:56	F1953	I'm not crazy about any of them. But, having to pick 1 this would be it. With the star, blue for water, green for fields and trees and white for our longest season.
11/25/23 3:47	F1953	This is beautiful and simple. Kinda captures the Swedish heritage and the Å%toile du Nord.
11/25/23 5:03	F1953	I love design with its fields of lake, prairie/forest, and snow. It looks formal and dignified. Could the star change to the design seen on submission F29?
11/25/23 5:37	F1953	Nope. Uninspired.
11/25/23 5:52	F1953	This design is great as it subtly resembles the shape of our state on the left.
11/25/23 6:14	F1953	Best design. The stripes representing air, land and lakes in the correct order, and the North Star in the middle of the shape of MN. Very inclusive, simple, and powerful. No other entry comes close.
11/25/23 6:14	F1953	This flag represents all things Minnesota. Simple but perfect design!
11/25/23 6:16	F1953	The cyan blue has got to go. Try another blue, maybe cerulean? I understand the reasoning behind having the white stripe on top, but it doesn't flow well. Maybe put the white stripe in the middle?
11/25/23 6:54	F1953	Very good, very classy
11/25/23 7:01	F1953	Awesome meaning behind the design! Love the meaning of the north start. Something everyone needs a reminder of today.
11/25/23 7:19	F1953	How is this meaningful!
11/25/23 7:19	F1953	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:23	F1953	This is my favorite of the final 6 designs! Itâ€™s a sharp and clean design which means it will look fabulous when manufactured. (My bachelors degree is in graphic design so use-ability is always the number 1 concern) I think itâ€™s also a beautiful representation of our state, we all know of the Star, and how this designer has put it in on a field of dark blue in the shape of Minnesota is honestly pretty brilliant. The added bands of color all work very well together, and after reading his description of the flag the choices are so well thought through. This design is by far my favorite! I have some concerns about the other ones, a couple look kind of cheap to me, but this one looks like a real and genuine flag design so there wouldnâ€™t be any mistake about what this one is.
11/25/23 7:28	F1953	Love this flag and the meaning behind it.
11/25/23 7:29	F1953	I love the simplicity of this flag and the basic meaning of the colors that were chosen. Everything on it is something about the beautiful landscape of our state and can attract multiple people with different backgrounds. I really like it.
11/25/23 7:35	F1953	Clean design, colors represent our natural resources, recognizable outline of state and Northstar stands out, colors come together nicely.
11/25/23 7:38	F1953	This one is my favorite! I love that it includes the state outline along with all the beautiful colors we see in Minnesota. The North Star adds just the perfect touch. Simple and classy!
11/25/23 7:43	F1953	It sucks
11/25/23 7:49	F1953	I vote for this flag
11/25/23 7:54	F1953	This is my favorite design, although I am concerned about the inclusion of the white stripe, and it being placed above the others. â€œWhite on topâ€ or â€œWhite above all other colorsâ€ is not a great piece of symbolism. What exactly is the white stripe supposed to represent? I would omit it and have just two stripes, a shade of green and a shade of blue, or maybe have it in the middle.
11/25/23 7:55	F1953	Since the star interferes with the most narrow point in the state shape, maybe move it onto the right. It's unclear what the colors represent but very corporate. Too much white.
11/25/23 8:05	F1953	Ugly
11/25/23 8:08	F1953	I think this glad is the best out of all the others since it has the colors of our most prominent natural resources and the shape of the state and the star representing our north star state.
11/25/23 8:15	F1953	Maybe replace the star with the snowflake/star from submission F29.

11/25/23 8:23	F1953	No. Just no
11/25/23 8:23	F1953	No, I wouldn't associate this with MN.
11/25/23 8:25	F1953	This design is, in my opinion, the best representation of our state.
11/25/23 8:27	F1953	All flags are horrible..ughhh worst one
11/25/23 8:27	F1953	Beautiful design and the colors and meanings behind each is so fitting for Minnesota. Absolutely love it.
11/25/23 8:31	F1953	F1953 at first gave me the feeling similar to Ohio of just being different for the sake of being different. But looking more at it, the left side being a subtle Minnesota shape and the color palette makes it take root. I feel like this one would have a similar growth to the Chicago flag of "what is this why?" That evolves to "this was the best choice for the long term even though others were more flashy and direct at the time."
11/25/23 8:35	F1953	I feel that the navy blue portion, shaped similarly to the outline of MN, of this flag puts it above the others.
11/25/23 8:39	F1953	Love this flag.
11/25/23 8:39	F1953	I like the shape of the star but that's about it in this design. I don't like the layout and the colors are not special.
		F29 good all around
		F944 Drawn to this swooshy artistry first, but it may not be as good hung from a pole
		F1435 no to the plants and sun, somewhat childish and won't look great on a pole
		F1953 looks like a traditional type of flag design. Good hung any way
11/25/23 8:45	F1953	F2100 not as good hung from a pole vertically
11/25/23 8:48	F1953	This clearly says Minnesota right away with the shape of the state, and I think Northstar, blue for lakes, and green for forestry and White for snow
11/25/23 8:48	F1953	F1953 reminds me of the transgender flag instantly.
11/25/23 8:49	F1953	Won't be able to see it from far away. 5 pointed star works better.
11/25/23 8:51	F1953	This one is my absolute favorite out of the choices! Simple, yet beautiful colors. I feel it reflects MN well and is easy on the eyes. Green is almost as important as the blue when we think of our beautiful landscape across the state.
11/25/23 8:54	F1953	No. Doesn't say Minnesota at all.
11/25/23 8:54	F1953	I hope they don't call this art. Stick with the original seal. This probably took a first grader five minutes on a computer art program. At least the original seal look like it took thought and creativity and looks like something I would be more proud of.
11/25/23 8:55	F1953	Love this design!! Pick this one!
11/25/23 9:02	F1953	Great looking flag and a very meaningful message being sent to everyone who call Minnesota home!
11/25/23 9:03	F1953	F1953 represents many things about Minnesota without being to complicated or convoluted. A 5-year-old would be able to recreate this flag easily since most of the icons are big blocks of color. Of the six designs, this is my #1 choice. The navy blue shape of Minnesota, the North Star, blue for the lakes, green for the forests/crops, and white for __ (I don't know . . .) snow (?).
11/25/23 9:11	F1953	Would love for this to be our state flag
11/25/23 9:13	F1953	This design represents the best of Minnesota! We are a shining star among the states. Strong in the unity of land and water resources, banded together in the cold
11/25/23 9:16	F1953	I believe this flag stands out as most unique and would like to see this as our flag.
11/25/23 9:20	F1953	This would be my preference as the state shape is part of the design. Making it recognizable.
11/25/23 9:21	F1953	This one is my number 2 choice
11/25/23 9:26	F1953	I like that it has the shape of MN as part of design. Snow, land & water are such important parts of MN, I like how the colors represent that. I think it represents all areas of the state from east to west, north to south equally. I would be proud to say that's our flag!
11/25/23 9:34	F1953	Symbolism is good. Color (light blue and green) needs to be addressed.

11/25/23 9:39	F1953	Love this! Simple! The left itâ€™s a basic outline of Minnesota itself, still has a classy North Star.
11/25/23 9:45	F1953	Flag is simple but beautiful and meaningful A great representation of Minnesota
11/25/23 9:50	F1953	This is unimaginative and ignores the history of the state.
11/25/23 10:12	F1953	This one is sharp and clean and pulls colors of water in to it.
11/25/23 10:26	F1953	A knockoff of the Cuban flag?
11/25/23 10:28	F1953	This is the only one out of the six finalists that makes sense for MN. All others are too generic.
11/25/23 10:44	F1953	This is a knock off of the Jordan flag! Remove the colors and do a Google search and you'll find organizations who fly a flag similar to this pattern. Not original and vary controversial to similar patterned flags F1953 biG NO!
11/25/23 10:49	F1953	Love this one! Represents all we should be proud of here in Minnesota
11/25/23 11:00	F1953	Good enough, but the two shades of blue is a bit distracting. 3 colors or less.
11/25/23 11:01	F1953	This is the only one to pick. Please pick this one!
11/25/23 11:03	F1953	This looks too much like the flag from that shit hole state texas
11/25/23 11:20	F1953	I am unsure if I have already left a comment about this flag. While following the guidelines of NAVA well, this flag is also rather un-inspiring. The subtle Minnesota shape of the navy colored part is nice, but both the star and the rest of the stripes could use some tweaking. Maybe having blue, green, blue, to represent the idea of the land where the water reflects the sky, would look better!  I still think it's not nearly as strong of a design as the North Star Flag, and I want to ask the committee to reconsider the decision to leave it out of the finalists. Make it finalist number 7, and really consider what the public has to say about that design. Because so far, the public, Minnesotans, are really disappointed with the finalists that you guys have come up with. I think even adding the North Star Flag would greatly improve people's attitude towards the finalists, and this whole redesign process as a whole.
11/25/23 11:27	F1953	PLEASE consider the North Star Flag as a Finalist and even as the new State Flag.
11/25/23 11:42	F1953	I love that the dark blue part looks like the state of Minnesota. The star-well that's a given. The colors represent all of Minnesota with the water, agriculture, and sky or snow. It also looked really nice on Waverly-the design is easy to see and looks classy.
11/25/23 11:47	F1953	I am in love with this flag and would be proud to see it hanging in our home , at the capitol, and at work. The design is simple and yet it really incorporates so much symbolism within it. Please pick this one!
11/25/23 11:55	F1953	This flag is a solid design and I like how the left side of the flag is shaped a bit like our state
11/25/23 12:17	F1953	I think if you took the star/snowflake from f29 to replace the star on this flag it would be a great flag whether extended or hanging down.The colors could be tweaked a bit too.
11/25/23 12:33	F1953	Perfect!!
11/25/23 12:45	F1953	This looks like a scarf for a soccer club. A state flag should resemble sports fan merch.
11/25/23 12:53	F1953	F1953 and f29 are hands down the best in the bunch. They are the only two that make sense and are aesthetically pleasing.
11/25/23 13:14	F1953	(F1953) Likely my second favorite after F29. It is a professional flag design. I love that it has the shape of Minnesota. It has the blue, green, white that I and many want for the waters, woods, snow. And it has the star. All the elements. It's not particularly creative but it incorporates the core elements and the bonus of the state shape makes it more special.
11/25/23 13:14	F1953	Amazing!
11/25/23 13:14	F1953	I call this the "moving backwards" design. It looks like a backwards facing arrow--not the message we want to give.

		<p>I think this one is the best for a few reasons.</p> <p>(1) It looks the best waving in flagwaver. We need a flag that is recognizable as Minnesotan even in low wind conditions. Flags like F29 are indistinguishable from other states' blue bedsheets when the wind is low, but F1953 is distinctive even under these conditions.</p> <p>(2) The Minnesota shape is a unique twist on a more traditional flag design (e.g., Puerto Rico, Ohio, etc.). This play on a more traditional approach bodes well for its remaining in style for a long time and might go over better with folks nervous about a change.</p> <p>(3) Additionally, by including the state outline, this flag is inclusive and makes clear that ALL parts of the state are being represented/honored.</p> <p>(4) The state outline hints at the state identity even to someone who has not previously seen the flag.</p> <p>(5) This flag would work hung not only in a traditional way, but also vertically as a banner or worn as a cape at sports events.</p> <p>(6) The color scheme could be tweaked a bit, but in general a blue/green/white scheme is already in widespread use by various MN govt agencies so this would necessitate less change to websites, signs, etc.</p> <p>(7) The inclusion of the north star is great for tourism/merchandising (e.g., you can stamp a mug or hat with the symbol).</p>
11/25/23 13:51	F1953	
11/25/23 14:14	F1953	Scary vibe. No.
11/25/23 14:26	F1953	This design seems stately and meaningful without being overly simplistic.
11/25/23 14:27	F1953	This is a bland representation of our vast and beautiful state. Really not sure what this is or could represent.
11/25/23 14:30	F1953	Nope. Again, terrible. Zero percent MN.
11/25/23 14:44	F1953	Don't like the black
11/25/23 15:13	F1953	This looks too much like a flag
11/25/23 15:27	F1953	Other than a star, there is nothing in this flag that says MN.
11/25/23 15:42	F1953	This at least looks like a flag, but is it too similar to other flags?
11/25/23 15:44	F1953	I think this is the best design. I appreciate the simplicity, the star shape, the stripes which connect this design with our nations flag, and the color choices which remind me of our state's many lakes and forests.
11/25/23 15:53	F1953	To me, this and F29 are the best designs. However, F1953 wins by a large margin due to how it'll look hanging outdoors on a day without much wind. I'm concerned F29 would be difficult to recognize in this common situation.
11/25/23 16:09	F1953	F1953. Of the finalists this one is a contender. I am vaguely reminded of several other flags. Three solid bars in the icon cutting in from the left. All seem like ideas I've seen before and this wouldn't immediately identify as Minnesota. But it's good in comparison.
11/25/23 16:24	F1953	I really think this one is the one for the state flag
11/25/23 16:40	F1953	F1953 is my favorite. Abstract but symmetrical outline of our state, north star, water, forest/land and sky. Solid flag material!! My first choice.
11/25/23 17:00	F1953	Flag is simple but beautiful and meaningful A great representation of Minnesota
11/25/23 17:13	F1953	At least this one has a design that one can recognize as representing the north star and not a design that belongs on a Scandanavian mitten. Yes, I've got mittens on my mind because that is what most of the flag designs remind me of. I like this one for a flag. I'm glad you picked one I can root for.
11/25/23 17:46	F1953	This one is my favorite
11/25/23 17:56	F1953	I wish the the colors were more saturated and the green and blue stipes were a bit darker. As is kinda looks like the flag is already sun bleached lol.
11/25/23 18:13	F1953	I love the simplicity of the flag and the meaning behind the star and the 3 different colors on the flag. This is what MN is and means!
11/25/23 18:16	F1953	Horrible
11/25/23 18:35	F1953	This is my favorite because it has all the elements that are important. The star of the north. Blue for our lakes and rivers. Green for our fields and forests. And white for our snowy climate. Plus it is interesting.
11/25/23 18:41	F1953	Looks like the trans flag
11/25/23 18:44	F1953	I think the Star on F29 would look great on F1953. If the colors were tweaked to the same shades as the Blue/Green in the Mn Branding used by all the state agency's I think that would look super sharp. This flag would look great on uniforms, while flying, when displayed vertical and will be identifiable when in a stand on a podium.

11/25/23 18:48	F1953	I believe this flag best represents the State of Minnesota
11/25/23 19:04	F1953	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the submissions to redesign the Minnesota state flag. Submission F1953 would make an amazing state flag. If the commission chooses this entry, please consider one revision. I would strongly suggest adding a "swallowtail" style to the end of this flag that would stand out among other state flags. This style would fit the geography of the state in an amazing yet subtle way to say "this is Minnesota". I would also suggest making the star either the M star, star of the north or dakota/nordic star, although the current star design fits well.
11/25/23 19:26	F1953	I really like this one more than the others. Not as bland as the others and reminds me of our cold MN nights
11/25/23 19:49	F1953	This looks like the flag for Uzbekistan, Sierra Leone, and Lesotho.
11/25/23 20:23	F1953	no
11/25/23 20:40	F1953	I love this option! It evokes so many icons of Minnesota within a simple and clean design. I love the colors of snow, land and water. I love the North Star imagery. And I love that the way the stripes cut in create a simple and stylized Minnesota outline on the left half of the flag. This design both meets the criteria laid out by the commission from the get go and looks great.
11/25/23 20:41	F1953	The color palette is very muted and cold, it lacks vibrancy, it has too many bars on the right, the star does not feel like Minnesota to me - it looks more like a Christmas star. A better start for the Minnesota flag would be the eight pointed star which is in the state capitol and when you look at it it has the letter M in a circle. I think some folks are stuck on the north star flag and it's colors which are more public parks that state flag. The fans of the north star flag are just as stubborn as those who are embracing the state seal flag and it's getting in the way of creating a great design.
11/25/23 20:43	F1953	Clip art? Ugh. Who designed these? Where are the submissions from Minneapolis's best designers? Little & Co, Sharon Werner, Duffy???
11/25/23 20:58	F1953	Best of the six
11/25/23 21:04	F1953	Looks like a middle east country flag. Terrible. I'm thinking everyone on flag selection committee is a foreigner who has a leftist liberal anti american bias.
11/25/23 21:24	F1953	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:50	F1953	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 22:10	F1953	I love this design. I've seen an alternative proposal where the navy blue is swapped for green, with the bars on the right side being navy, white & sky blue. I like that version even better, as it seems less like the Texas flag then.
11/25/23 22:14	F1953	Take the snowflake/star design from F29 and replace the star on F1953. Instant 10/10.
11/25/23 22:20	F1953	This is my favorite of the final six. The shape of Minnesota is seen on the left, with the north star clearly highlighted. The three stripes on the right bring balance, are aesthetically pleasing and capture the beauty of our great state!
11/25/23 22:22	F1953	Ugh
11/25/23 22:25	F1953	This one would make a nice flag.
11/25/23 22:47	F1953	Submission F1953, best symbolises the state of Minnesota's green summers, white (snowy winters), blue lakes and the star reminds me that we are the Northstar state. This is my choice for our new flag. Thank you, Christy Cole - MN resident for 64 years.
11/25/23 22:52	F1953	Very thoughtful design. Accurate reflection/depiction of the Minnesota values.
11/25/23 23:02	F1953	Love it! You definitely got my vote! Great job and best of luck!
11/25/23 23:21	F1953	Simple and perfect. I like the use of the states shape.
11/26/23 0:23	F1953	yuck, yuck, yuck.. Looks too much like the Palestinian flag...with everything going on in the world we don't need a flag that looks like that.
11/26/23 0:59	F1953	It's ok, would be much better with the snowflake/north star as the star.
11/26/23 1:05	F1953	F1953 - BORING
11/26/23 2:15	F1953	F1953 looks like so many national flags with 3 stripes. It's too generic.
	F1953	This is my favorite one. I like it with this star, or put the star from F29 on it as some others suggested, which represents the North Star and snow.

		<p>This is one of three finalists I'd be interested in flying. Albeit with changes.</p> <p>It takes a standard flag design and reworks it to form a stylized shape of Minnesota on the left side of the flag which gives it an extra touch that can allow it to stand out and not get lost while flying. The stripes are also able to be inclusive of multiple natural things that encompass the state meaning no bit of nature is left behind. The north star is also allowed a bit of breathing room within the shape of the state.</p> <p>There are a couple things I would like to see changed. I think the flag would be better if the white was placed in the middle so it wouldn't possibly get lost on top, perhaps going Blue on top with White in the middle and Green on bottom. While I like the way this star fits and interacts with the flag, I wouldn't be opposed to seeing other star options put in place of it.</p>
11/26/23 2:23	F1953	Overall, this flag has an actual identifiable Minnesota on it which gives it recognizability and still keeps a solid grasp on having simple design. It's a plus from me.
11/26/23 5:40	F1953	Best one by far
11/26/23 6:08	F1953	While the exact colors aren't my favorite, the design of F1953 is just fantastic. It's distinctly Minnesotan from the geometric representation of the state and the North Star, while also incorporating a more traditional tricolor. The other designs feel either too sterile, too boring, or feature garish shades of green and blue.
11/26/23 6:12	F1953	I like this one the best of the six. It has a lot of the same elements as the others, but also hints at the shape of the state in an elegant way. The three stripes are easy to make or to draw. All six are good designs, but this one would be my preference. Thank you for your work on this committee!
11/26/23 6:13	F1953	This is the flag. It captures the essence of the state with the graphic and color scheme, even taking on its physical shape with the background for the north star. I'm maybe not sold on the order or sizes of the stripes, but those things can be fine-tuned. Outstanding!
11/26/23 6:30	F1953	What is this piece of garbage supposed to be? What does it stand for? Where is the relevance to our state and the bounty of our natural resources? You've bastardized our old flag by approving a piece of abstract art. Why didn't you just modernize our old flag?
11/26/23 6:36	F1953	F1953 is far and away the best option here. Would be proud of that as the Minnesota flag.
11/26/23 6:37	F1953	This is the one. I have been following and pushing for the fight for a new Minnesota flag for years, reaching out to legislators and writing in to the paper. This is the flag that should be chosen. I like the proposed change to make the left color green and the top stripe navy, middle stripe white. Green serving as the most dominant color makes it stand out a bit more. But either way, this is the best flag design of the six and the best choice for a new flag. It's simple but unique, memorable with clear symbols, and will age gracefully overtime. It won't make every happy, but no flag will.
11/26/23 6:47	F1953	Is this a flag for Minnesota or for some newly discovered Caribbean island?
11/26/23 7:08	F1953	This is a stupid concept, leave the state flag alone
11/26/23 7:17	F1953	I appreciate the straightforward and clear symbolism as well as the striking visuals. Using the shape of the state as an aspect of the flag is really appealing.
11/26/23 7:34	F1953	I love this design! The hoist resembles the geographical shape of Minnesota; it has a star that also resembles a snowflake; and the three colors on the fly represent the waters, lush greenery, and snow that we love so much in our state. If I had to change one thing, I might reduce the tricolor on the fly to two colors, and recolor the hoist shape with the removed color. I think this would make it simpler and seem more elegant to the eye, while still retaining all the symbolism it currently has.
11/26/23 7:40	F1953	This is the best one!
11/26/23 7:44	F1953	The best design of the finalists, by far. The eight-pointed star will be instantly recognizable, as will the abstract outline of the state. The three stripes all represent important aspects of our state that will never change or go out of style.
11/26/23 7:48	F1953	My favorite of the finalists, great choice!
11/26/23 7:51	F1953	This is the flag to go with. All the other finalists look like generic company logos designed by a high school economics class.
11/26/23 7:54	F1953	This is my favorite of the finalists. Simple enough to draw, but distinctive, and the colors are pleasing.
11/26/23 7:59	F1953	Really simple while also capturing a lot of Minnesota history.
11/26/23 7:59	F1953	This is the flag that best represents the original instructions from the committee. The Minnesota shape and representation of our natural beauty is not duplicated in any other option quite as successfully. Please pick this flag.
11/26/23 8:05	F1953	I like this design best because it feels more original than some of the others. Incorporating the shape of our state in the design really sets it apart from other state flags.
11/26/23 8:09	F1953	This one is the most distinct, carries the most state symbolism in color and form and will still read well hanging or flying. The others have elements that will disappear hanging on a vertical pole.
11/26/23 8:09	F1953	This flag seems to make the most sense representing Minnesota.

11/26/23 8:09	F1953	F1953 is by far the strongest design amongst the finalists. The other flags unfortunately look more like corporate logos or quilt squares. The abstract shape on the hoist side is very creative. This design looks best on a flagpole & is therefore the obvious choice!
11/26/23 8:09	F1953	Definitely the best flag.
11/26/23 8:10	F1953	F1953 is my favorite and represents the state the best. It is a slick design and I love the look of it. It has all the Minnesota elements, shape of the state, Star, and colors representing Minnesota.
11/26/23 8:17	F1953	Of the finalists chosen, I like this best. The abstract state outline without being a swallow tail flag keeps it a traditional flag style. If I made any edit to the flag it would be to off set the triangles in "the state" 2/3rd on top and 1/3rd on bottom to closer resemble the states shape.
11/26/23 8:18	F1953	So simple - so perfect. The best.
11/26/23 8:21	F1953	The 'k' design element is great. Please include this in the final design. I think some of the star elements and colors from other submissions combined with the 'K' would be the best.
11/26/23 8:22	F1953	This design is very similar to national flags of other countries , and that makes me very uncomfortable using it for ANY flag in our country. I do love the white star against that dark blue. It is beautiful.
11/26/23 8:26	F1953	This one is the best. Great symbolism, nice colors, different than other statesâ€™ flags. Some different star options could be considered but it looks good as-is too.
11/26/23 8:33	F1953	F1953 is the clear choice of the remaining flags. The design is striking and clean. The navy Minnesota wedge is a subtle piece of design representation that makes F1953 a uniquely Minnesotan flag. I would be proud to call this my home flag. On the subject of revisions;however, perhaps the snowflake star of flag F29 could replace the star and the green bar could become gold to create a clean color palate. Green being replaced with gold would still represent our state's great natural beauty (ex: amber waves of grain, corn fields ready for harvest, autumn maple leaves, or golden summer sunsets.)
11/26/23 8:33	F1953	Of the 6 finalist submissions, this offers the best blend of traditional flag symbology while representing the state of Minnesota. The stylized shape of the state on the left portion is unique and representative while still remaining geometric and recognizable. The colored stripes might need some adjustment so the colors are visible in most environments such as a grey, snowy winter day.
11/26/23 8:40	F1953	I really enjoy this design. The North Star is a good option. I also like how it includes the state outline. The colors chosen are good and it is almost nautical in style.
11/26/23 8:40	F1953	Maybe but don't think this represent Minnesota - start over
11/26/23 8:58	F1953	Definitely one of the two best choices as far as "flag rules" go;memorable, simple, limited/no text, and easy for a child in school to draw. This one is better when flying in the wind and looks different enough from the boring old "state-seal-on-blue-field" design that like 1/3 of the other states have. I believe this flag would look better with the tricolor order being sky blue -> snow white -> forest green, in vertically descending order. Keeping the white stripe away from the top/bottom borders will prevent faded appearance in older flags, when placed in front of a white backdrop. MN-shaped blue field on the left is absolutely fantastic!
11/26/23 9:04	F1953	I hate this one. Minnesota isnâ€™t Texas, it looks like itâ€™s trying to emulate the state that stole our hockey team. The stripes pattern is ugly in an artistic sense, and it looks off balance. Of the finalists I genuinely believe this is the worst choice and does not do enough work to represent Minnesota.
11/26/23 9:12	F1953	Excellent design! Simple, unique, and very identifiable as Minnesotan. Would love this to be the new state flag!
11/26/23 9:15	F1953	The only suggestion I have is to swap out the white bar with a light grey color. Think overcast clouds. I think the white portion would be lost if this flag were presented against a white background.
11/26/23 9:22	F1953	This flag would be my first choice. But, I would switch the dark blue and the light blue, and the star should be with 5 corners.
11/26/23 9:23	F1953	Out of all the finalists this one seems the most suited to be the state-flag just by the nature of being much more aesthetically vibrant then the other flag finalists. Feels like a proper flag rather than a corporate logo being sold as a "flag".
11/26/23 9:26	F1953	All of these designs are soulless and as bland as Minnesotans who think ketchup is spicy.
11/26/23 9:29	F1953	Flag 1953 is the best of the final six. Significant colors, simple but pleasing design that doesn't look too "busy." This deserves to be the new emblem.
11/26/23 9:30	F1953	This is my favorite of the finalists. Love that the shape of Minnesota is in the flag.
11/26/23 9:30	F1953	This is the best out of the finalists! Please choose this one!
11/26/23 9:30	F1953	Iâ€™m not a big new flag guy. Never loved the existing one, but think the complaints were unwarranted. That said, while my favorite couple did not make this list, this option in my humble opinion is the only one that actually looks like a flag. I would fly this in my front yard under the American flag. The other options are ugly, and Iâ€™d just assume keep buying the existing flag and fly that out of spite. Others Iâ€™ve talked to have similar opinions. Do what you want, only this one is worth a darn.
11/26/23 9:34	F1953	Love it!
11/26/23 9:37	F1953	By far the best of the finalists, canâ€™t wait to see it flying around the state!

11/26/23 9:38	F1953	Colors are too muted and unusual, like it wants to say something but is too shy. The overall tri-color and star design reminds me of a number of the flags of Arab nations, specifically the Kingdom of Jordan. This one is a hard no from me.
11/26/23 9:40	F1953	This is my first choice. It actually looks like a respectable flag. The north star is subtle.
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11/26/23 9:46	F1953	This one is my favorite! It has character and clearly depicts Minnesota but is also crisp and easily distinguishable from a distance.
11/26/23 9:51	F1953	No....too banana republic like.
11/26/23 9:56	F1953	I would like this design to be chosen, i feel as though it represents Minnesota the most
11/26/23 9:57	F1953	Love the nod to the shape of the state, also good for hanging vertically.
11/26/23 10:06	F1953	This is the best flag-looking flag of the bunch! It would also look great as a vertical banner, and the colors are unique and interesting. I do think having the snowflake-star design from one of the other submissions would enhance this one greatly. I especially love that the dark blue looks a bit like an outline of the state's geographic shape;a nice hidden touch!
11/26/23 10:15	F1953	This is the best one! The unique Minnesota shape, the stripes, the star, all make it unique while still looking like a flag. Some of the others are a little too "corporate-logo"
11/26/23 10:17	F1953	This is my favorite! Great designs
11/26/23 10:25	F1953	Please pick this one
11/26/23 10:26	F1953	Please no four point "star of Bethlehem" crucifix stars" too many Christian organizations have this same logo, Google it. Please use stars that are already aligned with our government, like the 5 point star of the US flag or the eight point star of the state capitol rotunda. I don't think there is a need for three stripes with two blues (dark blue on left and light blue on right). I would make two stripes, the upper on white for winter (which is typically 6 months, Nov - April) and the lower one green for our growing season (the other 6 months of the year, May - Oct). Check out the Minnesotans for a Better Flag Facebook page for inspiration. Please note that this flag is similar to several African countries.
11/26/23 10:35	F1953	Of all the finalist flags, this is the least offensive. They are all incredibly ugly.
11/26/23 10:38	F1953	Lucky design, crisp, clean, and immediately recognizable. By far one of the best submissions.
11/26/23 10:39	F1953	Easily my favorite design!
11/26/23 10:42	F1953	Nice star. Simple design. I like it.
11/26/23 10:42	F1953	I hate it. The colors are dull, and there is no creativity or images reflecting the people of MN
11/26/23 10:45	F1953	The symbolism of Minnesota is the most elegant in this design, and it would be easily recognizable from a distance due to color contrast and placements.
11/26/23 10:51	F1953	None of the flag final picks are acceptable. The seal would make a better design. I agree the loon should be featured on a flag representing Minnesota.
11/26/23 10:51	F1953	This is the best design. The other designs look a little sophomore-clip-art.
11/26/23 10:53	F1953	No thanks. No. NO!
11/26/23 11:00	F1953	I think this one is the most timeless of the finalist. Has the shape of MN water, forest (green), North Star. Clean and simple. My first choice of the five.
11/26/23 11:05	F1953	I like how this one is easy to remember and recreate and also has a stylized shape of Minnesota. It's iconic and timeless.
11/26/23 11:06	F1953	This is my favorite of the remaining options. I hope you win!!
11/26/23 11:09	F1953	The shape of MN being in this one is super cool. By far the most distinct of the remaining flags. The rest look like corporate bank logos.
11/26/23 11:12	F1953	Greetings from Duluth! I believe of the final designs, this is the one that will be easiest to produce and which most embodies the state. Best of luck to the commission in their decision making!
11/26/23 11:15	F1953	This is the best one. I'm NOT sending this message under duress.
11/26/23 11:21	F1953	This is my favorite
11/26/23 11:21	F1953	F1953 is a great flag! As an amateur Vexillologist myself, I had an almost instant gravitation to this design.  The state outline, colors, and north star are all great representations of that "Minnesota feeling". It has a classic flag look, but feels very updated and true to our state's ideals.  I hope this design is chosen, and I will proudly be flying it myself if it is!



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11/26/23 11:22	F1953	I hope this design is chosen, and I will proudly be flying it myself if it is!
11/26/23 11:31	F1953	Of the finalists, this design and 2100 are my favorites but I think still need further refinement. I like the star and the wedge shape that points to the state's shape are interesting. But the colors need to be changed. I think gold would help and the off white is difficult because it does not match the star. In general the bars are not interesting enough or obviously reflect the state character. This is a good example of where following the principles of vexillology are not enough. Simple geometric designs are not rich and deep enough for a state flag. Figurative designs and details are needed to elevate the design. These look like a country flag. A state flag can have more liberty to reflect the state's character.
11/26/23 11:31	F1953	Best of the lot!
11/26/23 11:31	F1953	Like the shape of Minnesota and star and the colors. I think compared to the others, it best represents Minnesota without being too busy like our current flag.
11/26/23 11:33	F1953	This is the one! It is simple, follows flag conventions, but is unique and unlike something I've ever seen before.
11/26/23 11:36	F1953	This is my favorite flag! I love the abstract state outline. My only critique would be to use a different shade of light blue.
11/26/23 11:43	F1953	I absolutely love this flag. It captures so much about our state, in a beautiful design that is both simple and universal. It's so important that our flag reflects what connects all Minnesotans: a shared experience of life in and love for this beautiful state.
11/26/23 11:44	F1953	This one a million times over. It's perfect!
11/26/23 11:47	F1953	This one has Minnesota's colors, our north star, and the rough shape of Minnesota. This is my choice.
11/26/23 11:50	F1953	This is easily the best flag, and I hope the design commission agrees. Out of the 6 finalists, it looks the most like an actual flag, and doesn't look like a corporate logo. It's also the most clever, with the shape of Minnesota gracing the left side. It's got it all, the North Star, meaningful colors, and the state shape, and it's pleasing to the eye. The other finalists might have one of two of those, but not all.
11/26/23 11:53	F1953	Choose this one.
11/26/23 11:59	F1953	My vote for the new state flag!
11/26/23 12:11	F1953	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 23
11/26/23 12:18	F1953	I like this one the best.
11/26/23 12:19	F1953	Not terrible, but there's no personality to it.
11/26/23 12:33	F1953	This is by far my favorite. State shape, meaningful stripe colors and star. Combined with the loon seal it's *chefs kiss*
11/26/23 12:34	F1953	I think this should be our new state flag.
11/26/23 12:34	F1953	This is by far the best design of the six finalists. It definitely looks like a state flag vs the others that give off corporate logo vibes. I love simple, easily recognizable flags. I wouldn't change a thing about it. If chosen, it would definitely become my new favorite state flag. A title currently held by Colorado's flag.
11/26/23 12:35	F1953	This is the best of the bunch. The nod to the shape of the state, the 3 stripes converging into it... The colors read as water, land, and sky to me. Which feels like an appropriate nod to the earth, beyond borders. Land back!
11/26/23 12:35	F1953	Like the concepts but the overall feel is reminiscent of the Texas flag. Thought it was the Texas flag for a split second...
11/26/23 12:36	F1953	I was originally on team F29, but after spending more time soul searching, I think F1953 is the most appropriate for the state from your selection, and has support from online vexillology communities. Additionally it pairs well in style and color with S147. The center of the seal could be replaced with the center of S224 and recolored to match the flag, since the outside of 224 isn't as simple as 147. Many opinions out there, good luck! This was fun!
11/26/23 12:42	F1953	This is my favorite!
11/26/23 12:44	F1953	I like this one a lot!
11/26/23 12:45	F1953	The abstract Minnesota shape is the perfect nod to our state. I love the colors and what they represent. I think this is the best option for our flag.
11/26/23 12:59	F1953	This one is the best one. Traditional Tri color design.

11/26/23 13:08	F1953	<p>This feels most like a traditional flag and not a corporate logo. The artist took care to incorporate rich meaning into a recognizable design for Minnesota</p> <p>I would like to preface this comment by thanking the commission for its dedication to the betterment of our state. As a lifelong Minnesotan and flag enthusiast, I've followed your meetings closely and am confident that any selection will be an improvement over our current flag.</p> <p>Of the six finalist flags, F1953 is easily my favorite, but I believe further improvements are possible. With the commission's spirit of "Frankensteining" in mind, I've prepared a revised version of the flag (viewable here: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>) with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flag now constitutes a geometrically golden rectangle, with the navy-blue outline of the state forming a perfect square (demonstration in album)</li> <li>• At its narrowest, the navy-blue field is exactly one third of the width of the flag, like many famous tricolor flags</li> <li>• The star is now confined to the height of one of the horizontal bands, and is centered in the aforementioned left third of the flag</li> <li>• The shade of green was sampled from F1154</li> <li>• The navy and sky blue were both sampled from F944</li> <li>• The top band is now white (rather than off-white), matching the star</li> </ul> <p>As a rationale for these changes, I found the existing submission's color palette a bit "cold," and feared that the blues and green may be too similarly hued. Incorporating colors from other finalists solved this problem in a pragmatic and inclusive manner. I recognized the potential for an application of the golden ratio the moment I saw the flag, with only a minor adjustment required. The golden ratio is famously aesthetic and incorporated into many realms of design; Wikipedia provides an impressive list of its uses: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_ratio</a>.</p> <p>While this is true of both the revised and original versions, I also wanted to draw attention to the particularly brilliant placement of the star. If the navy-blue field is viewed as an outline of the state, the star corresponds perfectly to where the capital city of St. Paul sits. Additionally, hanging the flag vertically from a crossbar creates a sort of arrow pointing to our North Star (demonstration in album).</p> <p>Again, the revised flag is viewable through this Google Photos link: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkl348</a>. Also included are screenshots of the flag as hoisted, a demonstration of the golden rectangle qualities, and a short video alternating between the original and revised versions of the flag for the sake of comparison.</p> <p>Thank you again for your work, and for your consideration.</p> <p>Best regards, Kevin Krahmer, CPA</p>
11/26/23 13:09	F1953	
11/26/23 13:25	F1953	I really love the thought put into this design, it's beautiful!
11/26/23 13:27	F1953	I love this flag design
11/26/23 13:37	F1953	We love this one!!
11/26/23 13:38	F1953	This would be my pick if the star was same as seal S224.
11/26/23 13:42	F1953	I like this option. I like the north star on the left and the colors on the right. I think the light blue is not quite right. I would prefer the blue on the left part of the flag to be the bottom color and then a different color on the left side.
11/26/23 13:52	F1953	This is my wife's favorite.
11/26/23 13:53	F1953	F1953 is my wife's favorite. F2000 is my favorite. The other designs do not look as professional or flag like.
11/26/23 14:10	F1953	This design is striking. Love the idea behind the colors. Will represent Minnesota well.
11/26/23 14:34	F1953	This clean design with the nod towards the shape of the state is crisp and clever. This is the one.
11/26/23 14:34	F1953	This flag is the best representation of MN and its natural beauty while also connecting it with its traditional state motto.

11/26/23 14:38	F1953	This one has some potential, but is kind of boring and conventional-looking. The large white area will be lost in front of many day-lit skies.
11/26/23 14:55	F1953	This is by far the best option of the final 6. the dark blue on the right is obvious that it represents the state of Minnesota, in a very simplified way. The north star is stylized I think the best way to represent the north star. As an 8 point star with 4 larger points orientated in the cardinal directions, and 4 shorter points orientated in the intercardinal directions. This mimics what one would most commonly see in compass rose on a map, and just like a compass rose, the north star is used to assist in wayfinding. The colors of the 3 stripes are fairly obvious what they represent. with light blue for the lakes/ sky-tinted waters, white for snow/ winter, and green for the land, both agriculture and forest/ natural. May want to change the layering of the stripes though. with blue on top, white in the middle and green on bottom. Also, it appears that the white stripe is slightly off white, so I would just make the pure white like the star.
11/26/23 15:19	F1953	Love this one
11/26/23 15:29	F1953	I love the star of the north and the symbolism of the three colors. Could the navy blue part look more like the outline of the state of Minnesota?
11/26/23 15:42	F1953	This is by far my favorite flag. I love the simplicity, yet elegance and the colors are great.
11/26/23 15:57	F1953	The description improves it, but a flag shouldn't require a lengthy explanation to make it palatable.
11/26/23 16:16	F1953	Diversity and inclusion concerns may become present about it being too similar to what is commonly considered the "Christian Star"
11/26/23 16:16	F1953	This is the one.
11/26/23 16:37	F1953	In my opinion, this is the best design of the six remaining.
11/26/23 16:58	F1953	I find this one represents Minnesota the best. The nod to MN's state shape also sets it apart.
11/26/23 17:05	F1953	This is my number 2 choice of all the selected design choices. I like the simplicity and it doesnt look like a stupid quilt square. This is a classic flag look that won't go out of style and has clear aspects that represent MN - North star, stripes representing lakes, land and sky. I like this option a LOT but the 3 horizontal stripes while nice are very common on flags. If we want MN to have a unique flag that remains simple this is not the right choice. But I do think this is a solid option.
11/26/23 17:27	F1953	This is definitely my favorite of the 6 finalists. Every element is clear on what it is. It's geometric and good colors
11/26/23 17:41	F1953	This design is good.
11/26/23 18:14	F1953	I hope that this one wins. It's the most traditional flag design, will look good hung horizontally or vertically, and the MN shape on the left is a nice detail.
11/26/23 18:20	F1953	This flag is simple but an excellent representation of Minnesota
11/26/23 18:21	F1953	I'd like to say that this flag has more symbolism to represent our state than the other candidates. I think this would be the best selection to make for the new flag.
11/26/23 18:26	F1953	This is a great design
11/26/23 18:27	F1953	Since I, like many, enjoy maps...this is the best flag design. It has the rough outline of how Minnesota appears on a map. Simple with the North Star design. And then blue for our lakes, green for our outdoors, and white for the Minnesota snow. Flag 1953 for the win! Douglas
11/26/23 18:41	F1953	I vote for 1953
11/26/23 18:42	F1953	This is my favorite flag design!
11/26/23 18:59	F1953	I love this flag so much. I think it represents all the great qualities that Minnesota has to offer
11/26/23 18:59	F1953	When looking at the 6 designs this is the first one that stood out. Simple, bold and clean. it will look amazing flying above the capitol building.
11/26/23 19:27	F1953	This flag should be chosen as it represents our state so well in way of natural resources and our cultural diversity.
11/26/23 19:43	F1953	I love this flag design so much that I had to reach out and voice my opinion about it. It so perfectly hits the midpoint between simple and complex for a flag design, abstractly representing the shape of the state while simultaneously being clear cut enough with angles and the stripes so as to be easily distinguishable. It just feels like MN. I would love to hang it outside my house.
11/26/23 19:43	F1953	I'm not sure what the colors or design are meant to represent. This would be a step down from the current flag.
11/26/23 19:56	F1953	This flag stands out in all the right ways! It's a crisp, timeless design with unique colors :)
11/26/23 20:05	F1953	This one is my favorite. I love the shape of the state incorporated into the design. This one will look amazing!
11/26/23 20:13	F1953	I know the public doesn't get to vote on flag designs but if I could, this would be it! The abstract state outline really sets this one apart. It has all the other elements, the north star, the snow, water, and land. This is an excellent replacement for the current flag!

11/26/23 20:20	F1953	Hello! Designer of the flag here. I've been reviewing dozens of comments from various online sources, and while a lot of people love the color schemes of the flag, they don't like the configuration of the stripes. I wanted to suggest revising the design so that the white stripe is in the middle. Whether you want to put the blue and green stripes on the top or bottom doesn't matter as much. I hope that you consider it. Thank you!
11/26/23 20:23	F1953	This is my favorite flag of the finalists. The only change I would make is updating the stripe order so that the light blue is at the top, the white in the middle, and the green at the bottom. This allows the blue to represent both our 10,000 lakes and our greatest lake, Lake Superior.
11/26/23 20:32	F1953	This is the one!
11/26/23 20:34	F1953	This one is great!
11/26/23 20:37	F1953	Of all the finalists, this one is definitely my favorite! Incorporating the stylized shape of Minnesota is clever, and the overall design is very attractive and elegant. I also like that it works just as well vertically as it does horizontally.
11/26/23 20:49	F1953	F1953 has to be the winner!
11/26/23 20:57	F1953	This flag is the most bright and distinctive of all the proposed finalists. I like its clear contrasts and multiple layers of symbolism.
11/26/23 21:13	F1953	Nice
11/26/23 21:25	F1953	I saw this design some time ago and liked it from the start. The stylized state outline, North Star, and three stripes representing snow, water and nature fit the state very well. Also, this design will work very well when hung vertically.
11/26/23 21:42	F1953	This is best of the finalists. The subtle nod to the shape of Minnesota and the North Star work great even at a distance. The color stripes are great too because I see them representing the snow, forests, and lakes. The color scheme is also something I could see being applied on many different things.
11/26/23 21:44	F1953	Love this design. Perfect amount of complexity, has our star, represents the shape. I like stripe colors of gold - crops green - forests blue - waters.
11/26/23 21:57	F1953	Ugly
11/26/23 22:01	F1953	This is clearly the best design. It will be a shame if this isn't selected.
11/26/23 22:18	F1953	This is the best
11/26/23 22:39	F1953	Best flag
11/26/23 23:26	F1953	This is by far the best finalist, as it has eye pleasing colors, and good dimensions. I however am not from Minnesota, and am from Kansas so my opinion doesn't really matter here, but I would hate to see an inferior design win.
11/26/23 23:29	F1953	F1953. This could work except for the white bar. White at the edge of any image doesn't read strongly. To work, change the white bar to second light blue bar. The light blue effectively reads as both "water" and "sky". That would be far more arresting. Better yet, change the star from white to gold.
11/26/23 23:53	F1953	F1953 is by far the best finalist, as it has eye pleasing colors, and good dimensions. I however am not from Minnesota, and am from Kansas so my opinion doesn't really matter here, but I would hate to see an inferior design win.
11/27/23 0:27	F1953	This design represents Minnesota as an environmentally conscientious state as well as an agricultural state. I especially like the star on the contemporary graphic of Minnesota.
11/27/23 0:29	F1953	This is the only good one of the finalists. I will not swear loyalty to anyone other flag, but this one. A flag needs to inspire people through its design, and many of the other finalist flags look like a city flag, corporate entity, or a design you'd see on a credit card.
11/27/23 0:47	F1953	I like the clean, simple design of this concept. It can easily be recognized from a distance and can be replicated on clothing, patches, etc.
11/27/23 1:15	F1953	Best one!
11/27/23 2:42	F1953	This looks too similar to other state flags.
11/27/23 5:04	F1953	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:29	F1953	The best!
11/27/23 6:34	F1953	This is the best one left
11/27/23 6:44	F1953	This flag conjures up the unique national and environmental significance I see in my home state
11/27/23 8:13	F1953	I love it, but the colors are far too dull. It looks like a flag that's been sitting in the sun for a few years.
11/27/23 8:35	F1953	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.
11/27/23 8:37	F1953	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.

11/27/23 8:39	F1953	Out of the 6 flags left, this one reads the cleanest at a distance and is distinct with the (reverse chevron?). The colors are good, but blue on blue could be more distinct. Overall, it hits all 5 points that makes a good flag, and my support.
11/27/23 9:02	F1953	Not a fan of this one.
11/27/23 9:02	F1953	Best of the finalists!
11/27/23 9:20	F1953	Love this one. It looks the cleanest, and most professional of all the current submissions. I would be proud to see this flag flying in our beautiful state.
11/27/23 9:21	F1953	This flag leaves so much to be desired. The color blocking on the right without more detail doesn't provide any information or nuance to represent Minnesota. The arrow type shape going to the left looks like the flag is looking backward, which seems inconsistent with the progressive Minnesota. This flag also provides very limited marketability for Minnesota in terms of using a flag or symbol on future licensing, which is a lost revenue opportunity for the state.
11/27/23 9:30	F1953	this is the best option by far. the others are too boring or corporate looking. this one literally symbolizes MN
11/27/23 9:53	F1953	This is by far the best design. A suggestion: put the white strip in the middle, below blue and above green. This way, the white "continues" from the star, and can represent not only snow, but also the light of L'etoile du nord shining over land and sky.
11/27/23 10:02	F1953	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:03	F1953	This flag isn't it. The color tone seems random and the color blocking doesn't provide much character for such a rich and diverse state. This flag also provides very limited marketability for Minnesota in terms of using a flag or symbol on future licensing, which is a lost revenue opportunity for the state.
11/27/23 10:03	F1953	This is the best one.
11/27/23 10:06	F1953	I prefer this flag. It is simple to draw and has colors that remind me of our states (snowy) seasons and lakes/rivers/forests/farmland.
11/27/23 10:06	F1953	I especially like the clever feature of a simple representation of MN tucked to the left.
11/27/23 10:06	F1953	Please don't choose this one. The colors are so drab and muted. Our state is not drab and muted! It's alive and vibrant!
11/27/23 10:06	F1953	This is the best one
11/27/23 10:08	F1953	I vote for this flag.
11/27/23 10:13	F1953	This looks great.
11/27/23 10:15	F1953	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and lacks any identity to anything. It is simple. Simply terrible.
11/27/23 10:16	F1953	Better, but still too plain and simple. No creativity. The original had to change, but could have saved/improved non-offensive parts of design.
11/27/23 10:18	F1953	Don't like this one. Too bold. Odd connection to Minnesota.
11/27/23 10:19	F1953	F1953. This the best one.
11/27/23 10:20	F1953	Well, you can sort of see that the big blue 'K' is meant to be a kindergarten version of the shape of Minnesota. It's not self evident though. But where is our State bird? The seals of MN look so beautiful. Any one of the seals on the flag would be beautiful, intelligent, and identifiable immediately as 'this is Minnesota! The State that we love!'
11/27/23 10:20	F1953	No - this flag has too much going on;too many colors (I like 3 - no more);the design has the potential to look dated in a few years.
11/27/23 10:23	F1953	I'm quite sure this is the national flag of a small African country. The light blue is too light and the star too snowflaky.
11/27/23 10:24	F1953	Vote for new flag
11/27/23 10:27	F1953	I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.
11/27/23 10:28	F1953	The design incorporates MN in numerous ways: first, the shape of our state on the left, then adding in blue representing our 10,000+ lakes, green for our forests, state parks, the northern star....it all comes together nicely, clearly.
11/27/23 10:30	F1953	2nd on my list. I would suggest revising the blues and green which seem too dark. Also change the order of the horizontal bars to green (ground) at bottom, white (snow), and then blue (sky). I also vote for a gold star to liven the design up. I do like the nod to the state's shape on the left.
11/27/23 10:31	F1953	Make the star yellow, the white stripe light blue, the green a prettier green (more yellow in it), and the bottom stripe medium blue (or it could stay the same light blue).
11/27/23 10:31	F1953	I like this Flag.

11/27/23 10:37	F1953	I like the idea behind this one. I didn't like the blue shape on the left initially, but when you notice it kind of looks like MN I appreciate it more. I don't love the colors. It feels like what a company would do on a rebrand, and then go back to the initial colors years later because everyone knows it was a mistake. They should be more true to color, if for nothing else manufacturing purposes.
11/27/23 10:43	F1953	This design is my favorite, as it incorporates many items that represent MN (including the simplified shape of our state) without being too busy.
11/27/23 10:47	F1953	I like this design because of the colors white, green & turquoise or light blue & the shape of MN . Representing all of us. And last but not least it has a noth star. The star is not the selling point. But it helps. ðŸª™
11/27/23 10:51	F1953	I support this flag design as it's materially different than the previous one. The three bands of colors might need to be changed as they are relatively drab, I'd suggest a brighter green and cyan.
11/27/23 10:56	F1953	Of the six finalist flag designs chosen by the Commission, I believe F1953 is the strongest submission. The portrayal of the North Star is the strongest in the remaining field, using eight points to make it distinguished but with wider points in the four cardinal directions and narrower points in the diagonal positions to create contrast and add texture to the design. The decision to invert the classic left triangle found on many other flags is both clever and meaningful by subtly inserting the State of Minnesota's outline, which adds a visual element beyond the North Star that all Minnesotans can both identify with their eyes and identify with as citizens of the state. The tricolor band is a classic flag design but the color scheme is unique and captures the natural resources of the state that our whole population cherishes, particularly the bottom field which displays truly "sky-tinted water", an important nod to the Dakota origins of the state's name. The flag's symmetry allows it to display well in both a vertical or horizontal presentation, with the North Star remaining in a position of importance in either orientation. It is easy to spot all of the design elements from a distance or in the wind on a flagpole. It would fit in well even on a global stage by following traditional tenets of flag design while also being truly unique in its details and color scheme. For that same reason, I believe it will prove the most timeless of the six finalist designs with the least risk of appearing dated in the decades and centuries that still lie ahead in our history. I strongly encourage the Commission to select this design as the next flag of the State of Minnesota with minimal or no alterations. Thank you for your consideration.
11/27/23 10:56	F1953	I like this flag design the most out of the finalists. I think having a star is great and the abstract shape of MN is a great nod to the state. I think the color scheme should be kept but maybe the shades adjusted some.
11/27/23 10:57	F1953	What the hell is this? Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
11/27/23 11:01	F1953	What is the symbolism.. we have loons, lakes, walleyeâ€¦ the mouth of the Mississippi. Sterile and ugly. What do the colors mean even
11/27/23 11:01	F1953	This is the best one.
11/27/23 11:02	F1953	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:08	F1953	This is the only one even remotely decent to choose from. The remaining designs are all too similar and the geometric shapes are not appealing.
11/27/23 11:10	F1953	This is 2nd on my list of the finalists. The colors symbolize what Minnesota is, you've got the north star, and the navy shape reminds me of the shape of Minnesota.
11/27/23 11:12	F1953	F1953 is my second- or third- favorite design. I like its potential with a few modifications -- color choices and symbolism. Would be cool to see it with a more Minnesota-shaped fishtail (move the center down). It does feel a little dull in the color choices & the star is more generic/boring than some of the other star options (this design, with F1453 blue/green and F29 star, might be ideal). It feels more in the tradition of what flags look like in the world than some of the others, which is both an asset in seriousness and a challenge in standing out. Kind of bores me but the MN shape is distinctive.
11/27/23 11:13	F1953	Of the six options, I like this one the best. A key reason is the dark blue field on the left side of the flag. That is, I find it has a slight resemblance to the shape of the State of Minnesota, and I like that feature over the others.
11/27/23 11:14	F1953	I like the state silhouette on the left of the flag. Simple, no snow reference. We do not need to remind anyone it's cold here. No Snowflakes, no snow scenes.
11/27/23 11:17	F1953	I think this flag has the most potential, but I believe the green should be more of a rich forest green, (similar to this: Hex #0B6623). Additionally, I have the same thoughts for the blue. I would prefer a richer sky blue, similar to the blue that is on the current state flag.
11/27/23 11:18	F1953	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. This one almost has a Minnestoa state shape, but what does it mean ... that our state is shaped like the old Kmart Logo? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:18	F1953	Just no. Colors are odd and the state looking polygon isn't great.
11/27/23 11:19	F1953	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. This one almost has a Minnestoa state shape, but what does it mean ... that our state is shaped like the old Kmart Logo? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:22	F1953	This one is my favorite of the six, but there were much better submissions than this one. This one is too bland, and doesn't explain who/what Minnesota is.

		Is there someplace one can find an explanation of the symbolism (particularly as intended by the proposer) of the finalists? Colors, particular shapes and other details.
11/27/23 11:23	F1953	I may have already sent this but itâ€™s still here. I may not have passed the not-a-robot test.
11/27/23 11:23	F1953	I love the simplicity and imagery in this flag. The dark blue chevron looks like the outline of the state of MN. The three stripes appear to be a lake, woods, and clear skies. Every Minnesotan and visitor to MN have a photo they've taken that looks like this. The only change I would suggest is to add some yellow to the north star to give it a pop of color. The design is simple and easy to draw, yet incredibly evocative. The more I look at this flag, the more meaning I find in it.
11/27/23 11:25	F1953	Really like the relative "shape" of MN in the dark blue.
		None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water  Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")  You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?  Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.
11/27/23 11:27	F1953	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:28	F1953	Do I detect a trend here? Stencils? Really?
11/27/23 11:31	F1953	I like how the colors represent the seasons -- and the North Star (or a variation of it) would be my vote.
11/27/23 11:32	F1953	This is the only flag finalist I believe represents Minnesotas lakes. The North Star, Lakes, Forests, and Snow. This is the only flag that says the most with so little.
11/27/23 11:35	F1953	Incorporates our seasons!
11/27/23 11:38	F1953	The "shape that looks vaguely like Minnesota's borders" motif is cute, but it's wasted real estate on a flag. If we go with this design, please rework the canton-side blue shape into a regular bar along that â€œ of the flag.
11/27/23 11:38	F1953	This is the worst of them, It is too close to the LGBTIA+ flag.
11/27/23 11:38	F1953	This flag evokes Minnesota well.
11/27/23 11:39	F1953	This is fantastic!! Love the abstract shape of Minnesota and the reference to water and sky
11/27/23 11:39	F1953	I am not a Minnesotan, but I wanted to leave a comment that this is a very visually appealing flag that also creatively uses the state's silhouette. You could do a lot worse for a new flag.
11/27/23 11:42	F1953	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?
11/27/23 11:42	F1953	Switch the two blues around, Not bad design
11/27/23 11:44	F1953	There are better designs out there.
11/27/23 11:45	F1953	Love how it so badly wants to be a Texas flag, a much better run and freer state.
11/27/23 11:45	F1953	This is my number one pick for the state flag!
11/27/23 11:46	F1953	Not a good choice.
11/27/23 11:50	F1953	I love the clear, crisp colors and design of this emblem submission!
11/27/23 11:51	F1953	too harsh
11/27/23 11:51	F1953	Only one of the finalists that feels timeless. Others are too corporate. Love the colors. I believe a flag should be easily recognizable from a distance and simple enough that a kindergartener could capture its likeness. This is one of the few finalists to fulfill that. I predict this will be a flag people will actually want to wear on t shirts, which is a good thing!!! I want to show I'm proud to be a Minnesotan.
11/27/23 11:53	F1953	Is this influenced by the Uzbekistan flag? The classic "Noth Star" design, you voted out of contention is much more original than this design.
11/27/23 11:53	F1953	Like the multiple colors/designs
11/27/23 11:54	F1953	Looksmost â€˜flag-likeâ€™ of all of these?.

11/27/23 11:56	F1953	Horrible ,childlike
11/27/23 11:58	F1953	My first choice for the new flag.
11/27/23 11:58	F1953	What are we trying to copy Puerto Rico? Go back to original and stop wasting our money.
11/27/23 11:59	F1953	A outline of the state of Minnesota on right side of this flag would look good with a lake scene inside Minnesota outline or loon on Northern half of state outline . a combination of Two flags.
11/27/23 11:59	F1953	BEST BY FAR
11/27/23 12:02	F1953	This is my favorite!
11/27/23 12:04	F1953	The only design that actually looks like a flag design. That being said, this is not my favorite version of the star and the colors seem slightly off.
11/27/23 12:05	F1953	ABSOLUTELY THE BEST . It represents sky, fields, water North Star in the sky BEAUTIFULLY. This will be appreciated and can be recognized by all ages as it reflects MN nature for all cultures. It will stand the test of time and is not seen as just computer generated modern art with fancy digital images. This is the obvious choice !!
11/27/23 12:07	F1953	Acceptable
11/27/23 12:08	F1953	has potential. maybe re arrange the stripes white in middle, green on bottom and blue on top.
11/27/23 12:09	F1953	I like this design, but I think it might help if the lines between the white and green colors and the green and blue colors were wavy.
11/27/23 12:10	F1953	This is the only decent finalist, though it could be great with a few changes. The outline of our state is very distinctive and already widely used to refer to Minnesota, so we should use the shape of the state on the flag rather than this pennant, because the dark blue looks like an uppercase K. The colors are pleasing overall, but refining and softening the color palette could take this from looking like a college flag to a good state flag. I suggest lightening up the dark blue a little, changing the white stripe to a pale blue so that it won't get lost on a cloudy day, and modify the bottom blue strip to a less bright tone of blue.
11/27/23 12:12	F1953	This is an excellent design but the background color on the left of navy is all too common amongst state flags. Minnesota deserves a flag that either incorporates royal or sky blue (fitting for the "Land of the Sky Blue Waters") and not the same color as roughly half of the nation's other state flags.
11/27/23 12:12	F1953	In addition, any blue on the righthand side should likely be on the top to reflect the positioning of the sky, land, water, etc.
11/27/23 12:12	F1953	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!
11/27/23 12:15	F1953	This is my favorite flag design. Straight clean lines look the most professional
11/27/23 12:16	F1953	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:17	F1953	F1953: This one actually feels like a flag. It feels like something a country would have, not a second thought state flag. It's elevating state flag design. I like the subtle Minnesota shapeâ€”that's not a traditional flag design element, but doing it in this way is nice.
11/27/23 12:17	F1953	My First reaction, Is that a K or design to rep. the state of Mn. Attention K. Marttttt shoppers
11/27/23 12:19	F1953	Sadly I do not like any of the designs picked.You have gone from detail to blah. None of them represent our state.
11/27/23 12:19	F1953	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:21	F1953	This one is great!
11/27/23 12:21	F1953	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:22	F1953	I like the star on F29, but perhaps it can be incorporated in 1953 or 2100, otherwise I like 1953 and 2100
11/27/23 12:22	F1953	Could be the flag of a newly independent third world country.
11/27/23 12:22	F1953	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota. . Can't understand what it means
11/27/23 12:22	F1953	This is definitely the best of the finalists (not the best overall). It is one of two that can be hung vertically and still have the design be centered on the flag. The MN outline is a nice touch without being overwhelming. The one change I would make would be to have 32 points on the North Star.
11/27/23 12:23	F1953	A outline of the state of Minnesota on right side of this flag would look good with a lake scene inside Minnesota outline or loon on Northern half of state outline . a combination of Two flags that I have seen submitted.
11/27/23 12:26	F1953	Make the dark blue section look more MN state-shaped, and use the star from design F29. Another idea: Add a tiny loon silhouette floating on the sky blue "lake" section.
11/27/23 12:26	F1953	This is terrible. They are all just bad.
11/27/23 12:26	F1953	This design is derivative, the execution is tacky and amateurish. The colors are terrible.



11/27/23 12:28	F1953	This is my favorite. I'd like it even better if the top stripe and star were golden yellow.
11/27/23 12:28	F1953	Second best to the snowflake. May just need a color tweak.
11/27/23 12:30	F1953	Yes, this one! It has the north star, depicts lakes and green spaces, and contains the general shape of the state of MN. Would be easily identifiable as ours in a group of 50 flags. Pick this one.
11/27/23 12:31	F1953	I thought it was supposed to have meaning. No.
11/27/23 12:33	F1953	This design feels pretty generic. Do the color stripes have any particular meaning? Why are there three of them? This design only works if there's solid logic behind its construction.
11/27/23 12:35	F1953	This is my close to first favorite design. The color block on the left resembles the outline of the state of Minnesota;the light blue reflects the more than 11,000 lakes, and the green resembles the forests.
11/27/23 12:38	F1953	North Star Puerto Rico?
11/27/23 12:39	F1953	A color besides green would benefit this flag greatly!
11/27/23 12:41	F1953	Classic design. This won't look dated in 10, 20, 50, or 100 years. The colors make sense for our snow, crops, and lakes. The field with the north star in the night sky shaped like our state is clever. It's not what I would have designed myself, but a very thoughtful and attractive design. So much was packed into this clean and simple flag! It would be beautiful flying just below our country's distinctive flag.
11/27/23 12:42	F1953	I love how it brings together the state shape, North Star, and land + water
11/27/23 12:44	F1953	F1953 is by far the most recognizable as a flag, includes multiple colors and a north star symbol, all allowing for a centered design. The other designs may be flawed in their ability to be perfectly centered with respect to the rest of the symbols/colors. The only thing would be to be consistent with the blue and green colors currently used by MN state.
11/27/23 12:44	F1953	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:45	F1953	I like it because it somewhat looks like the shape of MN.
11/27/23 12:45	F1953	What do the colors symbolize? Looks more like a "flag" than the others but really I don't see anything other than a star that maybe makes me think minnesota. It almost looks like it's from another country.
11/27/23 12:48	F1953	I suggest you start over. There is nothing about any of the choices that represent Minnesota! Who appointed this commission?
11/27/23 12:49	F1953	This is the best option, it works well both horizontally and vertically. When viewed vertically the flag has an arrow pointing to the start helping give the impression of it being the North Star. The stripes represent the state well. The design is simple overall, easy to identify at a distance, and looks great
11/27/23 12:50	F1953	I don't think this on represents MN well enough
11/27/23 12:51	F1953	What am I looking at here? This does not represent Minnesota. Where are the LOONS? WHERE ARE PINE TREES? WHERE ARE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS? LADYSLIPPERS? This design represents nothing. Are you trying to sell a Tshirt? YUCK.
11/27/23 12:51	F1953	I like this, but it reminds me of the Texas flag
11/27/23 12:51	F1953	NO, it says nothing about our state. What is with just geometric designs. They say nothing!!
		F29: I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isn't great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.
		F944:This one is nice too. The swoops are water, air, land, sky, aurora, loons, trying to be a lot of things. Either give the loons some eyes or change the shape so its more solidly not representing an animal along with everything else. Maybe make the white green for land or multicolored for aurora?
		F1154: I don't like this one at all. I think its just too many shapes all at once.
		F1435: Is it a yellow snowflake over green flowers or a weird yellow sun over green flowers? rice plants? If its a sun, make it a circle. if it's a snowflake make it white. If the green part is a flower give it a second color for the bloom. if it is rice clean up the design and make it beige.
11/27/23 12:52	F1953	F1953: I like it. No notes.
11/27/23 12:54	F1953	Love the State shape and colors that represent snow, forest, and water.

11/27/23 12:54	F1953	This is probably the best one of the final six, although I think there were other ones that were better than this.
11/27/23 12:55	F1953	This flag design looks very similar to the Texas flag. The star shape doesn't seem to work well. The star could be placed higher in the canton of the flag. I give this flag a grade "C".
11/27/23 12:55	F1953	This is the best of the flag options presented but additional choices should be made available. The flag should represent more of Minnesota, like the shape, which this design begins to do or other features like the state bird.
11/27/23 12:55	F1953	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:56	F1953	No way, what does this show? Looks like an Afticam Mid east flag
11/27/23 12:56	F1953	This needs an explanation as to why these colors and style are being used. Looks like colorblind mode was left on.
11/27/23 12:56	F1953	This is a good flag and is understandable as a flag, not a logo. I would like to see a star similar to the design in F2100 but this is in my top two.
11/27/23 12:56	F1953	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!
11/27/23 12:57	F1953	F1953 is the best of the flag options presented but additional choices should be made available. The flag should represent more of Minnesota, like the shape, which this design begins to do or other features like the state bird. F430 should also have been considered as a finalist.
11/27/23 13:00	F1953	I find that this submission is the best choice out of the 6. While I think the blue flag with the North Star in the middle looks better, this one is my second choice and it works better as a flag as it'll be easier to identify on a flagpole with no wind, and the other one might just look like a blue blob;similar problem to our old flag.
11/27/23 13:00	F1953	Nope
11/27/23 13:02	F1953	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture;things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 13:02	F1953	I like this one
11/27/23 13:04	F1953	I love that F1953 includes the shape of our State! It kind of reminds me of a flag I've already seen. So I think it could be combined with F2200 for a more modern unique look.
		<p>This is definitely my favorite flag.</p> <p>The inclusion of colored stripes feels so original but also very American. The star on the right hand side is very visible when hanging from a pole.</p> <p>Unlike some of the other designs this one is symbolic in multiple ways, it includes the star, the shape of our state, water, snow, and land in terms of colors. It's a very exciting flag conceptually. I love that it is so thought out and original.</p> <p>Looking at each design on FlagWaver I think this one visually looks the most striking and identifiable when in movement.</p> <p>I have been scoping reactions in the vexillology Reddit and my perception has been that this design has the most potential, but may need colors re-worked. I think the proposed change #2 with the green stripe on top improves the design quite a bit.</p>
11/27/23 13:04	F1953	I hope the committee will seriously consider this design. Thank you.
11/27/23 13:07	F1953	This is my preference over the others
11/27/23 13:07	F1953	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:09	F1953	Would like to swap the green and white stripes so the white is in the middle. Love this design though.
11/27/23 13:11	F1953	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:12	F1953	Most interesting design with a "hidden Minnesota". Easily marketable in clothing, meaning it's identifiable, and you definitely will think "oh! Minnesota!".
11/27/23 13:13	F1953	The only one that doesn't look like a Christmas card. But really none of them are worthy of a state flag!
11/27/23 13:15	F1953	This one is ok, and I could live with it. I like the colors, but it feels like it could be mistaken for a lot of other flags out there (not unlike the Puerto Rico flag and Cuban flag, and probably others that are similar).
11/27/23 13:16	F1953	This is the best out of the final selections, in my opinion.

11/27/23 13:16	F1953	Don' let the haters get you down. Love that we have something other than a bedsheet with a star on it. I like that it can be horizontal or vertical. I would update the star. Maybe the star-flake can be added, even if you don't wan to add another color.
11/27/23 13:17	F1953	Canâ€™t believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:17	F1953	Just donâ€™t like
11/27/23 13:21	F1953	Middle East? Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L.!
11/27/23 13:22	F1953	I like this design best for our new state flag! I like how the dark blue shape on the left looks a bit like the outline of our state.
11/27/23 13:22	F1953	This is my favorite. Follows good flag design(can be hung horizontally or vertically, can be identified either blowing or not blowing, simple design, easily recognizable) and I like the four colors! I also think the dark blue color resembles the state of MN. Total win on this design!!
11/27/23 13:23	F1953	Libia for sure Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L.!
11/27/23 13:30	F1953	Design has nothing to do with MN - What is it even supposed to be?
11/27/23 13:32	F1953	I think this flag captures the essence of what it means to be a Minnesotan
11/27/23 13:36	F1953	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, i have to say i HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:38	F1953	Really crappy!
11/27/23 13:39	F1953	Feels distinct and effectively uses symbolism while still using conventional flag design. An interesting choice that could benefit this flag is replacing this flagâ€™s star with F29â€™s
11/27/23 13:40	F1953	This is my favorite of the submitted flags, but I would prefer the dark blue be changed to look more like the shape of Minnesota than the letter K. Our shape is iconic and a simplified version would be an easy include.
11/27/23 13:40	F1953	Like like a random Caribbean or African flag. It's reminiscent of the flag of Sierra Leone. Smacks of colonialism and the general anthesis of democracy. Also boring, Uninspiring, offers only a start for interest, which only represents abstract and miniscule positive aspects of mn.
11/27/23 13:41	F1953	best one of the bunch of clip art submissions
11/27/23 13:43	F1953	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group
11/27/23 13:43	F1953	This is the best of the worst!!!! This is what should be done. I do have a landscape design background and what I'm proposing is enlarging the star, changing the color to gold (more like the sun) and move it up into the upper left corner of this flag. Centered of course at the mid-point of the vertical line and corner of the indent (center) Then place a Loon in the center of that star with the natural colors that a Loon processes. I believe you'd have a winner. After looking at and voting on the proposed seals, I would like to see that seal that I voted on to be the center of our new flag.
11/27/23 13:44	F1953	Feels like a flag but falls in the middle of choices for me - I do like the star, blue for water, green for forests / state parks / agriculture and white for snow.
11/27/23 13:44	F1953	Not great: at a glance this looks like a different country's flag (not one specific one, but the three horizontal bars with a chevron coming in from the side of the flagpole, sometimes with a star in it, is a common design for many different countries, making it very evocative of Africa and the Middle East, similar to how the large number of cross-flag submissions was evocative of Scandinavia, without directly being a specific Scandinavian flag). In the case of the Chevron+Stripes flags, the thing which makes them work is the specific symbolism behind the colors, and nothing of the sort has been provided here (I could guess forests, lakes for the green and blue, but have no idea what the gray is meant to be for). Furthermore, the specific shades chosen are not good;of the four colors, there are two different blues, The navy and green look good together, but neither of them look good with the pale blue, and when you add in the gray, it ends up looking like a dingy off-white, and the whole flag looks like it's been run through the wash too many times.
11/27/23 13:44	F1953	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents.
11/27/23 13:45	F1953	Like this design the best, but the star should be on the north side of the state outline. Not in the middle.
11/27/23 13:46	F1953	Mainly I don't like the white area. It is not clear what that is. It represents sky, fields, North Star in the sky but a white rectangle does not suggest water. If the horizontal lines were curved like in F#2100 that would be good representations of landscape. It best speak to all ages as it reflects MN nature for all cultures and will stand the test of time. It is simple but does not appear digitalized or too abstract.
11/27/23 13:46	F1953	I like F1953. It reflects Minnesota colors and imagery. It resembles Texas's flag, which is widely loved and flown in TX. The stripes will look nice flying. I think when actually on a flagpole, the other designs won't be as recognizable or clear.
11/27/23 13:49	F1953	Love this one the most. Can easily see the reasons behind the design choices and the entire design highlights our state.

11/27/23 13:50	F1953	Kinda like this one. The left side looks like the shape of Minnesota and the sky, land and water lines are nice. My fave overall. This is it!!
11/27/23 13:50	F1953	The colors seem to clash. Also, not much different than the previous selections that I viewed with no detail or creativity.
11/27/23 13:50	F1953	Great submission. Iconic and distinct. Simple enough to reproduce at any size without being boring.
11/27/23 13:51	F1953	This one is okay but second place for me after F29.
11/27/23 13:52	F1953	Very boring. Nothing to do with Minnesota at all. Very very dull
11/27/23 13:53	F1953	Looks like a military flag. Ugh.
11/27/23 13:56	F1953	Finally looks like a state flag, this one I can see
11/27/23 13:57	F1953	This one is a better one and looks like a flag. I think the color palette is rather uninteresting. Nevertheless one of the better choices of these.
11/27/23 13:58	F1953	While I like the look and feel of this, is it too similar to the Texas flag?
11/27/23 14:00	F1953	Simple and elegant
11/27/23 14:02	F1953	Better than most of the other finalists. Flip-flop the white and green stripes to have the center strip be white to match up with the North Star on the left.
11/27/23 14:03	F1953	North Star with randomly colored stripes (sky, trees, water?) This flag could be from any other state.
11/27/23 14:06	F1953	Hate it! Don't have any idea what this is supposed to represent. This the lamest of all!
11/27/23 14:06	F1953	I love this design because it's something that students can draw! Pride in ones home state is important, so choosing a design that's easy for kids to replicate is my top concern. That said, the dark blue flag with the light blue and white "swish" (F944) and the one that looks like plants (F1435) are too complicated for little ones to replicate. I vote for F1953 or F2100. Plus, these would be very cool designs on clothing for tourists!
11/27/23 14:09	F1953	This is the most flag like flag of the bunch. So, I like that. I like the colors and the north star. Overall, it's in my top three.
11/27/23 14:09	F1953	Out of all the options, this is the best choice I believe. The colors are great, the symbols reflect all minnesotans, and it's one that would be instantly recognizable when seen. I'd even fly it outside my apartment. I really hope this one is chosen as the finalist!!
11/27/23 14:12	F1953	looks similar to other countries' flags - not necessarily the color, but the pattern
11/27/23 14:12	F1953	Indicates nothing about Minnesota. Please reject this. Let's not rally around the banal geometric patterns.
11/27/23 14:13	F1953	Yuck, is this the same person just submitting ideas under different names.
11/27/23 14:14	F1953	Like the simplicity of the design, you have colors that represent Minnesota, and you have the North Star.
11/27/23 14:14	F1953	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region. Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this. How about something that represents nature?? Our state flora/fauna. The star is boring on all of these. How many flags already use the same crap?
11/27/23 14:14	F1953	Not a choice! Ugly design! Definitely no!
11/27/23 14:15	F1953	I like this flag the best because it has the MN state shape and the star on the left.
11/27/23 14:15	F1953	More than any of the other designs, this flag ticks all of the boxes of iconic design. It has the North Star, the stylized outline of MN on the left, the sky-land-water representation on the right, all while maintaining a simple, clean and balanced design. Out of the finalists, this flag stands above the rest and will look great not only flying over official buildings but also on merchandise, something that can't be said about our current flag.
11/27/23 14:17	F1953	It's ok, but I'm still not liking it.
11/27/23 14:18	F1953	Something wrong with the old flag? This has no tradition and no meaning at all. Total lack of any significance.
11/27/23 14:20	F1953	This one is basically South Sudan, Cuba or Jordan with different colors and a Christmas card-like star (to be fair, Jordan's is too). Or, Djibouti missing a stripe and again a Christmas card star. Also, like the others, relatively boring but it is more flag-like than some. Did no one submit something like the old North Stars logo but an MN and a Loon on top or something along those lines?
11/27/23 14:21	F1953	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:21	F1953	F1953 has a good design and good colors. My only suggestion is maybe reducing the number of stripes to two instead of three, although that might invite unwanted comparisons to the Texas flag.
11/27/23 14:22	F1953	This is one of my favorites. I like the simplicity, the colors, and the style.
11/27/23 14:23	F1953	Still a big NO.
11/27/23 14:24	F1953	This is probably my favorite flag submission out of all of them, but I think the north star is a little bland. If you made the star the same one from the F29 submission I think it would be much better.

11/27/23 14:24	F1953	This looks like a foreign country
11/27/23 14:26	F1953	Not interesting.
11/27/23 14:29	F1953	This is best flag option, but I think star should be yellow.
11/27/23 14:30	F1953	Don't like it at all
11/27/23 14:36	F1953	This would be my second choice for a state flag.
11/27/23 14:36	F1953	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:38	F1953	I like the overall design of this flag. The dark blue really evokes the shape of MN to me. I'm not sold on specific light blue and green used. I mocked up a version that replaces the star with the star from F29 and I think that the two combined would be a really awesome flag.
11/27/23 14:38	F1953	This one is SOOOO good. I love it. I love that it incorporates the shape of the state in it. We have an unusual state shape—let's celebrate it! I also like that it's different than a lot of other options.
11/27/23 14:39	F1953	F1953 looks like something from a boat. Meh.
11/27/23 14:39	F1953	Interesting but seems like a country's flag. I think I'd like yellow on the bottom, green in the middle, blue on top - land, trees, sky. Or southern MN fields, northern MN trees, water....
11/27/23 14:41	F1953	As a parent and a teacher, I really like this one as the shape of Minnesota is within the flag and the different shades of the colors are easier but still hard for my son to see. This is our number one choice (family of 12)
11/27/23 14:43	F1953	This is a terrible design, keep what we have
11/27/23 14:45	F1953	Other than the star, what does this one have to do with Minnesota?
11/27/23 14:46	F1953	This is my second favorite option
11/27/23 14:48	F1953	This is by far the best design. Personally, I feel it's more of the same with a central seal and then just a ton of wasted space. This one displays the states outline, represents the north star state, as well as provides much more in colorfulness. As a proud born and raised Minnesotan (best state in the union) my vote (if anyone cares) is for the flag F1953. It's just a beaut, and differs from the rest, I also feel it is the most "Minnesotan" looking of them all.
11/27/23 14:49	F1953	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:50	F1953	This is the only one that actually looks like a flag! The other five are not relatable at all. They look more like what you would see on kids' stickers or wallpaper. Almost cartoonish. I would be embarrassed if one of them would be chosen.
11/27/23 14:52	F1953	This is absolutely awful. No discredit to the artist. It looks like a country flag from another continent. What significance does this have to Minnesota - even the colors are off? Same comment as the other flag concepts: Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence? These all look like elementary school projects.
11/27/23 14:57	F1953	Like this one best
11/27/23 14:59	F1953	Don't love it, not in my top three
11/27/23 14:59	F1953	This one is my preference.
11/27/23 15:03	F1953	F1953 is the least terrible design that was chosen. Start over and do better.
11/27/23 15:04	F1953	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:05	F1953	I like the color depicting green foliage, white snow and blue waters. With the seal this is a keeper.
11/27/23 15:07	F1953	This one's my personal favorite. Generally I've seen a lot of support for the F29 one, but this design seems to be the most accepted alternative. Maybe use the star from F29 as the star for this flag? My only complaint is that the tricolors are ordered in a weird way, but I think that's just personal preference.
11/27/23 15:07	F1953	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:08	F1953	This is the best design of a flag out of the lot. Again, the other designs look like quilt pieces.
		Here is a flag that is symbolic, clean, official, and "looks" the part.
11/27/23 15:10	F1953	My only critique would be to change the light blue to a "snow blue" or "ice blue". The current color looks like a child's toy color.
11/27/23 15:13	F1953	This looks too much like foreign several country flags... E.G: Jordan. Colors/contrast too intense.
11/27/23 15:16	F1953	Best of the finalists. Design looks like a flag.

11/27/23 15:16	F1953	This would be my choice for the State Flag - I like the way the dark blue half of the flag slightly resembles the shape of our state, with the blue, green and white representing our lakes, forests and I guess our snow. But I also believe that Seal Submission number S224 would make a great State Flag.
11/27/23 15:18	F1953	This is my favorite flag, the rest are too simple
11/27/23 15:23	F1953	I like having a kind of Minnesota shape in the flag design
11/27/23 15:23	F1953	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:26	F1953	The blue color is too close in resembling the color of a different country's flag that it would not be appropriate to have on the state flag of the United States of America. There is nothing here that garners any respect. No thank you.
11/27/23 15:27	F1953	:)
11/27/23 15:32	F1953	This one strikes a chord. Reminds me of the Texas State flag, which I like as well. My top choice, for what it's worth.
11/27/23 15:36	F1953	Of the finalists, a close second to my favorite. Most importantly, it looks like a flag design, not a quilt. I also like that the dark blue has the general shape of the state. It feels like a Minnesota-specific variant of having a triangle/arrow shape on the left, which seems to be somewhat common in flag designs. I don't know about the colors of the stripes though. It feels like they're maybe supposed to represent something, but it's not clear what they represent. I could see the green being trees or land. The blue could be water, but it's a much lighter blue than you'd ever see in a body of water. I have no good guesses on the white. So the stripe colors feel like they're missing meaning.
11/27/23 15:37	F1953	Easily the best of the finalists. Looks like a proper flag but also unique at the same time. The others are either too basic or have too much going on.
11/27/23 15:39	F1953	I do not associate this image with Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:39	F1953	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:40	F1953	BORING
11/27/23 15:41	F1953	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:42	F1953	Of the six finalists, this design is the one that most clearly indicates that it represents Minnesota and that is why I prefer it. The others are OK, but nothing about them stands out as being about our state in particular.
11/27/23 15:47	F1953	I could favor the geometrical pattern with an updated color scheme that is more vibrant and brilliant
11/27/23 15:48	F1953	This one is the best!
11/27/23 15:50	F1953	I support this design.
11/27/23 15:54	F1953	Thumbs down 👎
11/27/23 16:01	F1953	Of the finalists, this is the only option that somewhat references the unique shape of our state's geographic borders. I'm sure those in the NW triangle and the Red River bump out would not be pleased to be discarded. But in my opinion, any flag that does not incorporate the shape of the state is missing out on an opportunity to create a immediately recognizable flag. It's also not at all clear what the color in the top stripe represents.
11/27/23 16:01	F1953	This star looks like a nativity star representing Christianity. I'd rather our state stay away from that.
11/27/23 16:03	F1953	This is the best choice. The Navy shape in this one - is very similar to the Minnesota state shape. This is the one. Beautiful. Love the design. Love the colors.
11/27/23 16:05	F1953	This is my fifth choice out of 6 flags and I hope it is not chosen.
11/27/23 16:07	F1953	I think Seal S147 would look good with this flag design
11/27/23 16:08	F1953	None of these flag designs represent Minnesota
11/27/23 16:08	F1953	My second choice
11/27/23 16:09	F1953	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:09	F1953	NO!

		<p>If the commission does not pick F29, I think this is the only other finalist that has the elements of a great flag design.</p> <p>The other flags, in my opinion, would be a complete mistake.</p>
11/27/23 16:11	F1953	I ultimately prefer F29 over this flag as I think itâ€™s symbolism represents Minnesota a bit better than this one, and I also prefer the design aesthetic.
11/27/23 16:11	F1953	This one PLEASE ! Recognizable MN shape! Change the white to BRIGHT YELLOW GOLD!! LOVE IT!!âœ“ It's THE BEST!!
11/27/23 16:13	F1953	Of the finalists, I prefer this one, though I wish the colors were more saturated. I appreciate the minnesota shape in the left of the field, and it's just overall a clean, smart design.
11/27/23 16:19	F1953	I specially like this design over the rest. It is the unique unconventional shape on the hoist side that resembles the shape of the state of Minnesota. I can see this flag becoming a true symbol of the state like other state flags with unconventional shapes (Ohio and Colorado) and its simple enough to where it can be easily replicated.
11/27/23 16:19	F1953	The colors are pleasing and representative of Minnesotan identity.
11/27/23 16:19	F1953	Colors could be slightly brighter, and the bars feel a little off balance. I would do blue at the top, white in the middle, green at the bottom. Otherwise, very nice flag.
11/27/23 16:22	F1953	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.
11/27/23 16:23	F1953	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing? How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:24	F1953	The canton North Star is an attractive feature of this design. There is too little color contrast, due in part to the choice of two different shades of blue. Although I understand the appeal of the swallowtail canton in that it evokes the shape of the state of Minnesota, that design element somehow seems more appropriate to a national flag than to a state flag
11/27/23 16:24	F1953	Out of the six finalists, this is the least embarrassing. I think we could do better than this.
11/27/23 16:30	F1953	this is my preference, but I feel it would be improved by making the star yellow, and possibly moving the indent of the dark blue portion up to where the green and white bands meet to better suggest the stateâ€™s geographic outline, if that does not throw off the design symmetry. Thank you!
11/27/23 16:32	F1953	Give the lack of diverse choices in the state flag finalists. This is the best of bunch. I'm not sure what the colors represent. It appears we have the state shape with the north star, the blue for water, the green for nature and the white for (?). Seems to hit most cylinders.
11/27/23 16:32	F1953	I feel that all of the flag designs, while created by talented artists, are too abstract. I suppose this could be a third choice for me. I really am not fond of any of the finalists.
11/27/23 16:38	F1953	THIS is my first choice .
11/27/23 16:40	F1953	This flag is GREAT. Particularly the color ways. Probably my 2nd favorite of the finalists
11/27/23 16:42	F1953	THIS my first choice..
11/27/23 16:47	F1953	This one PLEASE! Recognizable MN shape. Please change the white to BRIGHT YELLOW GOLD! The BEST! LOVE IT! âœ“
11/27/23 16:48	F1953	This one looks nice!
11/27/23 16:48	F1953	Terrible. Too generic. There needs to be a loon on the flag!
11/27/23 16:48	F1953	This is my favorite among the flag designs.
11/27/23 16:48	F1953	This one PLEASE! Recognizable MN shape. Please change the white to BRIGHT YELLOW GOLD! The BEST! LOVE IT! âœ“
11/27/23 16:49	F1953	F1953 is my favorite among the flag designs.
11/27/23 16:52	F1953	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. Where are the lakes, trees, and farmland? What do the 8 points represent on the star? This looks too much like a flag from the Middle East.
11/27/23 16:54	F1953	This is my favorite! I think the design is balanced and accessible, and would be easily recreated on any type of medium or size. I like the way the stripes represent our stateâ€™s most iconic view - water surrounded by trees - in a subtle but effective way. I think it has the most classic, timeless look of all of the designs while not being overly traditional with the color scheme. Just one personâ€™s opinion - I love it!
11/27/23 16:57	F1953	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota

11/27/23 17:00	F1953	This is my favorite of these finalists. It has the 3 essential colors for MN, blue green and white, it has the north star and the star doesn't make me think of baby Jesus which is a good thing.
11/27/23 17:03	F1953	Overall strong design and I like the chevron shape has a resemblance to Minnesota. Consider swapping the placement of the white and green line for better balance. (F1953)
11/27/23 17:04	F1953	Good design, one of the better ones, suggestion to get rid of the light blue color as the dark blue can represent water/lake already, fours colors seems a little too much. Suggestion to change the design of he Northstar, to make it more stand out and unique for Minnesota (the 8 pointed start that resembles "M" might be better)
11/27/23 17:07	F1953	This looks too much like the Puerto Rican flag.
11/27/23 17:08	F1953	I appreciate this one. I like the different colors on the edge. Maybe put the StarFlake or SnowStar from F29 to replace the white star on this one?
11/27/23 17:12	F1953	This is by far my favorite of the finalists. I think there is room for improvement, such as changing the colors a bit, but overall it's a strong design that would look good in a variety of situations.
11/27/23 17:13	F1953	I do not like the dark area. It reminds me of the flag of Sudan and some other countries. I think there is a general lack of symbolism in all the submissions. We are not just lakes, snow and sky. Agriculture is the largest economic engine in the state. It needs representation! 87 counties and 1858 should be represented also. Back to square one and start over!
11/27/23 17:13	F1953	I like this flag design the best of the finalists.
11/27/23 17:14	F1953	I like this one the best. It's simple but includes a similar boot shape of the state, the North Star, water color for lakes, green for land/trees and air/white snow.
11/27/23 17:15	F1953	test 1953
11/27/23 17:21	F1953	This one is pretty neutral. Would be a decent flag.
11/27/23 17:22	F1953	This one is nice.
11/27/23 17:23	F1953	Wow, love this flag. Subtle yet symbolic
11/27/23 17:25	F1953	This flag at least has the State of Minnesota on it but whatâ€™s with the Origami star on it? . Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and Iâ€™ve lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:29	F1953	I like F1953 a lot. The shape on the left reminds me of Minnesota (which was the intention, I'm sure) and the three stripes are a color combo that is unique among other flags.
11/27/23 17:30	F1953	Would not select. Looks to similar to the Texas State flag.
11/27/23 17:31	F1953	No. This looks like a flag for a foreign country.
11/27/23 17:35	F1953	I like that this one shows white for snow, blue for the lakes and green for our lovely spring and summer.
11/27/23 17:44	F1953	LOVE!!!
11/27/23 17:45	F1953	Not enough pattern for a state flag
11/27/23 17:46	F1953	I like the overall design, but the colors should be altered to include a gold north star and deeper/richer blue and green elements.
11/27/23 17:48	F1953	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:49	F1953	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:50	F1953	This might be my favorite one! I like the colors and how the chevron kind of looks like the shape of Minnesota.
11/27/23 17:52	F1953	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:53	F1953	This is close. Simple, strong shapes. Itâ€™s one color too many
11/27/23 17:55	F1953	Love this! It symbolizes the northern star and all the seasons of MN in a well thought out design and tasteful color pallet.
11/27/23 17:55	F1953	This design looks like it should be flying from the back of a boat!
11/27/23 17:57	F1953	This one is very pretty, but also a bit boring. It feels a little generic. I like the colors, though.
11/27/23 18:00	F1953	So BLAH... The choices are so disappointing...
11/27/23 18:01	F1953	I think this version would capture our beautiful state~ the outline of our state, our North Star, water and growth~ all things we hold dear!
11/27/23 18:02	F1953	Maybe on the right track. I'll suggest pine green, a blue stripe for water, a DNR brown stripe representing ground, another blue, Sky blue with some white brush-strokes representing clouds.
11/27/23 18:03	F1953	Nothing about this design says "Minnesota". DO OVER!!
11/27/23 18:08	F1953	This one wins
11/27/23 18:09	F1953	Most interesting of the limited design options. Like the water, land, air, star and what reminds me of an abstracted state shape.
11/27/23 18:09	F1953	Looking to be another lone star state? The colors just don't go together.



11/27/23 18:13	F1953	Third world banana republic
11/27/23 18:14	F1953	This looks like one of those naval ensigns you would see on a commercial fishing boat.
11/27/23 18:14	F1953	Who picked these colors? Why are they all the same, no warmth or reflections on our Minnesota seasons.
11/27/23 18:17	F1953	Yes. Thank you.
11/27/23 18:17	F1953	Not my favorite, but I would be okay with this flag. I feel like the star being gold would be a better choice than repeating the white, but this is decent.
11/27/23 18:18	F1953	Why use the Star of Bethlehem? This does not seem appropriate. A "star of the north" or "l'etoile du nord" would be more neutral than the stars in this set of selections. Neutral would be seven, or maybe eleven points, or even five points that were compressed so the star doesn't look like a military or wiccan star. I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. I distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). We need a flag that's distinctive, not a flag that needs to be explained. I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:20	F1953	I think this is the best flag option out of the top 6.
11/27/23 18:23	F1953	Lame
11/27/23 18:35	F1953	The is unique looking flag. The flag has all the elements Minnesota flag should have, the star, the green for land, blue for the lakes and white for the snow.
11/27/23 18:40	F1953	F1953 has some merit, especially with the abstract representation of the shape of Minnesota in blue on the left, but if that's Minnesota we're giving a lot of focus to Brainerd, and though it's my home town it's not the North Star city. The upper right white stripe weakens the design. If we have to have this one, the stripes would be better as light blue top, green center, light blue bottom, so the sky blue waters below balance the sky blue sky above the center fields and forests. The eight pointed star might be better as a Dakota star, but after making all of those changes it might just be too fussy and complex. I think the abstract shape of the state will be a real point of contention and controversy with literalists, especially since the star and stripes will imply city locations, Lake Superior, Wisconsin, etc. Why choose this when we have a better alternative in bold, clear, and simple F1154?
11/27/23 18:41	F1953	This looks like a flag, but I'm not sure how it represents MN.
11/27/23 18:43	F1953	No!!
11/27/23 18:48	F1953	My favorite.
11/27/23 18:56	F1953	Looks like a National/Country flag not a State flag, again no!
11/27/23 18:56	F1953	The star doesn't look like a flag star
11/27/23 19:00	F1953	Aboslutely no. Looks too much like a country flag, not a state flag.
11/27/23 19:01	F1953	I believe this one exemplifies our state. The graphic shape on the left, the colors for lake, land and sky...it's just perfect
11/27/23 19:03	F1953	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:04	F1953	This flag is one of the few commissions that not only looks great but follows the 5 step to making a good flag.
11/27/23 19:06	F1953	This is the best one! Straight lines, super easy to reproduce, but still very unique and Minnesotan. This is fantastic flag design. This is the one we should use.
11/27/23 19:09	F1953	Best of the bunch! L'etoile du Nord!
11/27/23 19:11	F1953	The dumbest one of the bunch! Pac-man!
11/27/23 19:16	F1953	I think if this flag used the star from F29, it would be perfect. It's a clever design with good colors.
11/27/23 19:16	F1953	I like this one.
11/27/23 19:22	F1953	This would've been so much better. If the bottom stripe were a pale blue, the middle stripe green, and the top stripe a deeper blue instead of white. The sky isn't white.
11/27/23 19:24	F1953	I want to defer to what Ted Kaye said about this flag. It has potential but isn't very inspiring.
11/27/23 19:24	F1953	Distinctive, clean and unique. But still symmetrical, and easy to draw from memory. It will be recognizable at rest and in the wind. Easily my favorite of the finalists!
11/27/23 19:25	F1953	This one
11/27/23 19:26	F1953	Try again looks like Irans flag
11/27/23 19:26	F1953	F1953 - 10/10 no notes. It even works with just the Minnesota shape. We could have a unique flag shape like Ohio or Nepal.
11/27/23 19:28	F1953	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:30	F1953	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.

11/27/23 19:35	F1953	Too much like Texas or Puerto Rico for my liking. Basically seems like a recolor of those.
11/27/23 19:40	F1953	Too simple
11/27/23 19:42	F1953	Please pick this one, perfect for the flag
11/27/23 19:43	F1953	This looks more like the flag of a country than a state.
11/27/23 19:46	F1953	All of these flags are absolutely horrible. This is the best you all can come up with. What an Embarrassment to our great state. Keep the flag we have and stop with all this WOKE crap. How about we have a kindergarten class design a flag, it would be better than these!!! Your all should be ashamed to put forth these as options!
11/27/23 19:50	F1953	Thank you for inviting public comments on the new designs. They are all lovely! This one looks the most flag-ish (and I hope does not look too similar to any other country's flag). A close runner-up would be F1154. I also really like F944 and F29 but wonder if they resemble corporate logos too much when out of context. F944, especially, could be the logo for an energy company though I really like the inclusion of the river / water. Hats off to the commission and artists who got us this far!
11/27/23 19:53	F1953	Garbage
11/27/23 19:53	F1953	This flag is my favorite. Love the design, I would maybe like to see the star moved to the upper left corner.
11/27/23 19:56	F1953	The dark blue looks like a K. I like this one the least. Bland and boring. Pass
11/27/23 19:57	F1953	My vote for state flag. Simple and memorable.
11/27/23 19:59	F1953	Meh. Maybe jazz up the star
11/27/23 19:59	F1953	The dark blue looks like a K. I like this one the least. Bland, boring, generic.
11/27/23 20:00	F1953	This is the only finalist that says "Minnesota" to me, because of the dark blue field. Some of the others look like quilt blocks.
11/27/23 20:00	F1953	no - ugly
11/27/23 20:01	F1953	This is my preferred choice for state flag design.
11/27/23 20:08	F1953	Maybe, but still abstract.
11/27/23 20:10	F1953	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:10	F1953	This is my favorite finalist! It's simple, unique to Minnesota, and easily recognizable from a distance whether the flag is waving or not. The colors could use a little more contrast. I'd love this design even more if the star was replaced by the icon from F29.
11/27/23 20:11	F1953	This sucks
11/27/23 20:18	F1953	No thanks does not represent Minnesota in any way. I would not look at this and think Oh that's Minnesota. With all we have to offer to be put on a flag this is it.
11/27/23 20:18	F1953	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:20	F1953	Too simplistic and not dignified . Says NOTHING about MN. The colors say nothing. Looks like out of a preschool coloring book
11/27/23 20:24	F1953	This one is ok..and looks like a flag but beyond the star for the North Star state....what does it have to do with Minnesota?
11/27/23 20:24	F1953	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:24	F1953	Best
11/27/23 20:26	F1953	Looks like the flag of a communist country..
11/27/23 20:26	F1953	This submission is okay. Probably the second best one. I like the subtle shape of MN in this one.
11/27/23 20:28	F1953	NOT THIS ONE it looks like communist country flag
11/27/23 20:29	F1953	I don't mind the pattern of F1953, and I particularly like how the shape of the state is invoked, if abstractly. But the colors aren't inspiring enough. My own design, by the way (which, regrettably, I didn't create until after the deadline) has a geometric shape on the left, closer to the state's actual shape than this design, and in bold green. It has with dark blue above a line extending to the right from the confluence of the St. Croix and Mississippi, and blue-gray (representing the sky-tinted waters) below that line. Instead of being inside the state shape, the star is on the right side of the flag, directly to the right of the state's point at Grand Portage, and is yellow rather than white. Please consider it!
11/27/23 20:33	F1953	This style is cool.
11/27/23 20:36	F1953	Option 5 looks like a credit union bank

11/27/23 20:38	F1953	This flag design demonstrates a clean and memorable design by incorporating all symbols of our state including its shape. Students or anyone who would like to draw the states flag would be able to do so because of its impregnable design.
11/27/23 20:40	F1953	Design F1953 is one of only two serviceable finalist designs. This one stands out for simplicity, clarity, subtle symbolism, continuity with currently acceptable US state flags, while being able to stand out from the pack. I would suggest the following edits: 1) richer dark blue near the hoist, 2) color the star yellow, 3) eliminate the sky blue, 4) make the tricolor symmetrically colored: ie. dark rich green at top and bottom, white in middle.
11/27/23 20:40	F1953	This is my favorite of the bunch but I feel like the colors need to be bolder. The white Star well be construed as a snowflake but it is not scientifically accurate. Snowflakes have 6 sided symmetry.
11/27/23 20:43	F1953	Looks like a blue and green flag from Texas.
11/27/23 20:44	F1953	This flag is boring and forgettable
11/27/23 20:47	F1953	This is the best one but change the order of the colors on the right! Make it blue on top, white in middle, and green on bottom. White on top will get lost
11/27/23 20:47	F1953	I vote for F1953. It is a nice balance of substantial yet simple, whereas the other designs are a little too simplistic. Between the colors, the shapes, and the single star, I think this flag will represent Minnesota well.
11/27/23 20:52	F1953	This is the most "flag like" to me. I am unsure about the color scheme though.
11/27/23 20:54	F1953	Ugly. No representation of anything here.
11/27/23 20:55	F1953	Stupid!!
11/27/23 20:56	F1953	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.
11/27/23 20:56	F1953	This says nothing about Minnesota
11/27/23 20:59	F1953	More like a flag but what do colors and star represent? Still no reference to history, state features, people, uniqueness
11/27/23 21:02	F1953	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:03	F1953	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste! WTH
11/27/23 21:04	F1953	I like this for the symbolism of the snow, agriculture/nature, and water.
11/27/23 21:05	F1953	In my opinion, easily the best flag design. It is simple, contains the North Star design within the boundary of a shape which mimics the state of Minnesota. No brainer.
11/27/23 21:05	F1953	I think of the 6, this flag is the most visually compelling. I do want to at least say that I would hope the committee reconsiders the exclusion of the loon from the flag options. It was one of the most pervasive symbols by submitters that was in line with the rules set out by the committee.  However, if the loon is not reconsidered, I hope the committee seems to embrace a flag such as this design, with a relatively unique shape (the somewhat abstracted state of MN shape) of the dark blue.  My hope is to take pride in the MN flag as someone who has adopted Minnesota as my home state, and have one for myself in my own home.  I know the committee has different goals to define a successful flag, but I interpret the Good Flag Bad Flag guide as tips to find a flag that is likely to find widespread appeal. Ultimately, a successful flag is one the citizens want to be associated with.  Thank you, Mark
11/27/23 21:11	F1953	This is my favorite
11/27/23 21:20	F1953	Fine enough, though it looks a bit like a freshman-level graphic design project.
11/27/23 21:21	F1953	F1953 is by far my favorite. Simple and colorful.
11/27/23 21:22	F1953	This one is least offensive.

11/27/23 21:28	F1953	Come on people, are these jokes who came up with this stuff. Is this for real someone (or AI) came up come on we can do WAY better
11/27/23 21:28	F1953	I think this submission would look nicer if the blue on the left was a bit more saturated.
11/27/23 21:29	F1953	This is imo how a flag should look like. I see the star on the side, so when it hangs on the pole you can see the star when there is no wind to wave it. Also the colors are representing the snow, forest and lakes. Only if the black was replaced with dark blue for the dark night sky!
11/27/23 21:32	F1953	Extremely basic flag design. Colors are nice. Could be any state's flag. Disappointingly non-Minnesotan. Nice star. Our flag has 50 of them.
11/27/23 21:39	F1953	Of the 6 much less than stellar designs, this is my choice. However, I really believe there could be a much better design than this.
11/27/23 21:40	F1953	This is my least favorite one, looks too similar to the Palestinian flag.
11/27/23 21:45	F1953	Yuk.
11/27/23 21:45	F1953	You have given us no options. They're all the same.
11/27/23 21:46	F1953	I mean, it resembles a flag. Like to the country of neopolitan ice cream made with evergreen instead of strawberry
11/27/23 21:47	F1953	This one just looks ~common. I don't like it.
11/27/23 21:48	F1953	This one looks like Pac-Man throwing up and/or screaming. A big no from me. Not MN nice.
11/27/23 21:48	F1953	This is my preferred flag design. It is visually appealing, the Minnesota shape is a cool twist, and is more inclusive" some of the other designs have a distinct Scandinavian feel to them.
11/27/23 21:49	F1953	This is the best finalist as it evokes the sense of a flag design. The commission should select this one
11/27/23 21:53	F1953	Don't change the current one!
11/27/23 21:53	F1953	very much NO. looks like some little known country flag in some part of world I have never seen.
11/27/23 22:03	F1953	I like this simply because it has a basic representation of the "shape" of our state with the north star. Not too keen in the three stripes on the side maybe if they were wavy it'd be cool but can't really complain.
11/27/23 22:10	F1953	Ugly colors. Where's the Loon? The Minnesota Ladyslipper? This flag design does NOT represent Minnesota or me. A poor design and a poor choice.
11/27/23 22:16	F1953	Really? This one will leave everyone guessing.
11/27/23 22:19	F1953	The colors are not attractive. The eight-point star isn't an attractive form. The Minnesota-shaped blue section at the left is an interesting attempt at doing something that would be unique to our flag, but I don't know that it works well with the stripes.
11/27/23 22:20	F1953	This design is by far my favorite. I really like the colors, they go together well, aren't oversaturated, and are a good representation of Minnesota. I also enjoy the general design. It uses a fairly common flag design of having a star on the left and three horizontal stripes, but it is done in a unique way. The shape containing the star is very unique, being a concave pentagon, which not only is aesthetically pleasing, but also is similar to the general shape of our state. I also like the use of the North Star in place of the typical five pointed star. Very good design. Pick this or I will be a little bit sad for like a few days.
11/27/23 22:27	F1953	This should be our next flag. A child could replicate it. It's simple but classic. Would still be recognizable when waving in the wind.
11/27/23 22:32	F1953	Clashing green and blue hues with a Christmas star - please no
11/27/23 22:35	F1953	other flags are horrible
11/27/23 22:39	F1953	I do not like the angular design in the field, but I do like the design of the star.
11/27/23 22:48	F1953	One of the best , my top two, I'd fix the light blue and the green, tweak the colors a bit, the green should be lighter or brighter, had too much gray tone in it. The navy blue piece to the left looks like Minnesota. Wow someone actually understood the assignment! Good job!
11/27/23 22:50	F1953	I think this is the best of the final designs. The star on dark blue reminds me of the north star. We are north state. The white green, and lighter blue remind of sky, forest, ag fields, and water resources. All of which we have in abundance and we all depend on that for: livelihood and quality of life.
11/27/23 22:50	F1953	A striking design, especially when viewed (as it would be) on a flagpole or as a backdrop) I grew up in the State decades ago and it's very evocative of Minnesota and the spirit of the land and people there.
11/27/23 22:53	F1953	Easily the best one, but the colors could be reworked, and use the star from F29
11/27/23 23:05	F1953	Don't like

11/27/23 23:05	F1953	This is easily the best design. It is memorable, and includes a nod to our state shape. It's also easy enough to draw a grade schooler could do it, which is a benefit for recognition and repeatability.
11/27/23 23:06	F1953	This is the winner.
11/27/23 23:12	F1953	Pass.
11/27/23 23:27	F1953	North Star reference is fine, however, looks like another country flag. Do not like.
11/27/23 23:31	F1953	This one is ok.
11/27/23 23:34	F1953	It seems too close to the designs of Texas or Puerto Rico. I have doubts that the general public would see the flag and immediately identify it as Minnesota, instead of as some unclear variation of the Texas flag.
11/27/23 23:40	F1953	I love this flag design! I hope this one wins!
11/27/23 23:46	F1953	Solid design for a new country. For a state, not so much. Would look a bit weird flying below the stars and stripes like it's trying to compete.
11/27/23 23:52	F1953	Dull
11/28/23 0:02	F1953	Change the shape of the dark blue to the shape of MN, remove the star and replace it with S147, in S147 replace the center shape with a floating loon.
11/28/23 0:06	F1953	Yet, another one which is just okay. Doesn't leap out at me in terms of great design. Thank you.
11/28/23 0:15	F1953	Looks great in motion! I like the abstract MN shape. Would prefer different greens/blues. My favorite of the finalists!
11/28/23 0:19	F1953	This is the BEST of all the finalist flag designs!!! It has the "star" for our North Star, it has green for land, blue for lakes, white for snow, and I like how the shape on the left side of flag(dark blue) looks like the shape of Minnesota!!
11/28/23 0:42	F1953	This and 944 are my favorites. I like the clean lines and traditional style of this flag. The colors are a good representation of the seasons and natural beauty of MN.
11/28/23 0:51	F1953	This is The Flag. It looks like a flag when on a pole as compared to most of the other designs. My edit would be to take the "starflake" from F29 and put it onto this flag. The starflake is too awesome to not be on our flag. As decided by the committee pines, loons, and ladyslippers are great but not all encompassing of minnesota but the North Star and the Snowflake certainly are. The shape of the state being included in F1953 is far too good to not use. Please please please use this flag. Ps. Ignore all the hate, haters gonna hate, but yall picked some great flags for our state!
11/28/23 1:25	F1953	After F29, I believe this would be the best design. Its design is simple yet effective, following the conventional rules of good flag design. The colors do an excellent job of representing the geography and weather of Minnesota. The star (L'Étoile du Nord) represents our state motto. The flag is good enough to represent a whole country if needed and I believe it would be a wonderful representation of our state.
11/28/23 1:28	F1953	After F29, I believe this would be the best design. Its design is simple yet effective, following the conventional rules of good flag design. The colors do an excellent job of representing the geography and weather of Minnesota. The star (L'Étoile du Nord) represents our state motto. The flag is good enough to represent a whole country if needed and I believe it would be a wonderful representation of our state.
11/28/23 1:28	F1953	Note: If this was sent twice, my apologies. I'm uncertain if it went through the first time due to a computer error
11/28/23 1:38	F1953	This flag behind finalist F29 would also look nice but would put white stripe in middle.
11/28/23 1:38	F1953	Again ugly what do any of these have to with our state. They all look very generic!
11/28/23 1:39	F1953	Looks too much like the Texas state flag.
11/28/23 1:41	F1953	F1953 is probably the best
11/28/23 1:49	F1953	Yes there is a North Star (only because we know that's what it means) but that's it. Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 2:02	F1953	This is my #3 choice out of the 6 flags. I like it. The sneaky MN state shape is a cool idea. The star is fine. I assume the colors on the sides represent snow, water (lakes/rivers), and grass/prairie/forests. It's more than three colors, but I'm ok with it.
11/28/23 2:14	F1953	Skip!
11/28/23 3:13	F1953	What if the dark blue part that looks like the state was green, the top bar was dark blue with the star in it, the white bar was in the middle and the lighter blue at the bottom? Kinda more like F2119.
11/28/23 3:38	F1953	It feels too similar to many flags and icons I've seen around the world. It doesn't leave me happy or inspired. It isn't bad, it just isn't iconic; it feels safe. I also tend to view stripe flags more on a national level than a state level; Texas, yes, but they also were an independent republic for a short moment.

11/28/23 4:27	F1953	My favorite of the finalists, by a wide margin, but I do wonder if this feels suboptimal. Would love to see a version where you swap the white and green stripe. And while it is good, looks great, meaning is easy to parse, it is just kind of heartbreaking that we're just kind of going to the typical "star(s) in a field, stripes to the field's right" well, isn't it? Feels like we missed out on doing something a bit more unique. I was a big fan of the underwater star, and while something MUST have been done to further differentiate it from the Somalian flag, it was a very unique idea. Feels like we're just missing a little conceptual mustard in these submissions. I would encourage committee members to maybe ask people which designs that didn't make them feel passionately about, that strike them as interesting new terrain in vexillology. But if that is simply too much work, please choose this flag and explore swapping the top two stripe colors.
11/28/23 5:02	F1953	No. The white band on top of the flag reminds me of the Russian flag. Nyet!
11/28/23 5:51	F1953	Very bad, looks like the Cuban flag
11/28/23 5:52	F1953	This is just the Texas state flag in different colors. Pick something else
11/28/23 5:56	F1953	My feedback is actually general for whichever design wins. I'd like to see a bit more to the design. I know minimalist and simplistic is on trend, but this represents an entire state of people and I think the overly simple designs just miss the mark. I dig this 1953 and I really dig 944 as well, I'd just like to see a bit more going on in them.
11/28/23 6:14	F1953	Thanks.
11/28/23 6:18	F1953	Nothing MN. Very disappointing. Get real. We have wonderful things in MN but no one would no it by looking at this.
11/28/23 6:24	F1953	Blah, doesn't reflect out character or natural beauty.
11/28/23 6:31	F1953	It looks like every other choice. Any one who knows art can see that it doesn't matter what you pick because they are basically all the same.
11/28/23 6:34	F1953	Weak substance. One small group's vision. A group lacking aesthetics as most see it or deep knowledge in the history of the state. I cannot possibly understand where this group went so off track on representing our beautiful state.
11/28/23 6:36	F1953	Strongly support this design!
11/28/23 6:42	F1953	Like the symbol similar to shape of state and also order of stripes of lake, tree, clouds
11/28/23 6:50	F1953	I love that you can see the flag shape, with the North Star embedded in it! (Also, I have no idea who designed this, I just really like this one better than the others.)
11/28/23 6:51	F1953	This is such a beautiful representation of our state and I love the symbolism!
11/28/23 7:00	F1953	Don't like it. Boring. Colors ugly. Not inspired. Not sure what it means -what do colors symbolize? Nobody knows. Confusing.
11/28/23 7:10	F1953	This is the only one I would choose of the finalists! Simple yet distinctive;represents the north with the star and the colors;easy to reproduce should people want to make it part of other items-allowing for citizens to take pride/ ownership
11/28/23 7:17	F1953	Just NO, what were you thinking ?? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 7:23	F1953	This flag, along with the other 5, are boring graphic designs that say nothing about the great state of Minnesota and who we are. BORING, BORING, BORING!
11/28/23 7:24	F1953	If these are our only options, then this is the best of them.
11/28/23 7:25	F1953	F1953 looks like a real flag. It clearly represents the clear sky (or snow), the green pastures, all the water, and the North Star. Definitely distinct!
11/28/23 7:27	F1953	This, to me, is what a flag for Minnesota should look like. A reflection of our state both geometrically and in color, with the bands representing the brilliant natural features our state has to offer. As a color blind individual, this color scheme is pleasing to me, which is not something that can be said for the other designs, unfortunately. I would be happy to see this flag fly above our state buildings. If I had one critique, I might switch the colors of the bars around. Maybe blue-white-green (top to bottom) instead, with white in the middle to balance the intensity of the colors instead.
11/28/23 7:28	F1953	Too plain
11/28/23 7:31	F1953	Probably the best one with the exception that the exact shades of blue and green should probably be readjusted/balanced better. Very flag-like and should age well. I like the symbolism--the stripes seem to say "air, green land, water, the north star on the darker field...and I also appreciate the subtle way that the inverted chevron shape of that dark field forms an abstract suggestion of the shape of the state of Minnesota.
11/28/23 7:31	F1953	No. This looks like a communist country flag
11/28/23 7:31	F1953	I really dislike this flag design.
11/28/23 7:31	F1953	Wish incorporated the loon

11/28/23 7:31	F1953	I am simply going to copy and paste the same comment on all flags that made the Final Cut. Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic. Back to the drawing board, figuratively and literally.
11/28/23 7:32	F1953	I like this flag, but the star doesnt look great. Maybe one of the other stars would work nicer on this.
11/28/23 7:33	F1953	Hard no. Feels like the flag of a small country in the Middle East.
11/28/23 7:38	F1953	Please do not select this flag design. The inverted triangle that was incorporated does not lend itself to represent the state as well as the other cleaner designs do.
11/28/23 7:41	F1953	This is the ONLY flag that looks like a flag! This design would be enduring. It is immediately recognizable as representing Minnesota. If the legislature chose any of the other designs I would be extremely embarrassed every time I saw it. PLEASE present this flag as the Commission's first choice. OR go back to the drawing board. Next time, I would hire a really good graphic designer (or design firm) to present three to four excellent designs from which to choose. These could be put to a vote by the people of Minnesota for a limited time period using a simple ranked-choice voting method. People who don't have Internet at home could enter their vote at the public library. Thank you for considering my comments.
11/28/23 7:41	F1953	This is my favorite. I like how the field on the left hints at the shape of the state.
11/28/23 7:46	F1953	What's 3 stripes mean? Another no.
11/28/23 7:47	F1953	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:49	F1953	Of the submissions, I like this one best, although I would prefer brighter colors rather than the dusky ones used.
11/28/23 7:50	F1953	Symbolically, this flag makes the most sense, celebrating our water, our land, and our snow. I like that the shape to the left resembles the shape of our state under one north star. This is my top pick.
11/28/23 7:56	F1953	I like the use of the light blue. Goes nicely with the green and navy. Design it's a big lack muster and boring. Consider these colors on a different design.
11/28/23 8:01	F1953	Just nope -
11/28/23 8:01	F1953	Doesnt inspire. Too basic.
11/28/23 8:05	F1953	My second choice but Texas and Puerto Rico come to mind. Like the star design, color, Will fly well.
11/28/23 8:05	F1953	This is great but the blue in the left that resemblesthe shape of MN looks too close to black.
11/28/23 8:06	F1953	Vexillologists from around the world would likely say, "Hey, I like this one the best" and I would agree.
11/28/23 8:07	F1953	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F1953 When I look at this flag, I do not see a state flag. I see a flag that makes me think of a nation. I believe the combo of the horizontal bars with the diagonal cut out does that for me. I do like the shades of green and blue chosen for this design, though.
11/28/23 8:07	F1953	This flag made me think of Cuba, I donâ€™t think thatâ€™s what we want.
11/28/23 8:11	F1953	Simple and stylish. This is very recognizable.
11/28/23 8:13	F1953	Ugly and stupid Change is not good
11/28/23 8:15	F1953	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota horrible
11/28/23 8:24	F1953	This flag is a personal winner to me! It incorporates our north star, could even be a snowflake, it incorporates green for our land and blue for our water, and my favorite detail is the subtle Minnesota silhouette of the reverse arrow. These colors are gorgeous and I would be proud to fly this in front of any home or business!
11/28/23 8:25	F1953	of the finalists this one is by far my favorite and i think it would be great as our new state flag.
11/28/23 8:26	F1953	Out of all flags this one at least shows our state. Would like to see maybe a moon on the water at least
11/28/23 8:28	F1953	My least favorite
11/28/23 8:30	F1953	Looks like too many other state flag designs.
11/28/23 8:32	F1953	Tolerable

		Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?  It looks like the flag of a third world country.
11/28/23 8:33	F1953	I have no idea what that is supposed to represent.
11/28/23 8:39	F1953	I don't like any of them. Non of them are representative of the people or the land in the state
11/28/23 8:39	F1953	This is my pick. A flag should be stately.
11/28/23 8:40	F1953	Strong color palette. Composition could be for anything. Very "safe" and not dynamic.
11/28/23 8:40	F1953	This looks the least like a quilt, but the design is lacking a lot.
11/28/23 8:44	F1953	Looks like an Eastern European country's flag. But this is by far the best option provided. Still VERY basic, but the best of the bunch.
11/28/23 8:47	F1953	No life or energy. Weak colors. Too modern and time dated. Two simplistic. No pride in our heritage. No human feeling.
11/28/23 8:49	F1953	A church-like star? Again, too generic.
11/28/23 8:51	F1953	This one is well balanced. The colors look great (but maybe white instead of light gray?). I love how the dark blue shape resembles the shape of MN. I would only adjust the star. It needs some fine tuning.
11/28/23 8:52	F1953	Terrible colors
11/28/23 8:54	F1953	F1953 is my "runner up" choice among the finalist designs. Although I don't really care for any of the designs all that much, at least it looks like an actual flag and not some uninspired corporate logo.
11/28/23 8:59	F1953	This is my favorite flag design of the finalists, although it would have been helpful to read the story that went along with each design. I see this as depicting the many great aspects of our state including the north star, majestic night sky (navy), lakes and waterways (light blue), nature and agriculture (green), and seasons including winter wonderland (white). It's a simple design yet tells a big story, with a peaceful color palette (I prefer the deeper green to the neon green that's in other designs), and also has a stately appearance of strength, confidence, vitality, and unity that will stand the test of time (not trendy). Thank you.
11/28/23 8:59	F1953	I like this one the best with the "K" shape for Minnesota, north star symbol and colors for snow, land, and water. Lines are all good, maybe tweak the colors a bit so they complement each other better.
11/28/23 8:59	F1953	This is the only finalist that actually looks nice. It's easily recognizable, follows vexillology standards, doesn't favor one culture over another, and the colors are both pleasant and symbolic. If I could vote on the flag, it would be for this one
11/28/23 9:05	F1953	I like this one and and F2100.
11/28/23 9:06	F1953	probably the best for a full sized flag
11/28/23 9:06	F1953	Not as bad as 1,2, 3 but still ugly and extremely PLAIN. Nothing on it to dipict our state like the original one you're trying to kill.
11/28/23 9:12	F1953	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:14	F1953	This one is ok. Since none of you voted for the flag that everyone actually wants, this is the best remaining option. I could be proud of this design.
11/28/23 9:19	F1953	Sky blue isnt as eye-catching, but the Dakota name for Minnesota should be represented. This is a strong support for our heritage without awkwardly displaying an entire Dakota-themed flag (That indigenious design is confusing, too busy, and the slash marks on the side superfluous.) I wasn't in favor of any of the initial designs with the outline of the state (who cares?) but this one is subtle enough. Strong support for this design, based on the sky blue color.
11/28/23 9:21	F1953	This is my favorite design of the 5 finalists. It symbolizes forests, lakes, and the North Star. The other designs are either missing some of these elements or they look like trendy sport's team logos.
11/28/23 9:23	F1953	This is one of the better flags you picked. I wish there was more detail in the star. Can it be shaped like one of the other flags you picked?
11/28/23 9:24	F1953	Great design. I like it has the shape of MN designed into the flag.
11/28/23 9:30	F1953	Love this design! The overall design, colors and north star look great, but what really stands out and make this a winner, is the outline of our state! That will resonate not only in Minnesota, but nation-wide.
11/28/23 9:31	F1953	I like this one



11/28/23 9:35	F1953	I like this one!!!
11/28/23 9:39	F1953	Best of them so far, but the snowflake should be 6 pointed.
11/28/23 9:43	F1953	While I do like F944 better, this is my second favorite. The clean and simple design translates well to a flag. Great color choices.
11/28/23 9:46	F1953	This is the one.
11/28/23 9:49	F1953	This is by far my favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 9:49	F1953	Strong looking. 'Water.. nature.. sky'. 'K' for MN kindness
11/28/23 9:50	F1953	Strong looking. 'Water.. nature.. sky'. 'K' for MN kindness
11/28/23 9:52	F1953	Really like earth water and sky, plus the reference to the state outline. My vote for our new flag goes to this one.
11/28/23 9:53	F1953	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:53	F1953	Of the 6, I like this one the best. I see water (lakes & rivers), agriculture, snow/winter, the North Star, and the outline of the state, all at a glance.
11/28/23 9:55	F1953	I don't feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake I'm guessing...that's not all Minnesota stands for...please find something with more meaning. This one also does not Represent Minnesota other than snow army much more than snow remanufacturing were wonderful Lake superior there's so many things to emphasize other than snow. No 1953 no not good at all 1135 what does flowers represent?? I guess the blue represents water! No
11/28/23 9:59	F1953	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 10:01	F1953	Really like earth water and sky, plus the reference to the state outline. My vote for our new flag goes to this one.
11/28/23 10:02	F1953	This design resonates with me. Additionally, its design doesn't appear to copy or be inspired by any other state flag. I particularly like the shape of our state (as well as a rotated 'M') being represented in the design.
11/28/23 10:02	F1953	None of these flags really appeal to me and I thought our old one was wonderful but this is the best of the 6. Actually looks like a state flag and depicts our Star of the North and blue waters.
11/28/23 10:07	F1953	I like this one the best. Several of the others look like quilts made by little old Lutheran ladies in a church basement. That's great for quilting (and they're high quality!), but not for a flag. This design looks most like a true flag, and viewers can clearly posit what each color stands for.
11/28/23 10:08	F1953	This is an excellent graphic design. It showcases the North Star, and represents Minnesota's lakes, forests, and snow. It does this in a manner that shows strength - with straight lines, and blocks of color. It will be easy to reproduce, for different organizations and schoolchildren, etc.
11/28/23 10:09	F1953	Please DO NOT pick this one, it looks like a flag from a communist country, any of the other choices are better than this.
11/28/23 10:11	F1953	This is a real "Flaggy" design. Nice and clean with color bars and Minnesota shaped blue field. It would look good flying in the breeze. Would be my second choice.
11/28/23 10:13	F1953	Boring. Too simple.
11/28/23 10:14	F1953	This is ok...simple but not very interesting
11/28/23 10:15	F1953	F1953 is GOOD. Take the yellow & white star emblem from F29 and put it on this one and you've got a WINNER.
11/28/23 10:15	F1953	Only one that doesn't look like a city pennant. We're not a hockey team. A native American riding a horse isn't racist. There's not date the state was est. DOES NOT look like a professional emblem worthy to be paired with ANY of the seals. This is ridiculous.
11/28/23 10:16	F1953	This is the best of a bad bunch of boring options.
11/28/23 10:19	F1953	F1953 and F2100 are the best! The others are beautiful but I think it's really valuable for a flag to have simple enough shapes that a child can easily approximate it and that it lends itself to remixing for arts and communications.
11/28/23 10:19	F1953	Although different colors it reminds me of North Korea's flag, definitely not this one, no no no!!!

11/28/23 10:21	F1953	I think this design looks pretty cool. We should shy away from replicating Texas' flag so closely but this is a strong candidate.
11/28/23 10:22	F1953	I love the colors and the format !! I genuinely hope you win ! Good luck !!!!!
11/28/23 10:23	F1953	The least insipid of the six final contestants. At least it has an outline of the shape of the state and the "Star of the North" to help identify it as the flag of the state of Minnesota. The other choices are too vague and insipid to serve as the flag of this great state. I think the competition for the Minnesota state flag should be re-opened, surely we can do better than these six finalists.
11/28/23 10:24	F1953	Resembles most foreign country flags that no one knows what country they belong to.
11/28/23 10:27	F1953	This is probably the best flag out of the bunch. It breaks away from the generic blue field with a centered image design and would look best flapping in the wind above the state capitol.
11/28/23 10:27	F1953	This design is both stately and well designed in its reflection of colors and the North Star. The design is also inline with typical flag designs which will help it stand the test of time. This should be strongly considered for our next flag.
11/28/23 10:28	F1953	This is an excellent option! It's strong, easily recognizable, relatively easy to recreate aptly (unlike the swirls), and uses the colors very well.
11/28/23 10:28	F1953	The only finalist that actually looks like a flag, but says nothing about Minnesota
11/28/23 10:28	F1953	It feels like an African or Middle Eastern nation, which would work if either played a larger role in our heritage. It's a pretty flag, but it's not our flag.
11/28/23 10:31	F1953	This is absolutely the best design for a flag among the finalists. The reference to the shape of the state, the nice star, the clean lines and shapes, it has it all. Pick this one.
11/28/23 10:33	F1953	The colors are muted, but nice. However, it's basically a combination of the Texas and Puerto Rico flags with different colors. Not distinctively Minnesota *at all*.
11/28/23 10:34	F1953	No. Immediately brings the Texas flag to mind, and I don't like Texas.
11/28/23 10:35	F1953	I think this is the best flag of the 6. First, it is the most unique design out of all of them. Second, the symbolism of the north star is clear and the color scheme can be guessed as to their meaning. Third, when envisioning this flag flowing in the wind, it evokes an iconic look as if we are moving forward, which is a good look for a flag, IMO.
11/28/23 10:36	F1953	This one is fine, but the grey MN shape is lame and the star is boring. Just overall better color composition compared to F29. I'd rather have it than F29, but I'd hope we'd make the MN shape like deep navy or something nicer. The grey is about as approachable as driving in Duluth in Halloween 1991.
11/28/23 10:39	F1953	Also both the stripe and the star being white adds to the boring. The star could be another color.
11/28/23 10:39	F1953	This is my favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 10:39	F1953	I think submission F1953 would be a great representation of Minnesota with the change of the order of the stripes, in my personal opinion the green and white stripes should be switched so Green as the top stripe to represent our forests and trees that tower over the state and represent the lush wilderness that all Minnesotans can enjoy, White in the middle to represent the snow that falls in the winter, also with the white stripe being in line to the North Star on the left it acts as a continuation of the star and the guiding light the star gives off. And finally the blue stripe remains at the bottom representing the lakes that Minnesota is famously known for. I think with these changes this would be the perfect flag to represent Minnesota and all different aspects of the state. I hope the commission will consider this idea when choosing a final design for the flag.
11/28/23 10:40	F1953	Looks like clip art
11/28/23 10:41	F1953	This design is odd to me. There is something about it that feels disjointed. I know there are some who do like this one, though (including my husband). But, I don't see it.
11/28/23 10:42	F1953	Very nice. Well designed. I like the colors and simplicity, but it doesn't have much in terms of symbolism.
11/28/23 10:42	F1953	This flag has a great start and I really like the unique angles. I think the star is a common shape for a "north star" and could use some refinement to make it more unique. Particularly balancing the difference in size between the 8 prongs. I also think the colors are dull and could be tweaked a bit to be more "happy" as it feels like a gray winter day to my eyes. Less colors would also be great as it is really close to the maximum number of colors.
11/28/23 10:44	F1953	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:46	F1953	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:48	F1953	I like this one, but I'd like it better with the Star and Snowflake design from F29.

11/28/23 10:50	F1953	I have been watching the flag redesign closely and after looking at the finalists this, to me, is the best. In terms of design, it relays on tried and true flag designs with a tricolor and star on block, while pushing this classic design by reshaping the block to resemble the shape of Minnesota. The tricolor is also very unique, emulating the three great things about Minnesota, the water, the forest, and the snow (some people might disagree with that one). Finally, the star is made our own with the depiction of the north star. As someone who has spent almost their entire life here in Minnesota, I would be proud to wave this flag, and I hope the commission chooses this design.
11/28/23 10:51	F1953	Finally, one that looks like a flag! But whose? What is represented here? These don't even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.
11/28/23 10:52	F1953	Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.
11/28/23 10:52	F1953	Weird! What do the stripes mean?
11/28/23 10:52	F1953	What would this look like if you made the stripes go from top to bottom "blue-white-green" like the popular North Star Banner, and the same hues the north star banner used? And maybe switched out that star with the Star-Flake featured on one of the other finalists?
11/28/23 10:52	F1953	ðŸ’š Mn
11/28/23 10:53	F1953	What if you replaced the star in this design with the snowflake/star from F29? Combine the two flags.
11/28/23 10:53	F1953	This one is second place after F29.
11/28/23 10:54	F1953	Strong looking. 'Water.. nature.. sky'. 'K' for MN kindness
11/28/23 10:57	F1953	Timeless design. Stripes on the side seem to refer to the sky, land, water. Would like to see the star with yellow and white like one of the other designs.
11/28/23 10:58	F1953	This is far too similar to the current MNSCU branding. Looks very basic and corporate. Looks like a polyester garden flag you might buy at Bachmann's. Completely soulless and reductive.
11/28/23 10:58	F1953	This one I like the best of the choices.
11/28/23 10:58	F1953	Please do not select this design. This flag is respectable but it looks more like a national flag from a country in the Middle East or Africa. We can do better.
11/28/23 10:58	F1953	This is a wonderful flag and one of the two best options along with F29. If the star design from F29 were used to replace the star here, it would be perfect!
11/28/23 10:59	F1953	Put F29 into the star position
11/28/23 11:01	F1953	This is bad, not unique, seems like a national flag.
11/28/23 11:01	F1953	Is this supposed to be a knockoff of Texas, the lone star vs the North Star? It could be possible, but the colors would need some help and the star would need to be improved.
11/28/23 11:01	F1953	This design feels like it is for a sports team. I understand what the colors represent, but it feels like a flag purpose-designed for the MN Loons.
11/28/23 11:03	F1953	Looks like a flag. Nice star. Three colors in stripes make it look like the national flag of a foreign country. Not this one either.
11/28/23 11:03	F1953	I like the colors and the general design, seems pretty nice, but somehow reminds me of Texas.
11/28/23 11:05	F1953	I like that this represents the land, lakes & North Star.
11/28/23 11:05	F1953	Hands down my favorite one. The colors might need some tuning though perhaps a different shade if green and/or blues.
11/28/23 11:06	F1953	This is a beautifully "classic" flag design. I do like this design a lot, but I think it would pop even more if the green stripe were a darker, bolder green, or if the green stripe were changed to a gold color. I think this would do a lot to increase the visual appeal of this design.
11/28/23 11:08	F1953	This flag is absolutely gorgeous and is the only one I could ever see myself proud to see flying for Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:10	F1953	Strong contender! I like how it represents the water, land and air with the colored stripes. The dark blue looks like an abstraction of the shape of MN, and the star placement is great. Very regal. Modern, yet classy.
11/28/23 11:10	F1953	F1953. The dark blue is toooooo dark. There is no "K" in Minnesota. Why that shape?
11/28/23 11:11	F1953	Were you shooting for a mash up of the Taiwanese flag with the Puerto Rican flag? It gives the aura of some communist or banana republic place I wouldn't want to visit. Yuck!
11/28/23 11:13	F1953	This is the best of the group because it conveys 3 ideas. North Star (although it really doesn't look like a star), the shape of the state (which should be a bit less abstract), and the colors of water/sky, greenery, and snow.

11/28/23 11:13	F1953	This is one of only two of the final 6 that is an actual flag. I like a good tricolor. The white/silver can't be on top or bottom because it doesn't display well on surfaces that have a white background (like this site). Having two different shades of blue next to each other is weird looking. Personally I don't like the shade of green used, but it's tough getting blue and green to look good next to each other. Overall the color choices make the flag very cold (maybe that's a good thing or not, just an observation). The star needs a bit of a redesign. Not sure about the angles on the blue field on the left.
11/28/23 11:14	F1953	Such a good flag!
11/28/23 11:15	F1953	Replace the star with F29's, adjust the colors
11/28/23 11:16	F1953	Heavy design, star could be less chunky.. Also, sky blue bar should be topmost, green lowest, white center.
11/28/23 11:16	F1953	This flag is a clear best of the six finalists to me. It's simple, but evocative of Minnesota at its core. It's not representing specific regions, but rather every piece of this great state, her people, and her 10,000 lakes. Would still like a loon, though.
11/28/23 11:16	F1953	And again - Same comment - This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:16	F1953	This is my favorite only for the fact that it incorporates the state shape. Not as pretty as F944 but maybe more representative of the state. Love both this one and F944.
		Hello, I believe that this is the best option as our state flag even though it is not necessarily my favorite. In my opinion It has the best "staying power".
11/28/23 11:17	F1953	I like the North Star in the minimalist MN state shape. The colors are simple and represent our landscape well.
11/28/23 11:17	F1953	This is an alright flag, it has the water, land, and snow, represented by the blue, green, and white. Like the others it has the north star prominently represented. 3rd choice for me
11/28/23 11:19	F1953	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:23	F1953	I am in favor of this flag design due to the simplicity, MN state shape to the left, the north star, and the color selection to represent snow, forests/trees, and water.
11/28/23 11:23	F1953	8 pointed star on black sky is interesting but uninspiring
11/28/23 11:24	F1953	Add the star-flake from F29 to this flag by replacing it with the current star. Reorganize the stripes by having blue on top (land of sky blue waters), then white, and green on the bottom.
11/28/23 11:29	F1953	awful
11/28/23 11:29	F1953	First one to look like a flag. And shows green for trees and fields blue for lakes white for winter sports
11/28/23 11:30	F1953	this is the best, and most iconic flag of the choices. i'd suggest making the angle more like the state outline for extra individuality
11/28/23 11:33	F1953	This is the best by far. 29 is just too plain and uninspiring
11/28/23 11:34	F1953	I really like this design. I like how the state and l'etoile du nord are represented, as well as how it showcases the diversity across our state while bringing it all together.
11/28/23 11:35	F1953	This is the only final flag that follows vexilological principles. Its concave shape evokes the shape of MN and is totally unique from any other major flags. The colors are simple and bold. It would fly well at a distance and look great on merchandise. This must be the flag for MN!!
11/28/23 11:36	F1953	I think this flag would be perfect with the starflake from f29 in place of the star on it right now, as well as shuffling the tricolor to be (from top to bottom) sky blue, white, green
11/28/23 11:36	F1953	This one has integrated a stylized MN outline, which instantly identifies as Minnesota
11/28/23 11:37	F1953	I love the shape of MN and I love the idea of the stripes to make it easier to see when hanging flat. I hate the color choices and I am not really a fan of the star. Here are some alterations I am suggesting <a href="https://imgur.com/a/HP97bcY">https://imgur.com/a/HP97bcY</a> If you cannot click on links, I made it so the stripes are Green white Green (with a darker green then what was originally used to more match the navy. And replaced the star with the symbol from F29. I also did a version where the yellow in that star was changed to green to keep it even more simple. Thank you.
11/28/23 11:38	F1953	this is horrible there is nothing here that someone would say "That's the Minnesota flag"
11/28/23 11:39	F1953	This is a very good design. It's clear, unique, evocative, and legible.
11/28/23 11:41	F1953	A rip off of Puerto Rico's flag design. This design makes me want to sleep... forever.
11/28/23 11:43	F1953	F1953 is an excellent option. On par with F29. Choose from one of these two flags.
11/28/23 11:44	F1953	Looks like a national flag.
11/28/23 11:44	F1953	Reminds me too much of the Cuban flag
11/28/23 11:44	F1953	If the canton was a straight vertical line vs multi angled this would be acceptable.

11/28/23 11:44	F1953	I like this submission best because it incorporates the elements of the lakes, the land, the sky, along with the shape of the state and the north star. All without seeming busy.
11/28/23 11:44	F1953	This is by far the best design of the finalists. Simple yet elegant, with a strong design sense. The strong yet subtle evocation of the shape of the state and the muted color choice make the obvious choice by far.
11/28/23 11:46	F1953	Use this star on 944. Get rid of the stripes have solid white portion with a loon in it.
11/28/23 11:46	F1953	I'm pretty sure this is already a national flag for some country someplace. Totally forgettable.
11/28/23 11:47	F1953	Not thrilled by any. Maybe my first choice. But looks like a National flag.
11/28/23 11:48	F1953	This one has ugly color combinations. The black stylized shape of Minnesota is not pleasing - I don't think the shape of the state is a good design element for a flag. I prefer the North Star in gold.
11/28/23 11:49	F1953	I like this one best, but I'd like to know if there is symbolism to the color scheme. Water, land, and sky maybe? Could the white be a yellow or lighter green to symbolize agriculture? I'd also like to see an acknowledgment of the Indigenous land. Perhaps the addition of 11 small stars in a semi-circle around the big star could symbolize the 11 sovereign tribal nations that reside within Minnesota's borders?
11/28/23 11:50	F1953	This is a nice design. I appreciate the different colors and what they mean for the state. I really like that the field of dark blue is reminiscent of the shape of Minnesota. This design feels simple, but recognizable in a good way. I could see this being our new state flag.
11/28/23 11:50	F1953	I rank F1953 first of the 6 options. It's clear that the white feature is a star, not a snowflake and I especially like the stylized outline of the state on the left side of the flag.
11/28/23 11:51	F1953	This flag evokes a strong connection to Minnesota. The abstract state outline juxtaposed against the blue and green of Minnesota's rivers, lakes, fields, and prairies pairs well with the white accents representing our winters. The eight-pointed star is situated nicely and draws the viewers attention to the use of negative space. I can see this flag translating well into various forms of uses, much like the well-known state flags of California or Colorado, and would be proud to sport such a design on clothing, decals, or other non-pennant uses.
11/28/23 11:51	F1953	I would adjust the dark blue area to be more like the state, and change the star to not look like Christmas. Not the worst, but all 6 are not good.
11/28/23 11:52	F1953	I like this option the best, and I think it looks the best when it's flying. There are online simulators where you can punch in the designs to see what they would look like on an actual flagpole. I think that could help people decide
11/28/23 11:52	F1953	I would prefer to move away from a design that is a logo/seal on a blue background. We had that before. Many other states have it. We don't need it again
11/28/23 11:52	F1953	2nd choice for me.
11/28/23 11:53	F1953	I like this option the best, and I think it looks the best when it's flying. There are online simulators where you can punch in the designs to see what they would look like on an actual flagpole. I think that could help people decide
11/28/23 11:53	F1953	I would prefer to move away from a design that is a logo/seal on a blue background. We had that before. Many other states have it. We don't need it again
11/28/23 11:54	F1953	Absolutely not.
11/28/23 11:55	F1953	Reminds me of a county flag. Least favorite
11/28/23 11:58	F1953	This is my favorite design as it captures both the water (blue) and the woods (green) which are two things I love about my home state.
11/28/23 12:01	F1953	Fundamentally simple, yet unequivocally recognizable;perhaps the most Minnesotan flag on this list.
11/28/23 12:02	F1953	This flag properly encapsulates the natural beauty found throughout our state. The star in the Minnesota shaped "canton" (if it can be called that) along with the stripes to indicate our landscape. It's a flag that is easily remembered and recalled, all parts are simple enough to not be confusing when flying in the wind, it's beautiful, and most importantly the symbolism doesn't have to be explained. The symbolism and meaning are inherently understood without need for elaboration. It is the most viable design of the finalists to be worthy of becoming our official state flag.
11/28/23 12:03	F1953	This one is about the only one I feel would be best but I kind of like our current flag the best still but if we must change our flag I guess I would pick this one
11/28/23 12:03	F1953	I guess this one isn't as bad as the other 5...
11/28/23 12:04	F1953	This flag is one of the stronger submissions in the list of finalists. In general, the colors should be reconsidered/adjusted so that they are more congruent. There were so many other stronger designs within the submissions.
11/28/23 12:04	F1953	I feel this flag best represents the state of MN. The white reflects our snow, the green our land and the blue our waters in both lakes and rivers. The dark blue represents the shape of the state and of course the north star. Out of all the finalists I feel this one best represents all of MN.
11/28/23 12:04	F1953	Maybe

11/28/23 12:05	F1953	This looks like a flag for a country, not a state.
11/28/23 12:06	F1953	This looks like a flag for a country, not a state.
11/28/23 12:09	F1953	Good design clearly represents who we are
11/28/23 12:10	F1953	OK
11/28/23 12:12	F1953	Again, what is it about this design that depicts shared history and culture? At least this one appears to suggest it could become a flag.
11/28/23 12:12	F1953	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!!!!
11/28/23 12:14	F1953	I think this flag is ok. I like the MN angles on the left, but think the green and white tri-color should be switched.
11/28/23 12:14	F1953	I like the shape of MN inside the flag as well as the incorporation of the star. I am unclear on the colors and what they represent, but can support it.
11/28/23 12:15	F1953	This design best captures Minnesota. The dark blue reflects the shape of the state. The star represents the state as the North Star, or northernmost point in the contiguous U.S. The green and light blue reflect the beauty of Minnesota's land and water. Thank you.
11/28/23 12:15	F1953	This flag captures the essence of Minnesota in color and design: snow, green spaces including agriculture (one could also say progressive green minded), and lakes and streams. The North Star on a dark background speaks to place in the world and the expansive prairie sky for much of Minnesota. It has traditional flag elements like the horizontal colors and a traditional North Star state nod, but the style of the Minnesota state shape and star feel fresh. This flag has æœlegs.â€ New to us now and timeless in the future.
11/28/23 12:15	F1953	yes, a contender
11/28/23 12:16	F1953	Voting for this one. I love it!
11/28/23 12:17	F1953	I like this style of star and the fact that the dark blue portion seems to symbolize the shape of the state of MN
11/28/23 12:20	F1953	This too closely resembles Texan and Cuban flags.
11/28/23 12:20	F1953	The flag looks much better-balanced if the stripes are arranged blue-white-green from top to bottom.
11/28/23 12:20	F1953	I like the color scheme and the star a lot, but I dont understand the shape scheme. Perhaps the star and dark navy could be focused to the upper left quarter, and the blue could be solid across to represent water. green land, and white sky. By the same token, perhaps all three of those colors across equally and the star changed to yellow or dark navy and simply placed in the upper left in the white top third.
11/28/23 12:21	F1953	I like this flag (F1953) This is a good format. not the same but similar format of Texas which i consider one of the top two US Flags. Simple and very easy to identify. References key points of the state. Also feels non political and does not single out any specific group. This would be the best flag in my opinion!
11/28/23 12:21	F1953	Probably the best of the bunch with some punchier colors
11/28/23 12:22	F1953	Better than the previous ones, but it looks like Texas flag given an environmental spin -- green for trees, blue for water. Try again.
11/28/23 12:23	F1953	All I can say about this one is that I hate it. Iâ€™m not even sure why, just a visceral reaction. Start over.
11/28/23 12:23	F1953	Probably the best of the bunch with punchier colors
11/28/23 12:23	F1953	Too many colors.
11/28/23 12:23	F1953	This flag has the strength and impact of a traditional flag. The blue at the bottom represents the "lakes"-- our significant natural water resources. The green in the middle represents the "prairie" turned farmland, which is the historical base for state's economy. The white at the top represents both the beauty of winter and the clear, clean open sky above the prairie. It is all anchored by the North Star, to the left, which represents a singular direction.
11/28/23 12:24	F1953	This one is, by far, the strongest candidate. (The others look more suitable as logos for a new, local sports team.)
11/28/23 12:24	F1953	My #1 pick out of the options you made available to us.
11/28/23 12:24	F1953	After carefully studying the ones that i saw i chose this one., To me the colors blend nicely and it has the typical flag look which is what is needed. Once again great color scheme.
11/28/23 12:25	F1953	Looks way, way too much like a national flag.
11/28/23 12:25	F1953	Looks like a European Country flag. Does it feel kind of military?
11/28/23 12:26	F1953	Snore.
11/28/23 12:26	F1953	This is probably the best out of all of them. I like the incorporated bits that are all Minnesota. The hint of the state, the star, and the colors that pay homage to our great state and the different seasons.

11/28/23 12:26	F1953	DO NOT choose this palestinian flag redesign. This is NOT Minnesota
11/28/23 12:27	F1953	This one has made its way up to my favorite. I have been in communication with Andrew and Alan Hardy. I believe Alan's modifications seem to work better where the state shape on the left works better with a green color and then have the top stripe, navy blue or light blue With the middle stripe, being white and the bottom stripe, navy blue or light blue.
11/28/23 12:28	F1953	This one looks the most like a flag and the least like a quilt.
11/28/23 12:28	F1953	A variation of this design with the star from submission F29 would greatly improve the appeal of the flag. The white stripe on the right-hand side of the flag also needs to be addressed as anything in white that is going to be outside should be bordered by other colors. Overall, great design, but the colors needs significant adjustments.
11/28/23 12:29	F1953	I don't like the green, it's over used, and makes this flag (my favorite), too busy. Just use blue at the bottom and white above, divided equally. All states have some green, but not all states have so much blue water or snow. The addition of an "MN" might help if it were located by the star, perhaps the M on the west point and the N on the east point? To me this tricolor scheme also captures the Dakota meaning of the state's name (land of sky blue water), which seems to have been overlooked. My opinion is that a tricolor flag (midnight blue with star, light blue for water and white for winter), would be elegant, meaningful, and memorable. I'd proudly wear it.
11/28/23 12:29	F1953	I like this flag, but with a more traditional 5 pointed star. Simple yet feels Minnesotan
11/28/23 12:30	F1953	ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE
11/28/23 12:31	F1953	Nope.
11/28/23 12:31	F1953	This flag is unique and simple at the same time, I would 100% vote for this flag
11/28/23 12:32	F1953	This is my favorite. It looks like a falg.
11/28/23 12:34	F1953	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag? This is the best of the 6 your commission is considering.
11/28/23 12:35	F1953	This flag would be my first pick. It reflects the shape of the state, the north star, blue for lakes, green for our prairies and forests, and white for the cold northern sky. This gets my vote as #1.
11/28/23 12:36	F1953	This is the one. Clean and professional. Great nod to the shape of the state. I'd fly this flag if it's chosen. Not sure I can say the same about the other designs.
11/28/23 12:36	F1953	S147 and F1953 are the best combined together. Please make sure the colors on the flag & seal match...
11/28/23 12:36	F1953	I vote for F1953. I love the whisper of the MN shape and the symbolism of the stripes.
11/28/23 12:37	F1953	Excellent. Great design.
11/28/23 12:38	F1953	announcing: The Cuban space program to the sun
11/28/23 12:38	F1953	F1953 looks too nationalist. It resembles many national flags;doesn't get to the core of who we are as a state.
11/28/23 12:38	F1953	I would vote for this flag. It's easy to remember, it's recreatable, and it actually looks like a state flag.
11/28/23 12:39	F1953	F1953. I like the design but believe the colors could have been brighter and vibrant.
11/28/23 12:39	F1953	The change in direction to a simple symbolic design that is distinct from other states' flags is positive. This one's North Star on a blue sky field, and white, green, blue representing snow, fields and forests, and lakes works. The colors seem too muted on my display, though.
11/28/23 12:40	F1953	The stylized Minnesota shape on the hoist almost works, but the "sky, land, water" bars on the field do not.
11/28/23 12:40	F1953	This is probably my second favorite design of the finalists behind #29. Maybe adjust the bottom blue on the right to be slightly different.
11/28/23 12:41	F1953	I don't really like the colors and it feels like a copy of other flags.
11/28/23 12:41	F1953	F1953 is the cleanest, most distinct and easiest to replicate. It's clearly recognizable from a distance and still looks good when reduced to emoji size. F1953 is the best design of the finalists.
11/28/23 12:41	F1953	This one looks best of all the finalists, but I think the state seal finalist with the loon, trees, star, water, etc. would look good on the state flag, perhaps against a solid color. Out MN flag should have a loon on it - it's our state bird and it doesn't matter if there are no loons in the southern part of the state. Criminy!.
11/28/23 12:42	F1953	F1953 looks way too similar to political, or group based flags such as PLM, BLM, LGBTQ+, etc. which does not lend neutrality and respect for all to the states public appearance.
11/28/23 12:42	F1953	Meaningless. Just plain meaningless.
11/28/23 12:43	F1953	This one looks like it was designed in 1953 -- same old, same old.
11/28/23 12:45	F1953	This is by far the best selection, as you eliminated the loon from consideration. I would leave the blue MN shape and star. However, I would change the three colors. I would use bottom blue at the top for the sky. I would use a richer green for trees and grassland in the middle. I would use a richer blue, at the bottom (think the color of water on a sunny day). So light blue, rich green, rich blue with the dark/almost black blue and the star. Thank you.

11/28/23 12:45	F1953	With the tremendous variety of stripe based flags in today's world, it strikes me as an uninteresting design choice - and hard to distinguish Minnesota as it's own unique identity. That being said, while I don't like the stripes, I love the color scheme.
11/28/23 12:46	F1953	I didnt like this one at first but it's grown on me. The color blocking is simple and left side hints at shape of our state.
11/28/23 12:48	F1953	The flag looks incredibly similar to a Texas flag. Is that the point, as Minnesota is the north star state and Texas the lone star state?
11/28/23 12:48	F1953	This is the top one in my opinion!!
11/28/23 12:50	F1953	This is the worst of the choices for so many reasons;color, design, etc. Very boring! Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota?
11/28/23 12:50	F1953	This is a clear winner in my book! The representation of the North Star in a graphic shape that resembles the shape of our state, with threes stripes that read, to me, as water (blue), land (green) and a snowy sky (white). I love it.
11/28/23 12:51	F1953	NO WAY - This looks like a flag from an eastern European country.
11/28/23 12:52	F1953	No, the 3 stripes are too muted, it lacks a vibrancy that should make us proud.
11/28/23 12:52	F1953	This one feels most state flag appropriate and most MN like. This is my vote.
11/28/23 12:52	F1953	Middle East look. No.
11/28/23 12:53	F1953	This is a design that will look great as a flag waving in the wind. The abstraction of the shape of the state is brilliant. Colors are excellent.
11/28/23 12:53	F1953	The design is nice, but the green and light blue really clash with each other.
11/28/23 12:53	F1953	I prefer this design concept the most for its simple appearance with much symbolism included. I feel like this design has the most promise as a flag and not being confused as a logo on solid background. In watching the complete deliberations live on 11/21, I understand that the order of the tricolor bands should be changed. You may want to consider breaking up the bands into 4 equal height bands with the top and 2nd band being changed to lighter blue, the 3rd band being white, and the bottom 4th band being green. This design change would help the white band to align with the right point of the star and the middle of the state's shape at the midpoint vertically on the flag. This design change would make the right half of the flag look like a field of green covered with snow under clear blue skies.
11/28/23 12:53	F1953	This one is my favorite! It looks the nicest and has the best symbolism of all. The design is simple yet iconic. I feel this Flagg will be a vast improvement over our previous one.
11/28/23 12:56	F1953	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 12:57	F1953	This flag reminds me of flags representing Eastern Europe. The geometric design is very cold and harsh.
11/28/23 12:58	F1953	This flag reminds me of flags representing Eastern Europe. The geometric design is very cold and harsh.
11/28/23 12:58	F1953	No. Resembles a flag from another country- eg, Cuba, or Jordan
11/28/23 12:58	F1953	Unless we plan on conquering territory in the Wisconsin or Canada, or alternatively being invaded by the same, this is my favorite design. It is symbolic in both figurative and literal senses, easy to reproduce by anyone in any art style (kids!), and is just plain nice.
11/28/23 12:59	F1953	F29 and F1953 are by far my two favorites.
11/28/23 12:59	F1953	A Caribbean nation? Probably failing.
11/28/23 13:00	F1953	This would be my second choice.
11/28/23 13:03	F1953	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone.
11/28/23 13:04	F1953	I am a Minnesotan who is stuck because of work here for a while in British Columbia - however all things Minnesotan are extremely important to me. Most of my family still lives there. I'm an art teacher, so design is also important to me. I LOVE this flag submission design. It combines both traditional and modern design elements, with the most important aspects of the state all evident.
11/28/23 13:06	F1953	Is there any way to do variations on the colors and see how that would look, based on this basic premise? Alternatives may look better
11/28/23 13:08	F1953	Leave flag the way it is!
11/28/23 13:08	F1953	Awful. Looks like a national flag. Nothing says or identifies it as MN
11/28/23 13:09	F1953	The Best! A representation of the state's unique shape with its North Star in the center. Followed by blue water, green forests, and Winter white stripes. Simple yet complete and totally recognizable as our flag.
11/28/23 13:10	F1953	Best flag design. Color scheme needs to adjust the pallet slightly. More forest green, and a better light blue. The star from the first flag with yellow in it should be used instead and moved to the top left vs mid left. This is the best flag concept



11/28/23 13:12	F1953	F1953 is my pick. I like the abstract MN and north star depicted. Well done!
11/28/23 13:12	F1953	Of all the finalists, this design seems to best fit the criteria of a good flag. All of the design elements are simple enough that a child could be able to draw it. Other designs seem too complex with waves or stars that are hard to replicate by hand. This design uses much simpler lines and shapes while still being unique--and yet, still obviously a flag design.
11/28/23 13:12	F1953	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:13	F1953	This is too plain for such a pretty state.
11/28/23 13:15	F1953	Nope
11/28/23 13:16	F1953	Hard no to this one. It's way too close to the Texas flag. A better version, sure, but you know they'll think we're copying. Truthfully, there's really nothing in Texas we should emulate.
11/28/23 13:19	F1953	While the colors are a bit off, this one looks like an actual flag that's not too trendy.
11/28/23 13:20	F1953	I don't want to be associated with any of these generic designs. Do you people live in Minnesota??
11/28/23 13:20	F1953	I nominate this design for the state flag.
11/28/23 13:22	F1953	Lacks the wow factor, colors are too dull
11/28/23 13:24	F1953	F1953. Professional, looks exactly like what a flag should be. The colors are muted, and decent. I do think something could possibly be done to make this one better, but I couldn't say what. All around one of my favorites though! The shapes, the weight of the left side are all perfect.
11/28/23 13:24	F1953	This looks like a flag for some tropical-weather country...
11/28/23 13:24	F1953	Horrible! Wtf is this!!? You all lost your damn minds
11/28/23 13:25	F1953	I'm not a big fan of any of the state flag finalists, but this one because it shows our state. I'm assuming the blue is for our lakes and green for our trees?
11/28/23 13:25	F1953	This one would be my second choice, as the Northstar is a very simple depiction of what the Northstar should look like
11/28/23 13:27	F1953	Looks like it's trying to copy Texas.
11/28/23 13:27	F1953	Literally the Palestinian flag with updated "Northern" colors.
11/28/23 13:28	F1953	This one has the best color scheme. The design is actually good, but the colors are great. I do appreciate how the design is a Minnesota shape.
		This would be the top choice if only the top color on the right was green, the white in center and green again on bottom right.
11/28/23 13:29	F1953	The yellow/sandstone color for the star instead of white might be nice.
11/28/23 13:29	F1953	This one is great! But it would be nice to have a loon in the middle stripe.
11/28/23 13:29	F1953	blah
11/28/23 13:30	F1953	I really like this one and its simplicity over the other ones. It represents Minnesota well with the color choice. It also follows the North American Vexillological Association's recommendations quite closely, and I know it would be a great choice for our state.
11/28/23 13:31	F1953	This is my favorite design. It looks great in FlagWaver. The silhouette of the state is great! I wish the star design was different, more like the star used in F29. I also wish the white stripe was in the middle of the stripes. Thank you for this opportunity to share comments!
11/28/23 13:32	F1953	Just NO. Looks like a condo community ad banner. Crappy.
11/28/23 13:34	F1953	This and F29 are probably my favorites
11/28/23 13:36	F1953	I really quite like this design, maybe my second favorite after F29. Honestly, I was really hoping the commission would pick a Swallowtail flag shape, rather than a rectangle, and let the swallowtail edge symbolize the state shape. This is an okay compromise. (but do please consider if one potential modification to the shape could be to adopt it).
11/28/23 13:36	F1953	Possibly my first choice.
11/28/23 13:36	F1953	Would I wear it on a hat? Yes
11/28/23 13:37	F1953	This design (F1953) is my second favorite, after F29. It's easy to read, represents the state well, and has a nice color palate.
11/28/23 13:38	F1953	This is by far the best one- there is very strong symbolism (colors, outline of MN, star of the north) while it is still distinct for MN. It's still simple and timeless. I really hope the council decides this one is exceptional as well!
11/28/23 13:38	F1953	If you're not gonna allow a loon, then F1953 is the only option out of all of these.
11/28/23 13:38	F1953	I feel like this represents very thing about us.

11/28/23 13:40	F1953	Rip off of Colorado's flag
11/28/23 13:41	F1953	So just Puerto Rico in cool tones? I mean I do like the colors of this one and I get that it kinda looks like the state of Minnesota. I don't mind it. Probably one of the top contenders for me even though all the designs were very basic.
11/28/23 13:41	F1953	I like this one
11/28/23 13:42	F1953	This with the F29 starflake would be amazing
11/28/23 13:42	F1953	The clear winner in my estimation. The graphics are clean, bold, and iconic. They represent the elements associated with the State of Minnesota;namely sky blue waters, the greenery of the prairies and forests, and the star of the north and the snow. Bravo.
11/28/23 13:43	F1953	this is my favorite. The star looks like a star and not a snowflake. the 3 colors represent snow, land and water, The navy blue looks like the shape of Minnesota
11/28/23 13:43	F1953	I like that this feels like a flag. represents north star, sky, water, snow and trees.
11/28/23 13:43	F1953	Please -the (only) one that has some clue that itâ€™s Minnesota.
11/28/23 13:44	F1953	F1953 is not at all appealing. It resembles flags of countries and regions that have a triangle (often with a star) at the left. Examples include Puerto.Rico, Cuba, Jordan, South Sudan, and other countries. (The Palestinian flag is similar.) To me it conveys ideology, not MN identity.
11/28/23 13:48	F1953	This one looks too European
11/28/23 13:49	F1953	This flag looks like a rip off of the Cuban flag. The three stripes make it look too busy and the North star is awkwardly placed.
11/28/23 13:53	F1953	This is my favorite by a fair margin. I'd maybe get rid of the 4 smaller points on the star and just leave it as a more traditional 4 point star. I really like the overall look of the flag though, it's fairly unique in this country and has very distinctive colors, yet remains simple! I'd happily fly this flag.
11/28/23 13:56	F1953	This is my favorite, from the 6 finalists.
11/28/23 13:58	F1953	This is ok and with some tweaking, my second choice. Maybe different blues in both the "K" and the bottom stripe.
11/28/23 13:58	F1953	Looks like someone tried to bring in an LGBTQIA+ flag. Sorry, doesn't represent me. What to the colors mean anyway? The arrow is going the wrong way.
11/28/23 13:58	F1953	I chose this submission for the fact that it's outline looks close to our state of Minnesota. The colors would depict land, water (lakes) and sky and of course the northern star. It is my opinion that the French words be removed the states identity. Mn has become a very diverse state.
11/28/23 13:59	F1953	Great design! This one has the best star by far. The top stripe color is a little odd (is it pale tan??), but with the other colors it overall has a very cool aesthetic.
11/28/23 14:03	F1953	I love the reference to the shape of MN, the star, and the colors, EXCEPT I would like to see yellow replacing the white strip at the top, to represent the importance of agriculture/farming in our state. This design is also easy to draw from memory.
11/28/23 14:05	F1953	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:05	F1953	Not the worst. Could the Star be yellow?
11/28/23 14:07	F1953	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.
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11/28/23 14:10	F1953	Once you see the fish face eating a neopolitan ice cream bar, you can't unsee it. Nice idea, but flawed execution. Pass.
11/28/23 14:11	F1953	I would love this as our state flag!
11/28/23 14:12	F1953	Well balanced, iconic color scheme, simple and attractive!
11/28/23 14:13	F1953	The colors and layout are bland
11/28/23 14:14	F1953	Looks like a third world country flag
11/28/23 14:15	F1953	If the white stripe is moved to the center, this would be my favorite flag design. Possibly green on bottom, white center, blue top. With white on top (or bottom) it kind of disappears and just does not look as good. Another good option here would be to replace the star of this flag with that of F29, maybe with a thinner white stripe in the center than pictured. Simple but distinct, and the design and colors help to capture the essence of Minnesota. (I don't know how much these final submissions will be modified from these designs, just giving suggestions and my opinion!)
11/28/23 14:16	F1953	I think this flag is the best- it's a timeless design, and I also like that the navy shape on the left is in the actual shape of our state.

11/28/23 14:20	F1953	I love this one because: It shows the State of MN, the star of the north (simplified) as well as light blue for water and green for our farmland. I think it hit all the good things represented in MN with a bold statement.
11/28/23 14:21	F1953	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original!
11/28/23 14:21	F1953	I like that this has a shape that sort of looks like the shape of Minnesota. Also the colors of green and blue (farm lands and lakes). And the north star idea is good also.
11/28/23 14:22	F1953	I like this flag, but the star should match whatever seal is chosen. I feel the S6 seal is best. Also on the S6 seal the dark blue band under where it says Seal of MN should be green while leaving the middle blue. This will bring cohesiveness to the flag and seal.
11/28/23 14:22	F1953	If F29 isn't chosen then this is the next best choice
11/28/23 14:22	F1953	This one is the best in my opinion. Simple modern yet traditional. It represents many aspects of our state while staying minimalistic in design.
11/28/23 14:23	F1953	This feels a bit more representative of Minnesota. I like it more than some of the entries. I feel like the bottom blue is the wrong shade. An icier blue would make me like this design more.
11/28/23 14:23	F1953	I believe this design best incorporates the various symbols and elements of MN. The shape of the state of MN on the left side, the North Star, white for snow, green for agriculture and blue for waters/land of 10,000 lakes.
11/28/23 14:26	F1953	Solid!
11/28/23 14:26	F1953	Love simplistic beauty of this design!
11/28/23 14:27	F1953	This one is fine. At best. But I have to keep scrolling up to look at it because I forget it the second it is not in my direct line of sight.
11/28/23 14:28	F1953	This one is my second favorite, although it looks way too much like a weird cross between Puerto Rico and Texas for my taste. It isn't really all that unique in that regard, although it does look nice aside from that. As a Minnesotan, I want something unique, this just doesn't do that for me. I would bewhelmed if this was the choice, but I wouldn't be let down either.
11/28/23 14:30	F1953	Very good graphic symbology, I'd be happy with this. Especially appreciating the 2 tone blue. Aqua is rare in heraldry.
11/28/23 14:31	F1953	Favorite of the flag finalists. Don't like the light blue color...consider changing color
11/28/23 14:33	F1953	I like the simplified shape of MN. Very modern looking design.
11/28/23 14:34	F1953	Bottom left is the best, it's the only one that could look good flying on a flagpole while still representing the state well. The both star, plus triple color bars representing snow land and lake, is just perfect.
11/28/23 14:36	F1953	F1953: This is my favorite choice for the new flag of Minnesota. It incorporates the shape of the state seamlessly into traditional flag elements, which is very clever. It includes the north star symbol, which I consider crucial for the flag, and also the colors of the most important elements of Minnesota life: water, trees, and snow.
11/28/23 14:36	F1953	Many of the other finalists feel pretty similar but this one is pretty unique among them. I really like the subtle inclusion of the state's distinctive shape in this one.
11/28/23 14:38	F1953	Very plain and Boring! Sorry of resembles a flag, but awful color combination
11/28/23 14:40	F1953	NO, looks another country's flag
11/28/23 14:40	F1953	I really like this design concept. Good level of complexity and conventions of flags by utilizing common shapes and patterns in a unique way. It feels like a flag yet slightly distinct. The shape on the left depicting Minnesota is a choice I usually disliked in the flag submissions, but I like it here as a sort of chevron. My one issue with the design is the light blue stripe. I think the flag would be better with three colors and having two shades of blue is not generally a great idea. Reduce it to just the green and white stripe and then I think the design is great.
11/28/23 14:41	F1953	This is the best of the six finalists because it looks most like a flag ought to and is not as 'corporate logo' as the others.
11/28/23 14:41	F1953	F1953 would be my third favorite. It might be my favorite with a different color scheme.
11/28/23 14:42	F1953	Looks like a foreign country's flag. Worst of the group
11/28/23 14:43	F1953	Deeper blue for the water.
11/28/23 14:44	F1953	This is my vote for the best flag. It offers longevity without being too modern. It will match well with Seal S147.
11/28/23 14:44	F1953	I do really love Finalist flag F29. It is clear and simple. North star state and a snowflake. It represents where we are in the world - and where we are has shaped who we are. If you are torn in your decision, F1953 is the better, stronger flag type compared to F2100 and reflects Minnesota well. F1435 is really warm and inviting and speaks to the legacy of agriculture across cultures here. Please do NOT select F944, F1154, or F2100. Seal: Yes to the loon, S224 its delightful but also the last one S147 is so nice, people will actually use it. Lastly, do not feel like the seal and flag need to match as the seal related to the best flag is not strong and the flag with the matching star from the look seal is not a good flag design. Best of luck to you, this will be hard. Ask your elders. They know best.

11/28/23 14:44	F1953	This flag is really great. The only thing I would change is the vertical order of the stripes. I would put white in the middle so it doesn't look like the flag is cropped in the top right corner, and it would line up with the position of the star in the center, which I think would just look cool. To simulate the look of a horizon, I would then place the green on the bottom and the sky blue on top.
11/28/23 14:47	F1953	No
11/28/23 14:52	F1953	I like the general overall flag but think the star is not quite distinctive enough, perhaps a combination with f29 somehow?
11/28/23 14:54	F1953	I believe this to be the best of the flags. I can easily see it representing our state. Thank you.
11/28/23 14:55	F1953	I really like this one!
11/28/23 14:58	F1953	Looks like foreign nation's flag.
11/28/23 14:58	F1953	F1953 is my second favorite after F29. I think the star could be moved up a little bit and the colors fine-tuned to match MN branding better, but overall great! Probably not using such a big white area at the top would be good? I think there are issues around using so much off-white on a flag, but I can't remember
11/28/23 15:00	F1953	This one is so boring. It looks like anyone could have done this. It does not really read "Minnesota" at all. Is just so generic! We could have done something cool and classic like California, but instead we're just color blocking?
11/28/23 15:02	F1953	I like this one except I like the colors in the one he is holding in the photo except for the black across the top and bottom which I assume are not part of the flag
11/28/23 15:02	F1953	This is by far the best flag of final designs. It is simple and distinct. I would be proud to fly this flag.
11/28/23 15:08	F1953	Quite pleasing aesthetically, but a flag that requires an explanation is probably not ideal.
11/28/23 15:08	F1953	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring. What do the colors represent?
11/28/23 15:10	F1953	I love this. I would make it an asymmetrical swallow tail that looks more like the outline of our state. Also, from top to bottom the colors should be white, blue and green.
11/28/23 15:10	F1953	I like this one. The tricolor and incorporation of the North Star really makes this a good flag for our sovereign natio...our state. Best one of the lot.
11/28/23 15:14	F1953	Cool colors! Nice and simple but the number of colors stands out nicely. Star could maybe be slightly simplified. Definitely my favorite of the finalists
11/28/23 15:15	F1953	My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.
11/28/23 15:15	F1953	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:16	F1953	Wonderful! By far my favorite. It's classic, has lovely colors, and stands out as the strongest flag of all the selections.
11/28/23 15:16	F1953	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:17	F1953	There were many great flag options submitted, but unfortunately none of the finalists reflect how seriously amazing Minnesota is. 5 of the 6 finalists are cartoonish and look like quick logos, not something worth flying to represent pride of place. This one, F1953, is by far the best of the 6 finalists.
11/28/23 15:21	F1953	This one is cool. It has the North Star. The colors are White for the snow, Green for the forests or fields, Dark blue sky, and Lighter blue for the lakes and rivers.
11/28/23 15:21	F1953	It's just so blocky, boring, and ugly. In 80 years this flag will really look like it was designed during the same era as boring gray home interiors.
11/28/23 15:21	F1953	I really wish any of these designs had loons on them because Minnesota has a uniquely large loon population and Minnesotans take pride in loons. Loons also migrate through the southern part of the state. The north star is famous for being visible anywhere in the northern hemisphere. It doesn't do a good job representing Minnesota and most people don't care about it as a state symbol.
11/28/23 15:26	F1953	I love F29 star but it's too simple to just have it on a blue background. Adding that star to F1953 and changing the bottom stripe of F1953 to green (with the stripes being green, white, green) would be the best of both.
11/28/23 15:28	F1953	I like the sky blue water tie in, but this seems like Puerto Rico and Texas has a baby. Not special or unique.
11/28/23 15:28	F1953	Again, could be a flag from many states
11/28/23 15:29	F1953	My first choice. Abstract MN. North star. This would look great on a flagpole.

11/28/23 15:31	F1953	This is by far the best option among the finalists. Good modern color scheme, Blue for water, white for snow and green for forests. Most importantly there is a symbolic representation of Minnesota on the left. Which means this flag is filling the core function of a flag in identifying what it is a flag of. State flags aren't so distinctive, particularly new ones, that people are going to remember them. So it should be representational.
11/28/23 15:31	F1953	north star/snowflake is a nice touch.
11/28/23 15:34	F1953	This is my choice for our flag, given the finalists. That said, I do think this design is too simplistic, too "AI clip art." It would be nice to see a compromise between these extremely plain designs and the overly busy designs that came before.
11/28/23 15:42	F1953	Of all the flag designs, I believe this is the simplest and most effective. I fully believe that a flag should be easily drawn by children in school and have a clear design to represent its state. I believe this flag encompasses that goal and should be adopted by the state as our new flag.
11/28/23 15:45	F1953	Yuck. Looks like generic clip art, what about it couldn't be generated by AI? Where is the human perspective? Where is Minnesota? It would be improved by adding more elements, like a loon, lady slipper, lake, woods, prairie. It currently says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is. It's a corporate snoozefest.
11/28/23 15:46	F1953	Great design. I love the state shape reference on the left side as well as the white for snow, green for forest and blue for water. Topped with the North Star the best of the bunch by far!
11/28/23 15:47	F1953	looks like some other countries flag? Where is MN reference? why not a plain old REAL shaped star?
11/28/23 15:49	F1953	This is ugly!
11/28/23 15:53	F1953	Honestly, it's okay. Frankly, there seems to be an obsession with the northern star. It's a bit bland, but it's the only decent flag out of the six.
11/28/23 15:54	F1953	F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire field of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from state like New Mexico, California, & South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi & Utah state flags. F1435 - I don't get it or like it really. What are the geometric shapes supposed to represent? Should I have to ask? Looks like a quilting pattern. Add "Minnesota". F1953 - this is the second best of the six flag options. The star needs some work though, I don't like the design of the star, try something more traditional. Add "Minnesota" and a picture of the state tree and then we'll have something.
11/28/23 15:54	F1953	F
11/28/23 15:54	F1953	Like the combination of colors and the suggestion of the state's shape on the left.
11/28/23 15:55	F1953	Maybe this will work because of the shape;but please change the colors. I like the 3 "biome" colors of F1741 instead. Also, don't make the Minnesota shape so symmetrical. Go with the shape on F799!
11/28/23 15:55	F1953	This is okay but doesn't feel very original. It's basically the flag of Jordan with different colors.
11/28/23 15:56	F1953	Of the finalists F1953 is probably my favorite. The design and color are recognizable by many Minnesotan and my elementary school child could probably remember and recreate it. This design is the most iconic.
11/28/23 15:56	F1953	# F1953. No! Looks like a flag from another country. Doesn't feel like MN at all.
11/28/23 15:58	F1953	I like this one! It looks very stately but in the most Minnesota way.
11/28/23 16:06	F1953	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Not very creative except it has more than just a star. It maybe symbolizes a forest and a river. It leaves the rest of the criteria in the dark
11/28/23 16:08	F1953	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:10	F1953	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:11	F1953	I like the way it integrates the shape of the state into a flag design
11/28/23 16:11	F1953	This is nice, but not as good as the swishy one.
11/28/23 16:14	F1953	This F1953 is my least favorite- I don't understand why it says anything about MN. It could just be our colors? The star seems a bit random. I know others are a stretch too: but I understood them a little better.

11/28/23 16:20	F1953	BLUF: This is trash. It looks like cold texas. it will not be popular. This comission ignores history at it's own peril, and at extensive cost to the reputation of the legislators that might approve a flag. The Original North Star Flag has been ignored, and any replacement that is not the Original North Star Flag will have no wide appeal or lasting impact. Pick a flag already popular, the one we wanted to replace the current one with.
11/28/23 16:21	F1953	llooks like advertising for north star train
11/28/23 16:30	F1953	F1953 flag submission is the best as it has great lines and encompasses so many aspects of our state. It is tastefully simple without looking barren as some of the other finalists.
11/28/23 16:32	F1953	The commission left the best flag design off the list of finalists. Revisit F777 - this was the best option submitted to the commission. Try to incorporate some of F777 features into the final selection or pick another round of finalists. I think you are rushing this decision and need to take more time regardless of the legislative deadline to get it right. You should open it back up to voting on all the submissions to the public - then pick the top 20 and go from there. Do you think the commission members can really represent the preferences of the entire state? I've seen nothing but complaints about the finalists that the commission selected. A lot of design elements people liked were totally ruled out due to some arbitrary opinion of a commission member. People really like Stars, LOONS, the state TREE incorporated into their flag. All the commission did was filter our anything that was creative/original - all the options are way too similar to each other. A star and some block coloring. Do better. F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire file of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from site like New Mexico, California, & South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi & Utah state flags. F1435 - I don't get it or like it really. What are the geometric shapes supposed to represent? Should I have to ask? Looks like a quilting pattern. Add "Minnesota". F1953 - this is the second best of the six flag options. The star needs some work though, I don't like the design of the star, try something more traditional. Add "Minnesota" and a picture of the state tree and then we'll have something. F2100 - I think this is my favorite of the six finalists, but I really don't like the star that much honestly. Simplify the star (5 points) make it smaller and put it in the upper left corner, add the work "Minnesota"
11/28/23 16:37	F1953	If push came to shove, this might take second place.
11/28/23 16:38	F1953	This design is far better than the rest. It is more pleasing to the eye, and signifies symbols of Minnesota better.
11/28/23 16:39	F1953	No. No. No. This design has nice parts except for the star which looks like the star of Bethlehem rather than the North Star.
11/28/23 16:40	F1953	On Flag F1953:  PROS -- Makes attempt to represent shape of Minnesota -- Has familiar flag components  CONS -- Dark blue section looks like a Pac-Man mouth, not the shape of Minnesota (flags F1396, F1741, F1609, F278 and others show how this can be done) -- Dated: looks like flag design of a bygone era -- Religious symbol: star looks like Christian Star/Star of Bethlehem ***NOTE: this problem has been noted repeatedly in public comments on media websites.
11/28/23 16:40	F1953	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:40	F1953	This design is a very strong contender, its simplicity lends to a memorable vision and it's symbolism is rich and meaningful. The color choices definitely need to be adjusted as all of them feel far too washed out and pale.
11/28/23 16:41	F1953	First choice! I am partial for the design to actually look like a flag. I live the symbolism and the colors are striking-elegant, regal, timeless.
11/28/23 16:48	F1953	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs. This one looks like Iran
11/28/23 16:50	F1953	This flag with the star from F29

11/28/23 17:01	F1953	Love this flag!
11/28/23 17:01	F1953	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:02	F1953	Love this flag!
11/28/23 17:14	F1953	Too modern, does not represent our state.
11/28/23 17:15	F1953	I like the explanation, but wouldn't have gotten there on my own. This is my least favorite of the options.
11/28/23 17:16	F1953	All of the flag designs are meh. The colors on this flag do not work together for me. I dislike the composition.
11/28/23 17:19	F1953	I like this one too. The stylized Minnesota in navy is a neat idea. The star is a must, I think, and this is my personal favorite shape. Colors look good together. (There was an earlier flag where the green & the blue really didn't look that good together, IMO.
11/28/23 17:19	F1953	This flag is my household's favorite because of its strong design and symbolism. The stylized MN shape is a great touch! It is not "busy" like some of the others.
11/28/23 17:24	F1953	The flag says nothing about Minnesota as a state or us as a people. nothing speaks to the past or the future when I look at the flag, nothing says "Minnesota" to me.
11/28/23 17:28	F1953	This design is beautiful in capturing the elements that represent Minnesota. Water, land, sky, North Star, and the state silhouette. Balanced design that is both elegant and straightforward.
11/28/23 17:29	F1953	I would rate this #1 (still wish there was a loon somewhere!)
11/28/23 17:29	F1953	Excellent choice--- easy to recognize from far away, simple, colorful, and lots of meaning.
11/28/23 17:29	F1953	This is one of 2 of my favorites. I love how it looks when hung vertically.
11/28/23 17:29	F1953	Looks kind of like a third-world country's flag that is confusing and doesn't really graphically represent anything meaningful.
11/28/23 17:31	F1953	Please choose this one!!! This one looks nice, it's modern, and represents my state well.
11/28/23 17:31	F1953	My top choices are: F944, F1953 or F 21001. They are all classy designs looks classy that draw upon many MN things...water, Northern Lights, the North Star. Enough detail to be interesting and will look nice blowing in the wind.
11/28/23 17:31	F1953	F1435 has nice sentiment to it, but the bold art and design does not look appropriate for a state flag.
11/28/23 17:32	F1953	F1953 is my favorite
11/28/23 17:33	F1953	Second best option
11/28/23 17:33	F1953	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:33	F1953	I like the turquoise blue on this flag, Very uncommon on flags in general. I like the shape of MN to the left and of course the North Star.
11/28/23 17:33	F1953	My favorite! Really like the unique shape of Minnesota and the color bars and star for a simple, yet detailed overall representation of MN.
11/28/23 17:34	F1953	This design is my favorite. It is simple, clean, and powerful. The navy abstract of MN makes this design unique, while incorporating elements from the other designs (blue, white, green, as well as the star). I would be proud to fly this flag and have it represent our state.
11/28/23 17:34	F1953	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:34	F1953	Start over. ðŸ™
11/28/23 17:35	F1953	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:35	F1953	This one is growing on me. I would like the colors to be more vibrant.
11/28/23 17:35	F1953	Snow, water, trees are not unique to Minnesota. But the shape is and this design is the only one that can be said to be unique, both among these and others that may appear in the country
11/28/23 17:35	F1953	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:35	F1953	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
11/28/23 17:37	F1953	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:38	F1953	Don't see anything representing MN
11/28/23 17:38	F1953	Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:38	F1953	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:39	F1953	It is OK, but would prefer a lake, a loon, trees

11/28/23 17:40	F1953	Makes me think more of a country flag, especially in the Middle East.
11/28/23 17:41	F1953	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:42	F1953	It show symbols of the beauty and wonder of Minnesota.
11/28/23 17:44	F1953	It's okay. Not a fan of the green. It'd look better without the green stripe. The left edge abstract of MN's outlines is nice once you realize that is what it is, but it is perhaps a little too subtle to keep. It makes it look like a flag you'd see on a boat.
11/28/23 17:44	F1953	This is my favorite design, especially because the dark blue shape at the left represents abstractly the shape of the state. The colors of the 3 stripes represent important aspects of our state: snow, fields/trees, and the lakes. It's simple enough to be recreated easily.
11/28/23 17:44	F1953	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:45	F1953	Seriously, I have always loved flags and lived in many countries and this looks like a flag from the Middle East or Africa... does not represent the Americas (North, Central, South)... and especially does not reflect a Minnesota flag design. It's also very aggressive in its design elements and does not flow... and the colors are washed out... and with the distressing elements that a flying flag will be subjected to will only fade them more and make it even more hideous.
11/28/23 17:48	F1953	Love the simplicity and symbolism!
11/28/23 17:48	F1953	I like what the artist says and the look of this. Looks like a flag. Also the dark blue part looks like a mirror of Minnesota
11/28/23 17:49	F1953	Like the idea of the navy abstract shape but don't see the star portrayed as a unifying one- looks too much like the traditional Bethlehem star. Definitely a more traditional flag design.
		By far the best design of the selection, and the only one I would be happy with without any modifications. Obviously the star should match whatever icon goes on the seal selection.
11/28/23 17:50	F1953	I love that this one both represents the natural shape of the state, has four colors, has clear directionality, will look good displayed vertically (while also being identifiable as being in a vertical position)
11/28/23 17:51	F1953	Well the best of the worst in my opinion. New state seal should be incorporated on the flag so at least to recognize its state of mn. Flag
11/28/23 17:54	F1953	Overall this is my favorite finalist and seems the most like a proper flag. I might consider some minor modifications. I wonder if the white stripe might be better as the middle stripe (and putting the green at the top) because currently the white stripe kind of disappears, but maybe that's just how it looks in a digital format and would not have this issue in real-life physical form. But of course we live in a digital world so maybe we should consider that factor. I love having the abstract Minnesota shape on here.
11/28/23 17:55	F1953	Love it, but would bring in a bluer blue somehow.
11/28/23 17:57	F1953	I love this structure. Borrow the colors from other flags. Put the snowflake star on this structure and youâ€™ve got a winner.
11/28/23 17:58	F1953	all of the designs are overly simple. I dislike this one less than most others
11/28/23 18:04	F1953	This is my number one pick for the state flag.
11/28/23 18:07	F1953	Several of the modified versions of F1953 offer better choices than the original. The white stripe on top is not a good look. This version should be considered instead: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/GjYPtr7yxaDeaVHUA">https://photos.app.goo.gl/GjYPtr7yxaDeaVHUA</a>
11/28/23 18:08	F1953	It looks old fashion and not in a good way
11/28/23 18:12	F1953	Thumbs down.
11/28/23 18:13	F1953	Not too bad
11/28/23 18:13	F1953	I like all of them. My favorite seems to be F1953, because it had an abstract shape of MN in the design. I am wondering if we can add the stripes like the other design, to represent the 87 counties and tribal nations.
11/28/23 18:13	F1953	1953 - I donâ€™t like the colors of this flag
11/28/23 18:14	F1953	No. This evokes "pac-man" video game.
11/28/23 18:15	F1953	Where is a Loon flag? I do not like any of the North Star flag designs. I do not like it.
11/28/23 18:16	F1953	Hard no - the colors are drab
11/28/23 18:17	F1953	Nothing about this submission is appealing. A definite NO.



11/28/23 18:19	F1953	Another example of the few making expensive decisions with our tax dollars. This should not be changed!
11/28/23 18:20	F1953	No.
11/28/23 18:20	F1953	Too close to some nationalities flags around the planet.
11/28/23 18:21	F1953	I like this one more than four of the others. Asymmetrical - good symbolism. Uses the space of the background.
11/28/23 18:21	F1953	Looks like something concocted by a small European or south american country. Really?!?
11/28/23 18:22	F1953	Number one choice for me. Love the shape of the State
11/28/23 18:23	F1953	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:24	F1953	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F1953 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:24	F1953	This is my choice for state flag
11/28/23 18:25	F1953	This designs too blocky. No sense of movement.
11/28/23 18:25	F1953	I appreciate the combination of symbolic colors, in addition to the creative inclusion of abstract shape of the state. This flag would display well in either horizontal or vertical orientation.
11/28/23 18:26	F1953	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	This is wonderful now that the colors are explained. Pick this one, make no changes.
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	Terrible colors. Boring, looks childish, doesn't represent Minnesota
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	My second favorite design, though I still lament at it being a bit boring. The K of the left design being a simplified Minnesota shape is very neat, as well as the colors working in harmony. I'd be pleased with this one being chosen, though it's nothing that blows my mind or makes me feel proud.
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	Again, what the heck are you telling me with this flag. It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag has picture information on it.
11/28/23 18:27	F1953	Everyone needs to stop with the someone's feelings are going to be hurt BS.
11/28/23 18:28	F1953	There is nothing on any of these that showcases our great state!!!! Terrible!!!!
11/28/23 18:28	F1953	This is my 2nd favorite design. I like the simplicity and the meanings of the colors. Also like that snow is not over emphasized.
11/28/23 18:28	F1953	I like the Minnesota shape. Could Minnesota be added ?
11/28/23 18:28	F1953	Terrible idea!
11/28/23 18:28	F1953	Leave the current flag the way it is.
11/28/23 18:30	F1953	+1 only one that just OK, not shows nothing about our state
11/28/23 18:30	F1953	This is my favorite flag, it follows all vexology standards and is the most pleasing to the eye. Plus it's not just another flag with a blue field and I feel like a child could draw it
11/28/23 18:30	F1953	F1953: This is my 2nd favorite design. I like the simplicity and the meanings of the colors. Also like that snow is not over emphasized.
11/28/23 18:30	F1953	The designs look like grade school quality, probably an insult to school children. A couple look like a foreign country flag. I would reject all of them. We can do better.
11/28/23 18:31	F1953	This is by far my favorite design. It looks more flag like than the other designs. I like the abstract Minnesota shape and the star looks more like a star than a snowflake.
11/28/23 18:32	F1953	This is really good. Traditional, but it stood out compared to others at a glance. Good colors.
11/28/23 18:32	F1953	Of the six finalists, the strongest visually but boring,
11/28/23 18:34	F1953	All the flags are too abstract and don't represent Minnesota or bring to mind anything that is associated with the state like the loon, woods, deer, lakes, our Native American heritage or early settlers that built the state. Nothing wrong with the flag we had.
11/28/23 18:34	F1953	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:35	F1953	Doesn't represent MN

11/28/23 18:36	F1953	Beautiful! Simple, and easy for a child to draw from memory!
11/28/23 18:36	F1953	F 1593 works best
11/28/23 18:38	F1953	I would fly this flag!
11/28/23 18:38	F1953	I really like the star for this design and the colors definitely fit in with Minnesota. The overall design, however, reminds me of other flags I've seen before like Texas and Puerto Rico.
11/28/23 18:38	F1953	F1953 is perfect. State shape on left makes it very recognizable as Minnesota to non Minnesotans. Best pick to put on t-shirts. Would rival CO as coolest flag. Star ones are terrible. Loon state seal is only one to consider. Would also be great as a flag!
11/28/23 18:41	F1953	This is the best. Represents the elements Minnesota is known for and is the one that looks most flag like.
11/28/23 18:41	F1953	I like F1953 for the flag
11/28/23 18:43	F1953	This one PLEASE! Recognizable MN shape. Please change the white to BRIGHT YELLOW GOLD! The BEST! LOVE IT! â
11/28/23 18:44	F1953	I donâ€™t really like any of the flags. Emblem #S224
11/28/23 18:45	F1953	OK, but too much like the flag of Texas (shudder.)
11/28/23 18:45	F1953	Looking at many of the flag options, I thought some were outstanding! I would not have picked any of your 5 finalists. I wish the public could have picked from more choices. I guess of the 5 this is the one I would go with.
11/28/23 18:47	F1953	this one is my favorite!!!! It makes the "most sense" out of all 6 finalist designs. I like the state of Minnesota shape! The whole design appeals to me MUCH more than the other 5 finalists. Anyone in any other state would "understand" it. Pick this one!!
11/28/23 18:50	F1953	Thank you to all on this commission. This is my second choice for state flag after F29. I would be perfectly happy with this as the flag. I would suggest though that the symbols on F29 replace the star on this flag as it is flashier and contains more historic symbolism. Also, I am not sure if white is the best color for the border of a flag as it can be lost in the sky when waived. May I suggest it go in the middle? Otherwise I like this flag. Thank you -Aaron
11/28/23 18:51	F1953	By far the best colors and pleasing composition. Flag 1953 is the best and most recognizable! The others are boring, bad colors, or would be difficult to replicate.
11/28/23 18:52	F1953	meaningless, bad colors stupid arrow and yet again another star.
11/28/23 18:53	F1953	This is the best design as it is the only one with the state on it.
11/28/23 18:54	F1953	I would vote for F-953
11/28/23 18:57	F1953	I think this would make the best flag. It can be easily drawn, and is the only flag that can be used as a vertical banner.
11/28/23 19:00	F1953	what on earth makes you think Mn when you see this???
11/28/23 19:01	F1953	Keep current State Flag. No changes.
11/28/23 19:02	F1953	This is my favorite of the flag finalists, but the colors could use some adjustments
11/28/23 19:02	F1953	The flag finalist F1953 is my top choice for a flag for our state. It is both representative of life in MN and its simplicity is superb. It stands alone as a state flag representing all of our state in an understated and elegant manner. Iâ€™d be proud to hang this flag.
11/28/23 19:03	F1953	This design has the only obvious link to our beautiful state of Minnesota with its distinctive shape on the left. I think that makes it identifiably our own, enduring, and puts this design above all others. The North Star shape is essential but could possibly be tweaked. The three bands complete the flag nicely.
11/28/23 19:05	F1953	Superior design overcomes the use of four colors. Brilliant to have left edge evoke state's shape. Yes, a kid could draw this from memory.
11/28/23 19:07	F1953	I like this one it's simple but it isn't as distinguishable from other state flags like Texas.
11/28/23 19:07	F1953	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:10	F1953	While the tri-color and dovetail of this flag makes it highly recognizable under all weather conditions, the north star is too plain to be a symbol that Minnesotans can identify with and be proud of. If the star were to be replaced with the symbol from F29 though, it would be the ideal flag.
11/28/23 19:11	F1953	I like this flag the most!! It has the most "flag" feel to it compared to other finalists and I can easily imagine it flying on a flag post. I think the colors of this flag best represent who we are as Minnesotans and what is most important to us.
11/28/23 19:13	F1953	I like this design (F1953) - I think the dark blue color should be changed slightly but otherwise has good flag quality.

11/28/23 19:24	F1953	None of these finalist represent our State. I had out of state friends (two different states) view them and both said they would never be able to tell it was the flag for Minnesota. Many on nextdoor.com have made comments that they look like Timberwolves jerseys, quilt squares or third grade art, and why are we erasing history? Poor choices by the committee. Should have been decided on by all residents. I left the comments on this design because it, at least, shows some semblance to the shape of the state. Wish they would have just added an uplifted arm each to the farmer and the native, as though they were waving at each other. Do not like any of the designs.
11/28/23 19:27	F1953	terrible
11/28/23 19:27	F1953	This one I also like, probably my second favorite.
11/28/23 19:29	F1953	the worst of all of them
11/28/23 19:31	F1953	Too plain, not enough representation of our beautiful state. I do not like the color choices in this one.
11/28/23 19:34	F1953	The navy blue in the symbolized shape of the state is impactful. My very favorite aspect of all of the designs.
11/28/23 19:39	F1953	well, the Cubans and Puerto Ricans will love this one...looks very similar. Trying too hard to be Texas.
11/28/23 19:39	F1953	There is nothing about this design that the majority of Minnesotans will know what it represents. Another boring design lacking color.
11/28/23 19:40	F1953	This flag would be instantly recognized as the Minnesota flag in short order with the shape of Minnesota on it. Much better than the other designs.
11/28/23 19:45	F1953	This is my favorite design! It is unique and contains important symbolism and recognizable designs. This flag could easily be re-mixed and re-made into all kinds of graphics to represent the state. Visually it is easily the most 'stately' of the finalists.
11/28/23 19:46	F1953	Too similar to the Texas flag. Minnesota deserves more originality
11/28/23 19:48	F1953	This one feels too similar to the Texas flag. Please not this one. I don't want to have to think about Texas every time I see our flag.
11/28/23 19:50	F1953	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:52	F1953	This is our family's favorite design submitted. We think it perfectly represents our great state!
11/28/23 19:53	F1953	appears to be a middle east flag, not an american symbol
11/28/23 19:54	F1953	Put the star from F29 on this flag and it would be perfect. Basically combine F1953 with F29.
11/28/23 19:55	F1953	This is absolutely horrible!!!
11/28/23 19:55	F1953	This is my favorite design on the 6. I like the shape of MN plus the white blue and green combo for our natural resources. Light blue hinting at sky blue waters is nice. This is also a nice star design for North Star.
11/28/23 19:56	F1953	This is absolutely horrible!!!
11/28/23 19:57	F1953	This is the best flag.
11/28/23 20:01	F1953	My top pick. I think it does a really good job representing the symbolism of Minnesota in so many aspects and yet keeping the design simple.
11/28/23 20:06	F1953	Traditional in terms of a flag, but would it be mistaken for a foreign country?
11/28/23 20:06	F1953	None of my top 12 designs were chosen as a finalist, so I don't really like any of the finalists. But I prefer this one and design 2100 to the other choices.
11/28/23 20:07	F1953	Looks like every other states flag but with green.
11/28/23 20:11	F1953	Yep
11/28/23 20:20	F1953	Like it a lot
11/28/23 20:22	F1953	I think this is a great representation of the state of Minnesota. I like the shape of our state on left side. It makes Minnesota more identifiable than the others.
11/28/23 20:24	F1953	This looks like the perfect design for the State of MN. It has the shape of the state on the flag. It has all of the correct colors for our state. I immediately, before even reading the designer's comments, knew exactly what each color and symbol stood for. The rest of the designs, while nice, don't say, "Minnesota's State Flag," quite like this one. So many of the other flag designs felt too much like quilt squares, which are wonderful for a quilt, but not meant to stand alone like a flag. This is a true flag. I also like how this flag does not co-opt American Indian symbols. American Indians are their own sovereign nations. We, as a part of the United States, should not be taking their symbols from them. As someone of American Indian ancestry, I appreciate that non-American Indians are trying to make amends for atrocities committed in the past, but co-opting our symbols into a state flag is not a way to do that. So I like that about this flag.
11/28/23 20:27	F1953	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one
11/28/23 20:30	F1953	This one is the best
11/28/23 20:31	F1953	This symbolism, colors, and simplicity of this flag are wonderful! My top choice!

11/28/23 20:32	F1953	Beautiful in its simplicity. Impressed with how much this design conveys without being too busy. It will look amazing flying on a pole or hanging down from a window. The colors are different from other state flags out there. This should be the design our great state adopts.
11/28/23 20:32	F1953	F1953 is by far my favorite design. It has a very classic look and feel to it that will be easily recognizable by anyone. The only negative comment I have is the color palette- I think it could be improved. Such as placing a blue on the top of the three stacked colors, with green on the bottom and white in the middle. I also think the colors could use some fine tuning to harmonize them;the undertones and hues seem off. Perhaps making the star gold as well.
11/28/23 20:32	F1953	I donâ€™t know why but I find this exceptionally boring â€” the meaning, colors, design. I especially dislike the abstract shape of Minnesota. It feels like a symbolic cop out to me and detracts from the mythology of the flag.
11/28/23 20:34	F1953	I donâ€™t know why but I find this exceptionally boring â€” the meaning, colors, design. I especially dislike the abstract shape of Minnesota. It feels like a symbolic cop out to me and detracts from the mythology of the flag.
11/28/23 20:37	F1953	**edit** I like this star for F2100
11/28/23 20:37	F1953	F1953 NO, not this one.
11/28/23 20:39	F1953	This is the best! I love the design and the meaning behind it. Especially the abstract MN shape!
11/28/23 20:39	F1953	This one doesnâ€™t have enough indigenous representation
11/28/23 20:41	F1953	This is our favorite of the finalists. Without even reading the description, we picked up on all of the symbolism and meanings!
11/28/23 20:41	F1953	I think this design would be greatly improved if the light blue bottom stripe was the same color as the light blue from design F944, the green stripe was darker, similar to the green from design F2100 and the star was a similar design to the star from F29
11/28/23 20:44	F1953	I hate it. What are you people smoking?
11/28/23 20:45	F1953	F29 and F1953 are really the only ones worth considering. Please donâ€™t mess this up.
11/28/23 20:46	F1953	Stupid „GOT NO IMAGINATION???? Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish?
11/28/23 20:46	F1953	This flag is my favorite! It's been consistently growing on me, and I like that it looks like Minnesota a bit. Please pick this one!
11/28/23 20:52	F1953	I like this one
11/28/23 20:57	F1953	This flag is very pleasing to the eye, conveys a lot at a simple glance. Itâ€™s perfect for us
11/28/23 21:01	F1953	Love this one the most!!! This one captured the most â€œMinnesotaâ€” between the abstract MN in navy, the colors and their meaning, and the north star. Also really like the exact colors used in this one.
11/28/23 21:04	F1953	Awesome!
11/28/23 21:04	F1953	This one looks good. Includes a star to allude to the north star state, the chevron vaguely resembles Minnesota, and the tri-color is a classic feature in flag design. This and F29 combined in some way would look excellent, if it could be pulled off.
11/28/23 21:08	F1953	This design is definitely the best of the finalists. Its design is interesting and not cluttered, and the abstract shape of Minnesota is distinct. I would proudly fly it.
11/28/23 21:10	F1953	Nice design but nothing about it says Minnesota to me. So no!
11/28/23 21:14	F1953	I think this one is the most unique of the 6 flags left in contention. I would say something additional to make it a little less simplistic would be great. Minimalism has gone a little far. The best of the 6 for sure
11/28/23 21:20	F1953	Simply ugly
11/28/23 21:24	F1953	This is close to my favorite. I absolutely love that the left-hand side reflects, loosely, the shape of Minnesota, while also reflecting the elements of the state.
11/28/23 21:26	F1953	Well thought out design! Very appropriate use of colors and art.
11/28/23 21:35	F1953	I agree heartily with the explanations more about this one over the other designs. Particularly like the easily recognizable state design
11/28/23 21:35	F1953	PLEASE PICK THIS FLAG!!!

11/28/23 21:37	F1953	Memorable, symbolic and beautiful!
11/28/23 21:38	F1953	I support this flag with the diverse three colors and what they represent. Thank you.
11/28/23 21:38	F1953	I really like this submission. I like the abstract shape of Minnesota incorporated along with the North Star. You will know immediately that this is the Minnesota state flag. The designer did a nice job on the color combination and what those colors represent to our state.
11/28/23 21:39	F1953	I like the abstract representation of the shape of Minnesota on the left side. (I learned it's called a swallowtail.) I generally like the color of the stripes, but think it might look better if ordered differently, maybe with white in middle. Of the final 6, I think I like this one the most. But I also like F2100.
11/28/23 21:40	F1953	I agree heartily with the explanations more about this one over the other designs. Particularly like the easily recognizable state design helpful to anyone else not from our state. I like the state outline being in blue and the other colors represent the state's aspects. One would not have to guess too much about whose state flag this is, and I can't say that about the others. When there is a location with all 50 state flags being flown, this would be helpful!!! Please select this one. This one just jumps out more than the others. I would fly this one. The others not much because of my above comments. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and have an investment.
11/28/23 21:43	F1953	Shows no Minnesota history. Very similar to Islamic flags.
		I like this. Could it look better with a couple color adjustments?
		What if the blue on the left (the Minnesota "shape") was like the blue on submission F2100? What if the blue and green on the right was more... I don't know how to say this... more blue and more green?
11/28/23 21:44	F1953	One more "what if". What if the star was moved straight up into the upper left?
11/28/23 21:44	F1953	Are you kidding? How is anyone supposed to figure out this is the state flag of Minnesota?
11/28/23 21:47	F1953	This one might be okay. But Minnesota shouldn't be abstract.
11/28/23 21:48	F1953	Remove on or both of the stripes, they are too thick, and the amount of colors looks too busy. Also, use 45 degree angles for the chevron, the current angles make the MN silhouette look too chunky. Size of the star could be reduced a bit too. Wouldn't mind seeing the green color removed entirely from the scheme to stick with white and blues, or possibly gold for the star. I have mocked up a few variations of this but there is no where to upload them. They would be much more effective than written comments.
11/28/23 21:50	F1953	Memorable, symbolic and beautiful!
11/28/23 21:51	F1953	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists are not great. This one is LOVE IT. THIS is what I want in a flag! The colors look good together. It's not too complex, but not too simple either. Representative of the state in many ways, not just one. I would proudly display this in my room or outside my house. Wonderful job. This is absolutely the best of the finalists. 10/10
11/28/23 21:51	F1953	Absolutely love the design of this submission for the flag. the swallowtail is the perfect touch since it resembles the shape of the state so well. Colours and symbology are very pleasing and match the state. The simplicity of the flag is its greatest strength, as it looks like something someone could actually sew together with different pieces of fabric. Plus, it doesn't look like one of the many city flags that feel like a separate logo (ie: soulless). It feels stately, and so I believe it's a perfect fit for our state.
11/28/23 22:00	F1953	Do not like this one at all. Don't think it represents my state of MN. Waste of money changing our flag
11/28/23 22:00	F1953	This design reminds me most of Minnesota. It not only contains the Star of the North, but also the abstract shape of MN which is immediately recognizable. The colors are soothing and represent the ecological aspects of the state nicely. The simple shapes creating the flag are classic and will stand the rest of time. Others that look more "modern" will only look dated as future fads change. I would be pleased if this was the new MN flag.
11/28/23 22:04	F1953	This is among my top two choices (along with F1154). This is another one that seems really well thought out and visually I can imagine this at the top of a flag pole, on a car bumper sticker, a tailgate, or even my Livingroom. The simplified Minnesota shape in navy is super clever and elegant.
11/28/23 22:05	F1953	Least favorite
11/28/23 22:05	F1953	Not bad.... at least, compared to the others, we can tell what this stands for without having to have it explained to us. Missing: the loon. And no, it doesn't matter that lakes in southern MN don't often see loons... It's the state bird!
11/28/23 22:07	F1953	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:08	F1953	This works well: fits the conventions of flags easily but in a thoughtfully meaningful way. Would be an excellent choice.
11/28/23 22:10	F1953	Second best of the six. The star is awesome on the blue. Having four colors might be too much. Simpler the better.

11/28/23 22:10	F1953	This looks like some cheap Chinese knock off of a flag. Not a fan at all. It looks like a bunch of other countries flags.
11/28/23 22:14	F1953	I really like this one (F1953) the most. Although there are 4 colors, the meaning combined with the shape of MN and the star make it iconic and simple. Love it!
11/28/23 22:15	F1953	This is by far my favorite. I love that it is something a child could easily replicate. I would love to see more vibrant navy hue, but otherwise, I think it encapsulates the spirit of the state beautifully while honoring traditional flag design themes.
11/28/23 22:16	F1953	The meaning of the stripes is not obvious as first glance and needing it explained defeats the purpose
11/28/23 22:18	F1953	This looks most like a flag designed to appear in a textbook. I think it would better in the American color of red, white, and blue. The shape of MN can be in blue, but the three stripes should be combination of red,white, and blue. This concept is similar to Texas's™ flag, more importantly this design will be consistent to a flag that represents MN, as a union in the USA.
11/28/23 22:19	F1953	This is a really unique, cool design and checks a lot of boxes. I'm impressed with how much symbolism is incorporated into such a clean and relatively simple design.
11/28/23 22:23	F1953	To me the colors are very not good. Especially the aqua color and it sort of looks like a Scandinavian nation flag. Not good
11/28/23 22:27	F1953	This is the second or probably third best of the finalists and that's not saying much. The star is bland and the straight color bands do not invoke any imagery of Minnesota.
11/28/23 22:28	F1953	My favorite but would still like the loon.
11/28/23 22:28	F1953	I Like the abstract shape of MN. Colors are dull compared to other finalists
11/28/23 22:32	F1953	This one!
11/28/23 22:34	F1953	I vote for this flag. It represents all of Minnesota, not certain parts or groups. Thank you.
11/28/23 22:39	F1953	With its abstract shape of Minnesota, this is the only finalist that lets the viewer know the flag represents our state. The symbolism is a good representation of all the key things that most of the others don't have. It seems it would be more attractive if the shade of the colors were tweaked a little, especially the light blue.
11/28/23 22:41	F1953	Hate it
11/28/23 22:41	F1953	I feel the whole project is unnecessary, but I feel this one captures more symbols of our state. My second choice is the one with the wavy water with the star.
11/28/23 22:42	F1953	With its abstract shape of Minnesota, this is the only finalist that lets the viewer know the flag represents our state. The symbolism is a good representation of all the key things that most of the others don't have. It seems it would be more attractive if the shade of the colors were tweaked a little, especially the light blue.
11/28/23 22:42	F1953	This is a striking design, and with a little work I could get behind it. I like the chevron-like deep blue field and star, and though my favorite finalists contain a different style of 8-pointed star that I prefer overall, I think the more compass-rose-like start featured here fits in with the more complicated composition of this flag better than the quilt star would. I would like to see the stripes on the right changed to a plain white field to simplify the composition. I would use the "Minnesota Blue" and plain white of the current Minnesota brand standards: the chevron/abstract MN shape field in blue, the star and right side of the flag in plain white.
11/28/23 22:49	F1953	Looks like a flag for a foreign country and for sure NOT a representative of MN
11/28/23 22:51	F1953	the last two submissions (this and f2100) are the best. Like the star shapes the best. Nice, simple but not too simple. Smells a little like the Texas state flag (yuck, texas). Tempted to get rid of the blue stripe (color is a little strange) and let the blue MN shape to the left represent the water but then it would be more like Texas. Maybe play with the order of the stripes to see if white in the middle looks better? All in all, looks good.
11/28/23 22:53	F1953	Like that it has the shape of MN in the design. Didn't see it on my own but know that I read that I really like that element.
11/28/23 22:54	F1953	No! Navy is way too dark. So boring!! Nothing unique.
11/28/23 23:16	F1953	This flag is in my top two of the 6. I like the MN shape. For the most part, I like the striped colors but would prefer the light blue to be a slightly different shade, a bit more lapis blue versus light blue. Finally, the biggest change would be to move the star further toward the top to symbolize "north" and consider making the star yellow/gold.
11/28/23 23:16	F1953	I wasn't thrilled about the whole idea of changing the flag, but I really like this one. I saw the Minnesota shape without even reading the design notes. Love this Star of the North. Other designs look too much like a snowflake. I don't think we need to give others more reason to think we are only a frozen wasteland. I see the designer does say they reference snow in the white stripe, but I saw an abstract vision of a lake with a green shore and sky overhead in the stripes. Just all around a terrific representation of our state. If we have to change the flag, I don't think you can do better than this.
11/28/23 23:18	F1953	F1953 is in my top two of the 6. I like the MN shape. For the most part, I like the striped colors but would prefer the light blue to be a slightly different shade, a bit more lapis blue versus light blue. Finally, the biggest change would be to move the star further toward the top to symbolize "north" and consider making the star yellow/gold.
11/28/23 23:19	F1953	I believe this flag best serves as a representation of our great state.

11/28/23 23:21	F1953	This is by far the best design! it is simple and classic and i love the stylized MN shape!
11/28/23 23:29	F1953	This is the best overall. It should have the star from F29. The blue stripe should be the middle one and the green on bottom.
11/28/23 23:35	F1953	This has possibilities-the pattern is well crafted but the colors used are just bland and washed out.
11/28/23 23:39	F1953	One of the two of the six selected that I don't hate. (Meanwhile there were at least 20 of the submissions that I loved)
11/28/23 23:40	F1953	I'd make the star yellow - pale yellow maybe.
11/28/23 23:47	F1953	Ugly
11/28/23 23:51	F1953	This flag is balanced and recognizable. The best of the six finalists.
11/29/23 0:12	F1953	I really like F1953. The shape of star is especially nice - the eight points remind me of a compass rose - and I like how the shape of the state itself is incorporated! The color palette is also very soothing to look at. I think the design has good balance.
11/29/23 0:26	F1953	This flag would be very easy to tell what it is, even if it was just at rest on a still day.
11/29/23 0:27	F1953	Unacceptable, No sun, no water, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper. No history and or any thing of substance.
11/29/23 0:42	F1953	Love this design. Beautiful and recognizable. I would be proud to have this as our new state flag.
11/29/23 0:56	F1953	No..uninspiring. Blah.
11/29/23 1:02	F1953	Hi, have to say I love the finalists designs but this one is the only one that actually looks like state and national flags. Similar to California, Texas, and countries of the world as well. Best design for our flag for those reasons.
11/29/23 1:54	F1953	This seems like the obvious choice at first glance, but I want you guys to consider the legacy you will leave with your decision. This flag fits all of the flag design rules too well. It is not iconic. It is not memorable. I understand wanting to pick the safe bet, but there are other options that will make people feel more pride to be Minnesotan. Think of other iconic state flags: California, New Mexico, South Carolina. They break the rules just enough to stand out. This does not. Do not pick this flag.
11/29/23 2:03	F1953	Itâ€™s a bit clunky and angular. Traditionalist. But we are a pretty progressive state in many ways.  FLAG REDESIGN HYBRID ( F1953 + F29 )  The navy blue abstract shape of Minnesota is an appropriate way to represent the state as the Land of 10,000 Lakes.  The white star should be substituted with the gold star / white snowflake combination from the Flag Submission number: F29, and the Seal Submission number: S6. This star / snowflake would be consistent with my preference for Seal Submission number: S6, as the state seal.  The flag stripes should be rearranged. The sky blue stripe should be on top. The green stripe should be on the bottom. The white stripe should be in the middle. The current top location of the white stripe would cause the flag's top white border to disappear if placed against a white background.
11/29/23 2:11	F1953	F29 is the only choice. It's unique, thematically fits the state, and is minimalistic enough to be replicated fairly easily;a kid could draw it. I think of New Mexico's state flag, and how it's effective from a design standpoint through simple and impactful composition. Like that flag, F29 makes excellent use of a single symmetrical motif in the center. I could see it being successful for branding, driving tourism, etc.
11/29/23 2:20	F1953	F1953 is like Texas but worse.
11/29/23 2:31	F1953	A variety of flags already look like this. Sudan.
11/29/23 2:36	F1953	This is the only viable option for the redesign
11/29/23 2:43	F1953	This is the one
11/29/23 2:48	F1953	Best
11/29/23 5:01	F1953	This has to be the new state flag. Of all the entrants this is not only the best looking one of the bunch, but best captures Minnesota.
11/29/23 5:13	F1953	This flag is perfect for our state
11/29/23 5:22	F1953	The most appealing of the six finalists - the symbolism is good, and it looks like a flag, not a barn quilt. This would stand out and be clearly identifiable as Minnesota's state flag in a display of the nation's state flags -- one could even figure it out on their own with just a little bit of work,
11/29/23 5:48	F1953	This is a more traditional looking design. It's it is symmetrical and appealing to the eye.

11/29/23 5:54	F1953	I love this design. Simple and recognizable from a distance. It would look good blowing in the wind or hanging without wind.
11/29/23 6:04	F1953	I would change the star and maybe modify the colors a bit. Otherwise this one is the best.
11/29/23 6:05	F1953	I like the abstract Minnesota state outline. This flag seems to have most meaning
11/29/23 6:05	F1953	Love this concept and all aspects of it.
11/29/23 6:09	F1953	Love this one! It is my favorite. Great representation of MN.
11/29/23 6:13	F1953	No. Looks like a child created it.
11/29/23 6:13	F1953	I like this flag, but it feels like the colors should be adjusted a little to make it more vibrant.
11/29/23 6:17	F1953	I like this one the best. I like the boldness: the shape of Minnesota, the star, the colors: lakes, forests, skies! Clear & æstately message!
11/29/23 6:25	F1953	This one at least somewhat resembles a flag ! The designs are very disappointing in many ways---and seriously, the people of Minnesota should be the ones to have the final say about which flag we want, not just a panel of a few people. All of the designs are similar and uninteresting--- put the call out there for more flag designs to be submitted and then pick at least 10 or so flags that are DIFFERENT in design and put the decision on the ballot in 2024. Let US decide which flag we want to represent the state!!
11/29/23 6:28	F1953	I find this to be the best overall design of these 6 options ifrom a legible standpoint. I would prefer if the star was placed in the northern half of the navy area to more readily imply "North"
11/29/23 6:35	F1953	Move the star up to the general location of the headwaters of the Mississippi in this abstracted state outline. Maybe make the star slightly smaller
11/29/23 6:42	F1953	The best design for sure. State shape, North Star, but one too many colors. Shift star north, lower vertex of the state south a bit to more accurately reflect our shape, and reduce the color bars to the right to two and it's perfect!
11/29/23 6:44	F1953	This is the one! Love the outline of Minnesota. Simple and classic.
11/29/23 6:44	F1953	My favorite flag. I think a 9-yr-old would be able to describe it or draw from a description.
11/29/23 6:44	F1953	0-10: 9
11/29/23 6:51	F1953	Of the finalists, 1953 in my opinion depicts more of a flag theme than the others.
11/29/23 6:53	F1953	Overall, my favorite of the finalists. Though, I wonder if it may be even better with just two (or no) stripes - something just feels a little off with all three stripes.
11/29/23 6:55	F1953	Four blocks of color and a star. If the design has to be explained, as this one does. (and all the orhers, also) it's not a good design.
11/29/23 6:58	F1953	Our second favorite and the one of two that stand out as actual high quality designs. Like that it looks like other flags but is also very unique. Between this and the river/aurora flag. Do we want very unique or more traditionally classic?
11/29/23 6:59	F1953	The design is nice but the turquoise color needs a bit of adjustment....its not a color tied to Minnesota
11/29/23 7:12	F1953	I like that this flag isn't just dark blue. If will be more unique when compared to other States, thus making it identifiable as MN.
11/29/23 7:18	F1953	Goes with seal focus on the states resources and love the navy shape
11/29/23 7:18	F1953	Resembles the State Flag of Texas with Lone Star and Stripes
11/29/23 7:20	F1953	This is the best idea of the 6 by far. It just needs perfecting by a team of meticulous mathematical and graphic design consultants. Make sure the angle is precisely the optimal approximation of the MN eastern border. Make sure there is a justification for the relative dimensions of every element. Make sure the overall aspect ratio is precisely 8/5 or 5/3 or 3/2 or the golden ratio, rather than the ~1.609 of the image on this page.
11/29/23 7:26	F1953	meh this one is okay I guess
11/29/23 7:27	F1953	The best flag design of the finalists.
11/29/23 7:34	F1953	This is the only design that actually has something æMinnesota to it. All of the designs are dull, generic and look like AI created them. I can't believe all The great artists couldn't come up with a flag that actually generates some emotion. Very disappointing selection.
11/29/23 7:40	F1953	Love the abstract State shape and other symbolism. The star feels not integrated enough. Work on improving this.
11/29/23 7:43	F1953	Not the best. Colors do not pop.
11/29/23 7:45	F1953	This reminds me of the Texas state flag with different colors. Not a good choice.
11/29/23 7:45	F1953	In my opinion this is the best choice out of the six options.



		There are so many artists in Minnesota -- why are ALL these designs computer graphics?! Need to make these designs less computer generated graphics.... please! Add a Loon or something. Please.
11/29/23 7:46	F1953	Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:46	F1953	This might make a good flag for North Korea. How did you possibly choose this as a finalist?
11/29/23 7:47	F1953	I think this could also make a great state flag. I think it speaks to our 10K lakes, our seasons and the north star. The colors are also appealing.
11/29/23 7:47	F1953	Nope. Too predictable.
11/29/23 7:48	F1953	I don't like this one, it looks like a flag in Africa?
11/29/23 7:48	F1953	This is my favorite. I love the shape on the left alluding to the shape of the state. I would make the colors a bit brighter.
11/29/23 7:49	F1953	Nice written description. Rigid design
11/29/23 7:50	F1953	I like the "shape of MN" component a lot. Nothing historical or representative of the people and cultures, though, contrary to the designer's assertion.
11/29/23 7:51	F1953	This is my favorite overall flag design. I like the abstract shape of Minnesota, which helps to identify which state this flag represents. I like the bold tri-color bars, but I think their order should be adjusted - I'm not a fan of a white stripe at the top or bottom. Perhaps it should be blue, white, green starting from the top. I like the shape of the star, but it could be changed to the capitol rotunda star as shown in some of the other finalist designs. The star should remain white - I'm not a fan of the use of yellow stars of the other finalists.
11/29/23 7:52	F1953	Thank you for acknowledging the agriculture of the mid and southern part of our state. Very important. Love it.
11/29/23 7:54	F1953	Thank you for acknowledging the agriculture of the mid and southern part of our state. Very important. Love it.
11/29/23 7:54	F1953	This is the best one. Please pick this one
11/29/23 7:54	F1953	I feel like the blues clash. Otherwise, I would like this one.
11/29/23 7:55	F1953	Nope.
11/29/23 7:55	F1953	Ugly! The original flag is personal and depicts our great state! This is cold and impersonal
11/29/23 7:55	F1953	My favorites are Flag Submission F1953, and Seal Submission S224. Thank you for your consideration!
11/29/23 7:56	F1953	This one is by far my favorite. It "feels" the most like Minnesota. It's simple but unique, somehow pleasant to look at. And I love that the left side of the flag is reminiscent of the shape of our state!
11/29/23 7:56	F1953	Best one of the 6. Looks like MN to the left. Water, green, air. North star.
11/29/23 7:57	F1953	I liked this one because it is easily identified as the Minnesota flag, in addition, the description as to the statement of what it represents was clear!
11/29/23 8:01	F1953	Good design, better if the green was brighter and the top band was white.
11/29/23 8:02	F1953	This flag, while capturing important aspects of the state i.e. the snow, agriculture, the water/Mississippi.....and abstract shape of the state.....is also the most pleasing and satisfying to look at
11/29/23 8:03	F1953	This flag, while capturing important aspects of the state i.e. the snow, agriculture, the water/Mississippi.....and abstract shape of the state.....is also the most pleasing and satisfying to look at
11/29/23 8:03	F1953	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:04	F1953	Just No. It looks like someone stole a foreign flag from a terrorist country, or LGBT+ flag, and merely changed the colors. How did this make it to the finals?
11/29/23 8:04	F1953	I love this one!
11/29/23 8:05	F1953	Not only is the visual design pleasing, but the meaning behind it makes it my favorite!
11/29/23 8:06	F1953	This looks too much like the flag of a third world country.
11/29/23 8:06	F1953	This is my favorite and all it stands for. I love that the shape of MN is represented, snow, water, and nature, as well as the north star.
11/29/23 8:09	F1953	I think an African nation already is using this flag
11/29/23 8:09	F1953	I feel like this is the best entry by far. The colors represent all the state has to offer best and the evocative shape makes it easily recognizable as the Flag of Minnesota. It is also easier to remember and draw than any of the others.
11/29/23 8:10	F1953	I like how the shape of a state is represented in this design plus our outdoor resources. This is my favorite star design.
11/29/23 8:10	F1953	Clean, classic, proud! CLEAN: Precise placements of fundamental elements. CLASSIC: Stripes, yes. Star, yes. But in a whole new way. PROUD: Definitely!
11/29/23 8:11	F1953	Just plain ugly!

11/29/23 8:12	F1953	<p>This one rocks. It has a mini-sota in it.</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to preface this email by thanking the State Emblem Redesign Commission for its dedication to the betterment of our state. As a lifelong Minnesotan and flag enthusiast, I've followed your meetings closely and am confident that any selection will be an improvement over our current flag.</p> <p>Of the six finalist flags, F1953 is easily my favorite, best representing the natural and cultural beauty of Minnesota. However, I believe it is further improved through the incorporation of mathematical beauty. With the Commission's spirit of "Frankensteining" in mind, I've prepared a revised version of the flag (viewable here: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkL348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkL348</a>) with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flag now constitutes a geometrically golden rectangle, with the navy-blue field forming a perfect square (demonstration included in album)</li> <li>• At its narrowest, the navy-blue field is exactly one third of the width of the flag, like many famous tricolor flags</li> <li>• The star is now confined to the height of one of the horizontal bands, and is centered in the aforementioned left third of the flag</li> <li>• The shade of green is now sampled from F1154             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green represents our state's pristine forests, bountiful agriculture, and commitment to environmental sustainability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Both shades of blue are now sampled from F944             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy-blue represents the unpolluted night sky in which we find our North Star</li> <li>• Sky-blue represents our state's sacred waters and alludes to the etymology of <i>mn̄ s̄ta</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The top band is now white (rather than off-white), matching the star             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White represents our resilience in snowy winters and other hardships, aided by the guidance of our North Star</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>I recognized the potential for an application of the golden ratio the moment I saw the flag, with only a minor adjustment required. The golden ratio is often considered aesthetically pleasing and has been incorporated into many realms of design. A more symbolic/philosophical interpretation of the golden rectangle qualities may be that even when divided, Minnesotans share a common thread (if the flag is broken apart, the rectangles have the same aspect ratio).</p> <p>As a rationale for the color changes, I found the existing submission's color palette a bit "cold" and feared that the blues and green may be too similarly hued. Incorporating colors from other finalists solved this problem in a pragmatic and inclusive manner.</p> <p>While this is true of both the revised and original versions, I also wanted to draw attention to the particularly brilliant placement of the star. If the navy-blue field is viewed as a representation of the entire state, the star can be a geographically centered, impartial beacon for all to follow. If the navy-blue field is instead seen as a more zoomed-in outline of the state's eastern border, the star can be viewed as representing the approximate location of the capital city of St. Paul. Additionally, hanging the flag vertically converts the three bands into a sort of arrow pointing to our North Star (demonstration in album).</p> <p>In addition to the attached PDF, these images are saved to the following Google Photos album: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkL348">https://photos.app.goo.gl/vRmSDhBgSkfEkL348</a>, which also includes a short video alternating between the original and revised designs. I should also clarify that I have no personal connections to the original flag or its designer.</p> <p>Thank you again for your work, and for your consideration.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>
11/29/23 8:12	F1953	Kevin Krahmer, CPA
11/29/23 8:12	F1953	This one looks like a copy cat of some other flags so I'm not a fan. I would prefer one that seems more original in inspiration

11/29/23 8:13	F1953	This is absolutely hands down the best design. It will be great to use for different merch/marketing materials. I am personally a graphic designer and instantly see the huge potential of this being the state flag. Colors are great along with the way all the pieces have meaning while still having a very simple clean look. I will be so disappointed if this is the not the flag chosen.
11/29/23 8:16	F1953	This reflects mn perfectly, no star, water shape of state
11/29/23 8:16	F1953	I like this one, especially since the dark blue shape resembles Minnesota. It has good symbolism and doesn't look like a quilt.
11/29/23 8:22	F1953	5 points on the star. The MN flag should have a star, a loon, and water.
11/29/23 8:24	F1953	While not the prettiest design, this flag is both pleasant to look at and most clearly and easily identifies as Minnesota, and nowhere else, given the state shape on the left. The stripes capture the same meanings as other designs, giving equal weight to each element. For the best merger of aesthetics, recognizability, and meaning, this is my favorite.
11/29/23 8:24	F1953	#1 for me
11/29/23 8:25	F1953	of the six finalists, I consider this to be the best option for the new State Flag.
11/29/23 8:25	F1953	I don't know if you're open to combining designs, but I would like this one with the yellow one from F1435 to make sure tribal nations are represented. Or add the stripes from that design instead for the same reason.
11/29/23 8:28	F1953	My choice
11/29/23 8:28	F1953	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:29	F1953	PLEASE select flag F1953. It's the BEST!
11/29/23 8:29	F1953	This is my favorite design. Very eye-catching and sharp design. The Minnesota shape is perfect: one glance and you know which state the flag belongs to.
11/29/23 8:29	F1953	Looks more like a country flag than a state flag
11/29/23 8:32	F1953	After I realized the navy shape represented the MN state this flag became one of my favorites. It's a close tie for 1 or 2.
11/29/23 8:32	F1953	This one is great;no complaints.
11/29/23 8:33	F1953	This is the most representative flag of the state in the final grouping. Very nice.
11/29/23 8:37	F1953	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?
11/29/23 8:37	F1953	This flag looks like if MN State college's logo and the Texas state flag had a baby, and I don't mean that in a complimentary way. Not a fan of this one at all.
11/29/23 8:40	F1953	I love this design. It incorporates meaningful symbolic elements without being overly Scandinavian in reference. I think choosing a design that reads Scandinavian does the diversity of our state a disservice.
11/29/23 8:41	F1953	There is nothing obvious here that references our Native past. Otherwise, it's not bad.
11/29/23 8:41	F1953	I love the abstract MN shape. I like the simplicity of this flag. The color scheme should change to be more vibrant. Great flag design!
11/29/23 8:41	F1953	Looks like a Christmas decoration and a flag from a foreign country. NOT state flag material
11/29/23 8:43	F1953	We feel this represents Minnesota the best- We could tell immediately what everything represented.
11/29/23 8:44	F1953	This is the only one of the six that says Minnesota. No to all the others.
11/29/23 8:45	F1953	The abstracted shape of the state makes this the clear choice for me. In a group of 50, this would make our state's representation obvious to all citizens of the country of which we are a part.
11/29/23 8:45	F1953	Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:47	F1953	I enjoy the asymmetry and symbolism of this submission. The colors coordinate and are pleasant.
11/29/23 8:52	F1953	This no might be ok with changes. Really hate the colors used in the stripes! The colors do not work together at all. Rather than an abstract Minnesota state shape why not use the real shape of the state?
11/29/23 8:52	F1953	TOP PICK for flag!
11/29/23 8:58	F1953	Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state. Boring!!! Go back to the drawing board. You failed.
11/29/23 8:58	F1953	I love this one and feel the colors really represent the beauty of the state
11/29/23 9:00	F1953	Very generic - has no individualism

11/29/23 9:00	F1953	I love this design because in addition to being aesthetically pleasing, it is also very simple while deep in meaning.
11/29/23 9:02	F1953	I do not like this flag. Too abstract. Need state bird, flower, tree. Itâ€™s Minnesota.
11/29/23 9:02	F1953	F1953 is one of my top 2 choices as a graphic designer. Love the MN shape on the left. Would maybe try the Dakota star instead and would reverse the order of the blue & green stripes. Some curve(s) on the blue stripe would be nice to better represent water. The shape of our state is iconic and memorable;making this flag memorable and identifiable, as well.
11/29/23 9:03	F1953	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride.
11/29/23 9:04	F1953	F1953 is excellent! I think it has a lot more symbolism than the other frontrunner, F29. When people see the abstract shape of MN in the left part of the flag, they will feel excited about it. The colors are great, although a gold color would make it pop a bit more. This is THE flagâ€™easy to reproduce, something people can get behind. It might take a little bit of education, but I think people will be proud to fly this flag.
11/29/23 9:04	F1953	f1953 looks like a country flag which at first I thought wouldnâ€™t work for state flag. But then I realized left portion actually reflects the geographic shape of MN which I like now. Maybe tweak the MN shape to be less synchronous so is more apparent itâ€™s the state shape?
11/29/23 9:04	F1953	2nd choice
11/29/23 9:05	F1953	2nd place pick .... there's a least a little water in it.
11/29/23 9:06	F1953	Nice Caribbean yacht club sign
11/29/23 9:07	F1953	This looks like an Islamic flag. The shahâ€™da (Muslim profession of faith) was inscribed in Arabic script on the green field of their banners. This statement translates as â€œThere is no god but God; Muhammad is the prophet of God.â€ A sabre, symbolic of the militancy of their faith, was sometimes added to the design.
11/29/23 9:07	F1953	The design is eye-catching, modern, and combines elements that are not identified in the other flags. It reminds me of LGBTQ symbols.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	I like this one, particularly the outline of the state.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	My first choice for the flag because it evokes a traditional flag design and doesn't look like a corporate logo as most of the other designs look like
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	f1953 symbolizes important aspects of our state. the colors are great. pkz choose this to represent our state. would love to fly it in my yard.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	The abstract MN on the left is a great idea. But overall this feels the most old-fashioned.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	A little less dark blue and make star yellow.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	I find this design to be quite bland. Other finalists are more interesting and more expressive of our state.
11/29/23 9:08	F1953	I love the color choices of this one the most and I like the thought process of design choices by the designer.
11/29/23 9:11	F1953	Leave the flag alone. Donâ€™t like any of the new flags.
11/29/23 9:12	F1953	This is my favorite, like the state look along with the star and blue, green and white
11/29/23 9:14	F1953	I love how this flag captures everything about MN in a simple way. Beautiful Flag
11/29/23 9:15	F1953	Simple and clean with just enough unique qualities to make it known as Minnesotaâ€™s state flag! Amazing!
11/29/23 9:15	F1953	I donâ€™t like any of the finalists, I have lived in MN my whole life 65 years and think the flag should show our Loon, forest and lakes. The ones you have picked donâ€™t show anything about our state.
11/29/23 9:15	F1953	This is the one that really works for me. It stood out from all the others even before I read about the symbolism of the design's various components. So it works for me on a subliminal level. Now that I've read about the symbolism, I find it even stronger. Energetically I find it the most dynamic. Most of the others strike me as insipid.
11/29/23 9:16	F1953	Replace the star and use the star from F29 and use the light blue as background. Three stripes, two green and one white in the middle. I think that would be a winner..
11/29/23 9:16	F1953	The meaning and inspiration of this one is by far my favorite.
11/29/23 9:21	F1953	Initially to close to some nationalities flags around the planet, but I now see the abstract shape of the stateâ€™. This one is my favorite (today). I also like with swirl of clouds and wave of rivers candidate.
11/29/23 9:26	F1953	Don't care for this one relative to the others. Don't like the color shades. Like the star design and especially the "abstract shape of Minnesota".
11/29/23 9:27	F1953	I don't know why, but this doesn't look Minnesotan.
11/29/23 9:28	F1953	I find this design the most attractive and meaningful of the finalists. That said, there are a couple of design elements I'd like to see added, including the state's nickname 'L'Etoile du Nord' and the year of admission to the Union (1858).

11/29/23 9:30	F1953	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive. Nothing to see here.
11/29/23 9:32	F1953	This one definitely says "Minnesota" because of the outline of our state.
11/29/23 9:32	F1953	Looks like a quilt square, outsiders will not understand the significance of the colors or the stripes
11/29/23 9:32	F1953	Of all the design submissions, I would recommend eliminating this one. It is too similar to flags from foreign countries.
11/29/23 9:36	F1953	Looks like the flag of a Central or South American country.
11/29/23 9:37	F1953	This is my 2nd favorite. Simple, timeless design. But I wonder if the colors couldn't be better. Most three stripe + triangle flags put the white color in the middle or have repeating or equally bold colors for the stripes. This helps it feel balanced. See Palestine, Cuba, Jordan, and Puerto Rico for examples.
11/29/23 9:39	F1953	Lovely design. This, F29 and F2100 are the cleanest.
11/29/23 9:39	F1953	If the green was the bottom stripe, and a loon was in the light blue stripe---this one is a maybe.
11/29/23 9:39	F1953	No
11/29/23 9:40	F1953	Looks too much like a foreign country's flag.
11/29/23 9:41	F1953	This flag represents what? Where? who?
11/29/23 9:41	F1953	This one is good, straightforward. A little too similar to the Texas state flag.
11/29/23 9:41	F1953	Yes
11/29/23 9:43	F1953	The white strip (snow) will look great in the middle of green and blue.
11/29/23 9:44	F1953	This is 100% my (and our whole family) FAVORITE!!! The artist's statement reflects my exact sentiment. It makes sense. Its simple yet sends a strong message though it's design and message. It's elegant and respectful. It sends a clear and concise message. It's PERFECT! PLEASE choose this design. It will fly proudly over Eagan!!!
11/29/23 9:44	F1953	I like this selection the most.
11/29/23 9:45	F1953	This flag would work well because it is unique, the shape of the navy identifies MN, it has two blues which reflect "land of sky blue waters/land where the sky meets the water", and most importantly, could be drawn from memory by any Minnesotan, including school children.
11/29/23 9:47	F1953	Provides significant to all aspects of MN. Very eye catching.
11/29/23 9:48	F1953	This one is decent. The color scheme could be better but it's simple and actually looks like a flag. The first four designs are awful.
11/29/23 9:49	F1953	No. Not a fan of the colors.
11/29/23 9:49	F1953	LOVE THIS ONE. I especially like how it shows the rough outline of our state, then gets the lakes, nature and snow right!!
11/29/23 9:51	F1953	This design doesn't make any sense. No one will know what it means and doesn't depict MN at all. Do better.
11/29/23 9:52	F1953	I like the stripes and base on this flag, but think the colors are a little bland/look washed out, and prefer to see the starflake design imposed over the North Star like on the first flag. If it came between this and the first I'd be happier with the first. But if this had more vibrant colors and the starflake, imo it would be the best choice.
11/29/23 9:54	F1953	Too much white
11/29/23 9:56	F1953	F1953 is the best design because it includes the outline of the state's boundary and could only be Minnesota's flag. Please don't choose a design that would work for Vermont, as the others would. I vote enthusiastically for 1953! P.S. Ignore the naysayers. ALL of the finalists are vastly superior to the existing flag.
11/29/23 9:58	F1953	I really like the shape of Minnesota incorporated into our flag. If we could combine our state's shape with a star (see F986) and use on F944, it would make the best flag! We need some flow. F873 or F1872 are better options with this same style.
11/29/23 9:59	F1953	This one
11/29/23 9:59	F1953	Terrible, we needed a new flag but we can do better.
11/29/23 9:59	F1953	I think this flag with the starflake from submission F29 would be beautiful and less simplistic
11/29/23 10:00	F1953	Awful
11/29/23 10:00	F1953	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 10:00	F1953	NEEDS SOME MN SEANES IN IT

11/29/23 10:00	F1953	Flag, F944 has a great look.
11/29/23 10:06	F1953	Great flag as a whole!
11/29/23 10:06	F1953	This is my favorite. I love the colors and shape of minnesota
11/29/23 10:08	F1953	Flag, F944 has a great look.
11/29/23 10:08	F1953	This one. Pick this one. But make the star the yellow M/Dakota star instead. It would be great.
11/29/23 10:10	F1953	F1953 is the only one that clearly represents the waters of the lakes and rivers in MN.
11/29/23 10:10	F1953	My family's preferred option.
11/29/23 10:11	F1953	Hate this one. Colors clash. Looks like flags from other parts of the world. Awful, awful!
11/29/23 10:15	F1953	This is the best finalist flag
11/29/23 10:16	F1953	This is by far the best flag design;however, I much prefer it with a yellow/gold star rather than the current white one. I believe the differing color helps it to stand out from the "snow" stripe much like the North Star stands out and provides guidance.
11/29/23 10:16	F1953	Variants such as these should be explored  <a href="https://imgur.com/a/pVpQfnl">https://imgur.com/a/pVpQfnl</a>
11/29/23 10:18	F1953	I was taught that Minnesota is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds and the people's roots here remain strong. I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the "best flag practices" make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota; they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs; sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:20	F1953	I was taught that Minnesota is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds and the people's roots here remain strong. I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the "best flag practices" make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota; they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs; sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support
11/29/23 10:20	F1953	This is the best of the final designs. It uses proper flag designs without being too complicated. If improvements were made these are my suggestions.  - Change the colors of the light blue and green to more appropriate flag colors in those shades. - Move the star to the upper left to signify the star being "North" and add some asymmetry to a very symmetrical flag. - Change to 5 bars with green on top and bottom, blue in center, and white between the blue and green bars. Makes the flag more unique and with the pattern it can seem like the green and white are "reflecting" on the blue "water" in the center.
11/29/23 10:21	F1953	I was taught that Minnesota is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds and the people's roots here remain strong. I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the "best flag practices" make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota; they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs; sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support

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11/29/23 10:21	F1953	The colors are anemic, the design is a ripoff, it is uninspired and has no authentic connection to the state or Minnesota. Its looks like a christian fascist symbol made by a design firm on a time deadline
11/29/23 10:21	F1953	F1953 is the most visually appealing to me.
11/29/23 10:25	F1953	This flag is gorgeous. It sticks to the core principles of flags - making it simple enough for someone to draw from memory but maintaining strong symbolism. I didnâ€™t even consider the abstract Minnesota state shape in the dark blue until I read the description and it makes me love this design even more. There is no contest - this is the winner. I cannot wait to see this flag flying high at state parks and on hats/shirts when I go looking for Minnesota merch.
11/29/23 10:26	F1953	Why do we have what looks like an arrow on our flag? Visually it doesn't match what the designer intended.
11/29/23 10:26	F1953	"Go Texas"
11/29/23 10:26	F1953	It looks like we are going from a flag that was too detailed to one that is too simplistic. I'm guessing that at least half of the population won't know what the white,green, and blue stripes stand for
11/29/23 10:28	F1953	I like this one a lot. The symbolism is simple enough for many to understand even if theyâ€™re not that familiar with MN.
11/29/23 10:31	F1953	This is the only one of the finalists for the flag that I find even remotely acceptable. It is fairly attractive and does represent significant elements of our state, and these are actually pretty recognizable.
11/29/23 10:31	F1953	Neutral feelings
11/29/23 10:36	F1953	I really don't like this one, but I'm guessing its the one that will get chosen, because its the blandest of the bland. There is no personality.
11/29/23 10:38	F1953	Looks like it is a country flag that is ran by the military in the country.
11/29/23 10:40	F1953	I like the inclusion of the shape of our state in this design which none of the others seem to have
11/29/23 10:40	F1953	I like this one for its simplicity and colors. Itâ€™s seamless and cohesive as a flag should be.
11/29/23 10:43	F1953	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a Banana Republics/dictators childish design.
11/29/23 10:46	F1953	F1953 best represents what I think of when it comes to an updated state flag.
11/29/23 10:47	F1953	This flag is offensive and should be dropped from consideration. It bears a resemblance to a Palestinian flag. As a matter of fact, the actual flag doesnâ€™t need to be replaced. All of the designs claiming a snowflake or a loon represents us doesnâ€™t do anything related to the State muffin being blueberry. The entire process is a total waste of taxpayer money that could be better spent elsewhere. Donâ€™t Tread On Me! Let it be!
11/29/23 10:47	F1953	This is my favorite!
11/29/23 10:47	F1953	This is my 3rd favorite design. I wouldn't mind running it up the flagpole. Between the sky blue and forest green, the striped area looks too pastel for my liking. However, I like the incorporation of the Minnesota shape, and the overall pattern is good. Play with the colors a bit, and I think this could be a winner.
11/29/23 10:49	F1953	1953: Really like including the imagery of the state outline. More modernistic and stark than I prefer. Easily reproduced flag.
11/29/23 10:49	F1953	F1953 is my favorite!
11/29/23 10:50	F1953	Ugly hate it
11/29/23 10:53	F1953	Love this design. I especially like the abstract representation of the shape of our state, as it clearly denotes that this is Minnesota's state flag. The other designs are nice but one might have a difficult time guessing what state they actually represent.
11/29/23 10:55	F1953	I vote for this submission. It has everything Minnesota depicted on it!
11/29/23 10:55	F1953	This is the least bad of all of them, but it still looks like a graphic design that belongs on a website. The water is already represented in the dark blue. You should change the light blue to brown to signify the soil. Farming is essential to this state. ALSO, FINALLY, a radially based star, while it isn't from the rotunda, the designer isn't saying that it was inspired by it... so "Good job?" You should have gone with F247 or F248 and simplified the stars used in the "lakes", and changed the gold to brown there.
11/29/23 10:56	F1953	F1953 best represents what I think of when it comes to an updated state flag.
11/29/23 10:56	F1953	F1953 best represents what I think of when it comes to an updated state flag.
11/29/23 10:59	F1953	Least bad of the bunch. But a flag working of the loon state seal would be far better.

11/29/23 11:00	F1953	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:02	F1953	LOOK BETTER BUT I DO NOT THINK PEOPPLE WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON
11/29/23 11:03	F1953	I love the symbolism of the colors and the abstract state of MN with the star on it. My favorite of the six
11/29/23 11:03	F1953	I like this one the best given the symbolism as described by the designer.
11/29/23 11:04	F1953	I feel like the green would look better if it were more pastel, but other than that itâ€™s amazing! :]
11/29/23 11:07	F1953	F994
11/29/23 11:10	F1953	I love this flag because it's the most visible and recognizable flag at a distance out of the finalists, and clearly defines Minnesota's uniqueness in it's symbolry and colors.
11/29/23 11:12	F1953	The color scheme is gorgeous and representative of MN, however the design lacks a personality and doesn't stand out. It looks too similar to other flags and not extremely distinguishable
11/29/23 11:12	F1953	This is my second favorite choice. It's simple and bold, yet full of symbolism.
11/29/23 11:15	F1953	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:17	F1953	This is my favorite. I think it looks the most professional and represents the state the best. The similarly colored seal also fits this design very well.
11/29/23 11:17	F1953	At least this one looks like a flag but still doesn't have anything to show it's Minnesota or date they joined the US. I am guessing Minnesota has some nice things that could be put on the flag without offending anyone. These are all so abstract they mean nothing and most look like a flag for some random auto parts store. Being creative and even modern is one thing, being so abstract you have no ideas even what the flag represents is another.
11/29/23 11:21	F1953	ok i give it 4 stars
11/29/23 11:21	F1953	This one is one of the better ones, but I prefer actual imagery rather than colors that are supposed to represent something. I don't really like the angle shape in between the star and the three colors. I'd like something more flowing.
11/29/23 11:21	F1953	Has all the ingredients to represent MN but if you google Muslim flags this fits right in
11/29/23 11:22	F1953	This looks like the Minnesota version of the flag of Texas. We can do better than copying Texas.
11/29/23 11:22	F1953	Inclusive design, not north star dominated, really appreciate outline of state. Best!
11/29/23 11:22	F1953	This is my second favorite. It's a little boring but it has a lot of the necessary imagery. I like the three colors of the stripes.
11/29/23 11:27	F1953	I like this flag the best. It looks like a flag and has a lot of symbolism to address good things about MN.
11/29/23 11:31	F1953	This one looks more like a â€™traditionalâ€™ state flag, and I love the symbolism, but it wasnâ€™t the first to grab my attention.
11/29/23 11:32	F1953	I really like this design, but would be interested in using Red or Black to signify the original inhabitants of Minnesota in place of dark blue (the placement of the color is flexible).
11/29/23 11:32	F1953	I really don't care for F1953 - oh no, reminds me of Texas! BDS
11/29/23 11:36	F1953	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:37	F1953	This flag straightforwardly represents the attributes of Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:37	F1953	I strongly dislike this one. It is reminiscent of the Texas flag, and is both too plain and too busy at the same time.
11/29/23 11:38	F1953	F1953: The state of MN on the left side is a great idea, for some reason the shade of green seems out of place but the other colors are a good choice.
11/29/23 11:42	F1953	Oversimplified. Does this show/represent things abt our whole state? There are symbolic abstract things: why can't we have Agriculture, fishing & lakes, trees, seasons, state: bird or flower as in others? There were over 500 entries & you have chosen all symbolic, over simplified finalists. Shouldn't our flag show good things in our state? There were good representations on others, I checked them all.
11/29/23 11:42	F1953	This concept is VERY strong and well-executed -- my one suggestion would be to try making the navy shape slightly asymmetrical to better reflect the shape of MN.
11/29/23 11:44	F1953	This one is my favorite
11/29/23 11:44	F1953	This one is my favorite! It's a simple, classic flag design that packs a lot of unique aspects of MN in a memorable and visually appealing design.



11/29/23 11:44	F1953	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs. F29 is too simple (and just call it The North Star and skip the French translation). F1154 is not very appealing. I dislike F1435 because of the Ojibwe reference and no Dakota reference (the Dakota were in Minnesota before the Ojibwe, and should be recognized as Minnesotaâ€™s first people). F1953 is my second favorite because it is the only finalist showing a stylized Minnesota shape.
11/29/23 11:45	F1953	generic to the point of being meaning less.
11/29/23 11:46	F1953	I love the abstract look of the outline of the State of MN, and the clever color scheme of the white, green and light blue depicting snow, our many lakes and agriculture and nature. Best flagâ€™ in my opinion.
11/29/23 11:50	F1953	love this design
11/29/23 11:50	F1953	Really do we need to tell anyone why this one is offensive...
11/29/23 11:53	F1953	I think this one is great, as a nice abstracted version - and I also appreciate the subtle hint at the shape of the state on the left. The colors are simple and clear, and would be recognizable.
11/29/23 11:53	F1953	Come on really do you think this does not offend anyone Do you really want the flag to look like the flag of the area called Palestine?
11/29/23 11:54	F1953	This is the second best design behind F29. I know it's too late but it'd be cool to incorporate the snowflake / north star in place of the star on this design.
11/29/23 11:55	F1953	Clever inclusion of the state's shape is great on F1953. If possible, it would be nice to replace the star shape with the hybrid Dakota star found in F29 to help represent the original inhabitants of the area. It would be quite unique and recognizable among other state flags
11/29/23 11:57	F1953	This is my favorite of the 6 final selections. In my opinion it looks the most like an actual flag. Also I thought the designer statement was very good.
11/29/23 11:58	F1953	Very nice design. I like the navy abstract shape of MN. I like the 3 colors of the stripes and what they represent. I like the shape of the star.
11/29/23 11:58	F1953	This design is incredible and would put us among states with the best flags. It'll look good flying, but it also looks good on print media and will be adaptable to shirts, hats, and other garments.
11/29/23 11:59	F1953	My first choice of these designs, though not the look of what I think our flag should have. It is modern without the stupid look of a quilt. BTW, I am a life long resident of MN and over sixty yrs old. No quilt designs please!
11/29/23 12:00	F1953	It is a great design for a third world country
11/29/23 12:02	F1953	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:06	F1953	This flag very nicely embodies the spirit of Minnesota in a simple, but cohesive and attractive package. It has all the elements one would expect from our state flag, and feels both modern but timeless. The color scheme and layout are well done, and effectively makes use of and showcases the various symbolic meanings as described by the designer.
11/29/23 12:09	F1953	This is beautiful and one of the two best finalists
11/29/23 12:10	F1953	By far the best one. The colors represent how we embrace our natural resources, the north star is important, and it includes our unique shape.
11/29/23 12:12	F1953	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:15	F1953	Submission F1953 is the best flag for Minnesota! Not only is the design the most striking of the finalists, it also best captures the state's history and values. The designer statement speaks for itself. In my opinion, F1953 has the best colors, flag design, and message. Plus, F1953 and S147 go incredibly well together!
11/29/23 12:15	F1953	Looks like Palestine Christmas.
11/29/23 12:15	F1953	I can tolerate this one but will never fly it. I have purchased 3 of the current ones and will fly those till I leave the earth. 3 new flags will last 20 years because thats about all I have left I'm guessing.
11/29/23 12:16	F1953	This is my favorite of all the submissions. The colors, the balance of shapes and formality of flag design all fit together with things that feel like our fine state of MN. Thank you for refreshing our state flag.
11/29/23 12:18	F1953	This is my favorite! Love the abstract MN shape.
11/29/23 12:21	F1953	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan canâ€™t tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:23	F1953	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. This one looks like it's a foreign countries' flag
11/29/23 12:24	F1953	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!

11/29/23 12:25	F1953	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:27	F1953	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:28	F1953	My first thought was this flag looks like a Carribean region country's flag. The stylized MN shape was lost until I read the description.
11/29/23 12:28	F1953	First of all you have the description of Mni Sota Makoce wrong, its place where the waters reflect the sky, this flag is just ugly. Please don't Choose.
11/29/23 12:29	F1953	I think this flag emphasizes the feelings of division, lines. I don't like it for that reason
11/29/23 12:29	F1953	This is my personal favorite of the six finalist flags. Although, I think it would look even better if the three stripes were to be switched to red and white in color.
11/29/23 12:29	F1953	This is my favorite submission! Simple but looks like a classic flag design of a country while also having lots of meaning and symbolism behind the design.
11/29/23 12:30	F1953	This flag is my top choice as it is a great representation of our state. Its meaningful simplicity can also be duplicated by children in classrooms and I would wear on a sweatshirt. (Something I have long envied the state of Colorado for!)
11/29/23 12:33	F1953	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. This one looks like its a flag from a foreign country
11/29/23 12:34	F1953	Obviouslythe flag of a small island nation near Indonesia.
11/29/23 12:35	F1953	I like this flag the best. Symbolizing our state the best in my opinion. Simple and nice looking
11/29/23 12:37	F1953	F1953 is the strongest contender, though I would suggest replacing the lower light blue with a different shade, perhaps the water/river blue from F944. And the dark blue behind the star feels flat, perhaps replace with the darker blur from F944. and maybe a yellow star as Iâ€™m not sure what the connection between the white star and white bar is meant to convey. Another color could be nice. Thanks!
11/29/23 12:37	F1953	I like the simplicity and the allusion to the recognizable shape of the state.
11/29/23 12:38	F1953	This flag is simply a copy of the Jordanian flag. We are not Jordanian.
11/29/23 12:38	F1953	This would be my #3 choice
11/29/23 12:39	F1953	I love this one, easily second choice.
11/29/23 12:41	F1953	This is my top pick. Beautiful, timeless design with excellent representation of our state
11/29/23 12:42	F1953	Do not like this design as much as some of the others.
11/29/23 12:45	F1953	This one just feels like we're trying to be Texas
11/29/23 12:48	F1953	I really like this one because it looks like other flags but it has cool colors and the north star to represent Minnesota to make it our own.
11/29/23 12:48	F1953	My favorite of these selected, but would like to have seen one selected that contained a loon, as well.
11/29/23 13:00	F1953	Of the flag designs that have made it this far, I Like F1953 the best. I particularly like the use of the chevron shape to make a rough outline of the state. One change to consider, is I really liked the use of the color purple in other designs. Many municipal flags, seals, or other government agencies use colors similar to these. Purple would stand out more and has multiple connections to Minnesota including Prince, many of our native prairie wildflowers, and sports teams.
11/29/23 13:06	F1953	I like this design best. Simple. However I would make the star yellow so it differs from the white stripe that symbolizes snow
11/29/23 13:07	F1953	I think you should consider adding the North Star from submission F59 to this one (F1953) in place of the white star.
11/29/23 13:08	F1953	Overall I think this is the most compelling flag design, it has a meaningful representation of many crucial MN values and commodities.
11/29/23 13:09	F1953	There are 3 things that make Minnesota unique: the name, the shape and the original inhabitants. While none of the finalists could claim to be uniquely applicable to Minnesota's identity, this flag comes closest with its stylized Minnesota shape.
11/29/23 13:12	F1953	I hadn't noticed that this flag incorporates the abstract shape of Minnesota until I read the designer's statement, but I love that subliminal symbolism. The navy color also makes me think of the vast night sky (which includes the North Star). I understand that the white band represents snow but it also reminds me of how often the sky is just completely white in winter. The green and blue bands in the design honor our commitment to living in union with our natural environment.
11/29/23 13:13	F1953	This one definitely gives the closest feeling to an actual flag. I also appreciate it more now that Iâ€™ve read the artist description behind the design. I think this one probably represents the most characteristics that Minnesota is known for and might be my new favorite actually!
11/29/23 13:20	F1953	By far the best option. I like that it actually incorporates the shape of the state in an abstract way. And the stripes representing snow, nature, and water. This one says â€œMinnesotaâ€ more than any others.

11/29/23 13:20	F1953	This design is one of my favorites of the six finalists. But I think the white should be in the middle. The white looks like it's kind of empty space in the top position.
11/29/23 13:25	F1953	Will stock up on current flag! This flag needs a stencil of definitions . Boring!
11/29/23 13:25	F1953	This flag reminds me of the politically charged Palestinian flag. If it could incorporate the tribal nation's elements of F1435, that might work.
11/29/23 13:28	F1953	As ugly as 1154 & 1435.
11/29/23 13:29	F1953	This is my favorite flag design as it includes an abstract shape of Minnesota.
11/29/23 13:34	F1953	I don't like this design. I do like the color but it looks too much like the Texas flag. I don't like that it looks too much like the flag of Texas.
11/29/23 13:35	F1953	Terrible
11/29/23 13:36	F1953	F1953: Very drab colors.
11/29/23 13:39	F1953	Looks too much like an international flag.
11/29/23 13:44	F1953	No. Looks like you stole the flag of the Bahamas and just changed the colors.
11/29/23 13:45	F1953	BORING. This looks like something you'd see in Texas.
11/29/23 13:50	F1953	I think the abstracted state shape here is very clever, and the design is perfectly simple while representing a lot about the state. This is the strongest submission among the finalists.
11/29/23 13:50	F1953	Love this one! It captures everything MN is about.
11/29/23 13:55	F1953	How about something with our state bird in our state flower
11/29/23 13:56	F1953	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion. this however is the least sucky one. the star needs to be changed though.
11/29/23 14:01	F1953	Ugly. Symbolism might be okay, but the color combo is not great.
11/29/23 14:10	F1953	F1953 really dislike this one. This looks like a flag for a country not a state. Colors are not pleasing. Doesn't say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 14:12	F1953	Like this traditional flag-with-stripes design. However, the white stripe gets lost on top. Place it between the green and light blue stripes. And (I was born and reared in "Hockeytown".....Eveleth on the Iron Range). Always liked the original flag.
11/29/23 14:13	F1953	This is simple, evenly distributed, and can easily be recognized by most Minnesotans as representative of our state. I believe Texas has a similar design that works very well in their favor, and a flag like this will help people think "Oh, that's Minnesota!" It beams with uniqueness and gives our state a fresh feeling, a new identity in the USA. I believe this will help us propel Minnesota into becoming one of the most sought after states to live in, and push us into prosperity.
11/29/23 14:13	F1953	This one is my favorite. Along with the loon seal.
11/29/23 14:14	F1953	a bit too much like the Palestinian flag for the current situation, though I appreciate the artist at least showing the shape of the state.
11/29/23 14:15	F1953	This is my favorite of the design submissions. The incorporation of Minnesota's physical geography is subtle but clever.
11/29/23 14:18	F1953	This is the only finalist that has a somewhat close resemblance of the State of Minnesota...yet totally void of people, the seasons our cultures or any animals or flowers...not good...
11/29/23 14:25	F1953	This flag appears boring with its bland color palette. If chosen, it needs to be modified by giving it a color spark, making the star yellow or partly yellow (such as with F29 or F944).
11/29/23 14:27	F1953	Acceptable
11/29/23 14:30	F1953	After reading designer statements for all the final state flag designs - this one is my favorite and should be adopted as our new state flag.
11/29/23 14:31	F1953	This is my favorite design. And I love the abstract shape of the state being in this flag design.
11/29/23 14:33	F1953	Love this!
11/29/23 14:33	F1953	Nope. Too blah. Too modern. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree, no river/lake and no field.
11/29/23 14:34	F1953	My second fav design of the flags, I didn't notice it at first but incorporates the outline of the state on the left side, and also gives it that feel of a ship flag you might see on a navy ship. I think the fact that there's 2 different shades of blue is a little odd, but the dark blue on the left could always be changed I suppose.
11/29/23 14:36	F1953	This is my favorite!!
11/29/23 14:36	F1953	OK, this is a good design!! I would be OK with this.
11/29/23 14:39	F1953	This is the most palatable of the finalists.
11/29/23 14:41	F1953	This flag design captures so much of our great state while keeping things simple.
11/29/23 14:50	F1953	Never! I prefer the historical flag design as it is! Leave it alone!

11/29/23 14:52	F1953	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says the look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:53	F1953	I did not understand the design until I read the designers statement. It makes a lot of sense.
11/29/23 14:54	F1953	Good - a 9 on a scale of 10
11/29/23 14:55	F1953	F-1953. I like the almost Minnesota shape but .....
11/29/23 14:59	F1953	None
11/29/23 15:01	F1953	Dignified, rather than cartoonish.
11/29/23 15:05	F1953	I vote for F1953 to be the MN flag
11/29/23 15:06	F1953	I like the balance of this flag overall. It captures the elements of the state effectively. I think it would be my second choice because it's not as eye-catching and memorable as F2100.
11/29/23 15:08	F1953	If I had a vote, it would be for this design. My only real input is on the colors;the abstract MN shape just seems flat- a richer, deeper blue would look better in my opinion. And I also think there is too much white, either the white stripe should be modified somehow (I know it represents snow, so that would be a creative change for sure), or the color of the star should change. Thank you for inviting feedback and thank you to the designers.
11/29/23 15:09	F1953	This is 2nd best of the finalists. I would put it first if the abstract blue Minnesota was asymmetrical to more closely represent the shape of the state.
11/29/23 15:12	F1953	This flag is the one I chose as better representing Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:13	F1953	I like the idea, but the execution is a huge yawn-fest. I don't like that it becomes a giant arrow pointing backwards. Perhaps a good graphic designer could make it a bit more interesting--possibly vary the widths of the 3 bars of color to make them more interesting?
11/29/23 15:15	F1953	This initially was not one of my top choices but spending more time dwelling on it, I think it is the best of the selected designs. It is simple, iconic, balanced, and the blue field in the shape of the state ties it to Minnesota instantly as much as the C on the Colorado state flag. The colors all work perfectly well, too. This is the one!
11/29/23 15:18	F1953	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:19	F1953	I really like this flag design. I like how it shares elements with the United States flag. Plus the abstract MN shape on the left is a nice touch.
11/29/23 15:24	F1953	I think this is the best new flag design. The colors capture elements of the state. And the left side is reminiscent of the state's shape.
11/29/23 15:24	F1953	F1953 - this design is so awesome. I can see it flowing in the breeze. The designer's description of our state rings so true to this Minnesotan. Thank you to the Commission for taking on this project. All of the designs are so well done but F1953 stands out as the best in my view. Appreciate the opportunity to comment.
11/29/23 15:25	F1953	Like this one and the wavy stripe ones best. This looks more like a flag. Would love it more if it had the wavy lines like the first one. Does not look like it belongs on holiday sweater or a cookie cutter. Which a plus. F1953
11/29/23 15:30	F1953	No!! Nothing there that connects to Minnesota - why are all the flags so childlike??!!
11/29/23 15:35	F1953	.
11/29/23 15:39	F1953	Boring, it doesn't make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:39	F1953	I like this one, F1953, the best. However, I would have the blue field in the shape of the state.
11/29/23 15:40	F1953	F1953: I am concerned that this white star signals a lack of diversity, and even, white supremacy. While I appreciate this flag, I do not think a white star is appropriate. The white color block strip may indicate snow, but it may also indicate whiteness. These colors need to be changed to avoid inadvertent connotations with white supremacy.
11/29/23 15:43	F1953	This is the best flag out of the six options. The rest look like they were designed in mspaint.
11/29/23 15:44	F1953	Horrible submission #5. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:44	F1953	A very good design but it looks a bit too much like a flag for a country.
11/29/23 15:47	F1953	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:47	F1953	F1593. This looks like a paint swatch for a dentist's office.
11/29/23 15:49	F1953	This flag has a clean, crisp design and I love the uniqueness of having an abstract shape of MN on the left-hand side. The colors are too muted though. I like the idea of a green, a light blue, and white, but these ones seem very dull. The star on the left side could also be that of the star found on design F29.
11/29/23 15:51	F1953	Abstract loon or the state itself emits snow water and greenery- poetic
11/29/23 15:52	F1953	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:54	F1953	Too complicated, trying to convey too much in blocky design.

11/29/23 15:55	F1953	I like the abstract State shape worked in. A lot of things represented here without all the noise of the previous flag. Nice colors too! I can see this symbol proudly being displayed and worn to promote our great state.
11/29/23 15:58	F1953	This is the best flag out of the six options. The rest look like they were designed in mspaint.
11/29/23 16:00	F1953	This design definitely works, save for the recurring problem of your finalistsâ€™the eight-pointed star. If you render a star in white on a blue field, it will be interpreted as a snowflake, which, we all know, has six points. I would encourage you to reconsider this option but with the 12-point star I suggested originally, a six-point white "snowflake" superimposed on a 6-point gold "north star." Even with this fix, it has less energy than F944, but certainly feels more traditionally flag-like.
11/29/23 16:02	F1953	If this change HAS to be made...I guess this is one of the better submissions.
11/29/23 16:03	F1953	I like the abstract State shape worked in. A lot of things represented here without all the noise of the previous flag. Nice colors too! I can see this symbol proudly being displayed and worn to promote our great state.
11/29/23 16:03	F1953	My favorite of the 5 selections. Looks the most like a flag.
11/29/23 16:11	F1953	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:11	F1953	This looks like a third world flag-there were no good images to represent what the entity stood for. Very "simple". A lower elementary student could have drawn it.
11/29/23 16:12	F1953	I am not aware of a place to officially vote or put which flag is your favorite, so I am just commenting here that I would enjoy if this was our new flag. Quality design :)
		If the white stripe was in the middle and was the same color as the star, it would take this design to a much higher level. I really love the simplicity and symbolism of this design.
11/29/23 16:12	F1953	Ellie
11/29/23 16:14	F1953	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:15	F1953	I would be happy with this design. The abstract shape of Minnesota, the clear presence of the North Star, and obvious symbolism in the three horizontal colors make it a logical choice for the new flag.
11/29/23 16:17	F1953	I have no words to describe how bad that was all are nothing represents this state start over.
11/29/23 16:19	F1953	Looks like an arrow was shot from one of our indigenous people in the heart of the state. Probably a good idea if you like this design. Is that really what you want the flag to represent? Kill it, pun intended.
11/29/23 16:23	F1953	I appreciate the simplicity of this design as it can be easily recognizable horizontally (Star to the left, vertically (Star at the top) and blowing in the wind. All 3 colors represent this landscape. The only changes if any, would be to change this North Star to the North star from the F2100 design and consider making it golden yellow as a nod to the old flag design as all those stars were yellow! This Flag would truly epitomize Minnesota as the North Star State!
11/29/23 16:26	F1953	This is my personal favorite! I love the shapes.
11/29/23 16:30	F1953	I don't like this one for us. I appreciate the outline of Minnesota on the left. It looks like the flags of other nations.
11/29/23 16:33	F1953	I immediately thought of the Puerto Rican and Cuban flags when I saw this design. I enjoy its colors but I feel it is not unique enough.
11/29/23 16:34	F1953	I like this design quite a lot. I think that it has a lot of interesting symbolism, while still remaining simple enough to be timeless. As others have no doubt pointed out, I think that some of the colors (particularly the blues) should be tweaked slightly. I also think that the arrangement of the stripes could perhaps use some rethinking. Finally, I think that the star design is okay as is, but could also probably be tweaked to add some more pizazz to merchandise options. Overall though, I would be pretty happy with this flag.
11/29/23 16:39	F1953	Flag 944 is the nicest.
11/29/23 16:43	F1953	Flag 1953 looks similar to many mid east country flags, which is too divisive.
11/29/23 16:43	F1953	This is very unique, artistic, and beautiful in its simplicity. I love it!
11/29/23 16:50	F1953	I like everything this represents by designer! Itâ€™s easy to see the state outline followed by colors representing snowy white sky, green foliage, blue waters.
11/29/23 16:52	F1953	I like everything this represents by designer F1953! Itâ€™s easy to see the state outline followed by colors representing snowy white sky, green foliage, blue waters.
11/29/23 16:54	F1953	The color in this one is lovely, and it's got a nice classic feel.
11/29/23 17:01	F1953	I love the left side. The three stripes on the right throw me off. It almost seems too literal.

11/29/23 17:09	F1953	This is awful as a Minnesota flag. This looks more like a combination of a nautical signal flag and a Boy Scout platoon banner. Please, please don't use this. I can't believe, out of 2600 submittals, you picked this as a candidate. Unbelievable.
11/29/23 17:10	F1953	I like the colors and the elements of this flag;however, the design reminds me of Texas and for that reason I would vote no on this one. Thanks!
11/29/23 17:16	F1953	This is my favorite of the flag submissions. I think the colors could be tweaked or rearranged, but overall the concept is good. I like that the design on the left evokes the shape of the state--I saw some submissions where the shape was closer to the actual state outline, which I think could also be interesting.
11/29/23 17:18	F1953	On first glance, I didn't see the abstract state shape, but this is cool. It is definitely growing on me. Terrific to include snow (let's hope MN continues to get it after 2050), green surroundings, and water. On second glance, this is a contender, IMHO.
11/29/23 17:22	F1953	Too many colors, and they got them all wrong
11/29/23 17:24	F1953	This is the best design in my mind. I love it!
11/29/23 17:24	F1953	I think F1435 is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isn't totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points. F944 is my least favorite and believe it will age the worst. It looks like it was designed by the Minnesota United. The one I think I like about this one is the star shape. F29 is probably my second favorite. Simple, but not especially unique. F1154 gives me a similar feeling. Simple, fine, but not really all that unique. F1953 also looks like it was designed by a Minnesota United fan. Soccer fans are generally annoying and 1953 and 944 scream soccer fan. Thanks for taking on this important process and involving the community.
11/29/23 17:27	F1953	This is objectively the best design for the flag. I really love the abstract shape of Minnesota on the left side in navy. I feel that this design captures meaningful natural aspects of Minnesota.
11/29/23 17:29	F1953	Like the shape of MN represented
11/29/23 17:30	F1953	Looks communist, and whatâ€™s with those colors? Itâ€™s ugly and does not represent our state. Keep the flag we have!
11/29/23 17:31	F1953	Not unique at all, looks like you're trying to be some other state. Also it has hints of that queer flag. And that has nothing to do with our state as a whole.
11/29/23 17:33	F1953	This is a cool design. But I think it might be better oriented vertically.
11/29/23 17:33	F1953	Maybeâ€¦!
11/29/23 17:33	F1953	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is chosen will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:34	F1953	I wanted to like this one and followed the conversation about different stars and stripe colors. The flaw is placing a visually complex star into the most constricted place on the flag. It's then very difficult to pick a star and position since there is no effective center between the left edge and concave point. At a distance, the star becomes a x-mas tree topper or the pompom on a sideways hat. This might work with no star / just the state shape and colors ideas. But I think people want a star on our flag.
11/29/23 17:36	F1953	I want to like this one, but feel the multiple shades of blue/green would wash out. Love the reverse chevron hoist to echo the state shape, but colors need more contrast.
11/29/23 17:44	F1953	This is a wonderful example of simple symbolism that carries meaning, tradition, and pride. I immediately recognized the abstract shape of Minnesota. The symbolism is universal for all Minnesotans, which is exactly what I think you aim to do. This design will wave with elegance on a flag pole. Two thumbs up!  A couple tweak options to consider. 1. Try repositioning the star to the upper half of the state. That might give a better representation of the 'north' star over or above the state. Not sure what that would do spatially, but give it a try and see what you think.  2. For some reason the meeting of the white stripe to the navy state doesn't feel natural. Maybe because the white is not a good top border color. Try moving the white to the middle stripe position. Also, the stripes' color pallet seems muted, which may look bland on a flag pole during non-sunny days. Can you make them bolder?
11/29/23 17:44	F1953	Very Poor!! All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota! Sorry, Start Over!
11/29/23 17:45	F1953	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:45	F1953	too simple, where's familiar state things (loon, north star, lady slipper) ?
11/29/23 17:46	F1953	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.

11/29/23 17:49	F1953	I pick neither! Don't change the flag leave it.
11/29/23 17:51	F1953	The tints of sky blue and green should be tweaked to be more complimentary. Also sub in the yellow star from the F1435 design in place of the white star.
11/29/23 17:52	F1953	This is my favorite design. I feel it will look the best as a flag waving in the wind, and love the different things it represents
11/29/23 17:56	F1953	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.
11/29/23 18:01	F1953	snooze. the white banner up top stinks, pick a different color like lavender or something. if you want to represent snow you already have with the white north star. do something that represents aurora borealis. nice color scheme otherwise.
11/29/23 18:06	F1953	I'm not in love with this one, but the colors to the right seem to be in reverse order. I get the idea the blue is water, but the blue could be sky, at the top, with green in the middle (forests) and white at the bottom (snow). This would be a disappointing choice.
11/29/23 18:08	F1953	I think this flag does a great and simple job of representing our state. It's not too simple and it's not too complex. My one note is that I think the star needs to be a bit more distinct so we can have a state symbol to put on merch and the like. Perhaps grab the star from submission F29, one of the other finalists, as that symbol is visually distinct. Either way I believe this flag should win.
11/29/23 18:09	F1953	Dreadful design. Looks too much like the flag of some nations, like Puerto Rico. Too many square edges and boundaries.
11/29/23 18:10	F1953	This my top choice. Not too static or dull, but still simple and striking. The symbolism is effective.
11/29/23 18:13	F1953	I'm adding more comments to my original reply of this design which is my number 1. All 6 designs have dark blue, white, green and some have a light blue and yellow. Minnesota should really lean in on the making the North Star prominent. When people think of Texas and looking at their flag, they easily recognize it as the Lone Star State. This flag could capture that for our State. The snowflake or quilting patterns are only recognizable to a few and doesn't capture what the Star of the North truly represents. Make the North Star the "Star" of this States Flag and be bold and make it yellow! The dark blue field subtly looks like the State of Minnesota and everyone can see these colors to represent lakes, land/trees, and snow! More importantly than anything, it gets away from the standard blue flags that half of the United States currently have.
11/29/23 18:24	F1953	This is my favorite. Lots of symbolism packed into a simple design that I would be proud to fly and would consume lots of flag merchandise (shirts, hats).
11/29/23 18:31	F1953	Ugly!!!!
11/29/23 18:34	F1953	This one gets my vote!!
11/29/23 18:36	F1953	I don't love this flag, but it is better than the others. The other flags look like clip art pasted on a colored background. This design encompasses various important attributes of our state. I feel strongly that the loon should be represented in our flag and it is missing in this design.
11/29/23 18:41	F1953	This is the only ok one. The 1989 flag should be what you picked. All of these choices are bad. There was nothing wrong with our current flag. Changing the flag should be a decision voted on by the people of this state.
11/29/23 18:43	F1953	Color change maybe would make it look better, but not a favorite
11/29/23 18:45	F1953	Please choose F1953 but change the star to yellow-gold. This design is beautiful, meaningful, and best but is washed out with a white star.
11/29/23 18:46	F1953	OK but would like to see narrow gold lines between each color. Overly simple as shown. Might seem nice in 2023 but elementary in 2123
11/29/23 18:48	F1953	Please choose F1953 but change the star to yellow-gold. This design is beautiful, meaningful, and best but is washed out with a white star.
11/29/23 18:49	F1953	An absolutely beautiful flag! Excellent color choice and design, I would be proud to watch this flag fly. The only improvement I'd make would be changing the star to the lovely symbol from F29, which has both rich Scandinavian and Native symbology.
11/29/23 19:08	F1953	I really like how this flag looks on the pole. The colors stand out. I like the addition of green in this flag to represent our agriculture and our forests up north. The blue is pretty and I see the water/lakes represented and our clear sky's. This star, I know, represents the North Star but it also reminds me of our winter carnival in St Paul. Also since we are a state with 6 months of winter. We have to have our snow represented.
11/29/23 19:08	F1953	Sort of ok. Try putting the white stripe in the middle.
11/29/23 19:14	F1953	I believe this flag does an incredible job of capturing Minnesota! Not only does it do a great job of catching the eye, it follows the standard expectations of what a flag should look like. The colors chosen are magnificent and the placement of shapes in the flag are incredible! I would be a very proud Minnesotan if this flag were to be selected!
11/29/23 19:14	F1953	Terrible, looks like the Texas flag or something. No originally.
11/29/23 19:15	F1953	Reminds me of the Texas flag. the white may be too diminutive and be lost against the sky. Maybe put green on the bottom, white in the middle, blue on top. Seems to make more sense and the white won't lost.

11/29/23 19:15	F1953	This looks more like Manitoba Canada and ignores the bump at the top of our state which is where I am from and is too often ignored.
11/29/23 19:16	F1953	Last comments I'll leave on this flag. Stars and stripes is what makes the United States Flag so great. This design resonates that foundation incorporating everything this State represents. The very cool design whether intentional or not, when it's displayed vertically, the three stripes point north to the North Star! Be bold Minnesota!
11/29/23 19:19	F1953	I love this one the most. I like the way it references the unique shape of the state. It is also easy to draw and replicate.
11/29/23 19:20	F1953	Please read Mr Kaye's comments in the Star Tribune article and then change and then consider this one
11/29/23 19:20	F1953	I think this is an acceptable design to select as the new state flag.
11/29/23 19:25	F1953	This is my LEAST favorite--looks like too many other flags. Boring.
11/29/23 19:31	F1953	F1953 is just lovely. Easy to picture in your head. Easy for a kid to draw. Id happily wear this on a shirt and have flag on my porch
11/29/23 19:33	F1953	By far the best one of the finalists in my opinion.
11/29/23 19:41	F1953	Minnesota is not its own nationality. This design is horrible! No, no, no!
11/29/23 19:43	F1953	This is my second favorite design.
11/29/23 19:44	F1953	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:53	F1953	This one is my favorite. I like the subtle shape of MN and the color scheme.
11/29/23 19:54	F1953	F1953 feels very sterile to me and does not evoke Minnesota. The "abstract shape of Minnesota" looks more like a configuration I've seen in other flakes and more readily calls to mind the letter "K" than the shape of Minnesota. I had to read the designer statement to come to know that what the intention was.
11/29/23 19:56	F1953	Love this one!
11/29/23 20:00	F1953	Too simple and plainly just ugly design! Yucky! Do better!
11/29/23 20:03	F1953	I'd rather that the star were yellow.
11/29/23 20:08	F1953	I really dislike this one. The colors are now appealing and I don't like the stipes.
11/29/23 20:13	F1953	I am drawn to this design not only because I think the symbolism is spot on, but because it looks like a flag! It should read well from a distance and should be recognizable whether waving in the wind or at rest. It also is clean in design while still carrying the symbolism of our state. A flag should be clean but not so simple that it looks like a corporate logo. Pick this one!
11/29/23 20:15	F1953	F1953 is my favorite (by far) of the finalists. I understood it even before reading the designer statement. Also, it *looks* like a flag, whereas some of the other finalists look like corporate logos.
11/29/23 20:20	F1953	I like this one. Maybe change the shape of the star, and change the color bars on the right too only two colors.
11/29/23 20:21	F1953	No. Just no - we are not the Hamas of the North. This is a copy of an Islamist flag with different colors. No. Do better.
11/29/23 20:24	F1953	It's a great flag, but I think the abstract shape should be replaced with a canton in the top right corner, which can be interpreted as Minnesota being a "northwest" state before what we now call the northwest was discovered.
11/29/23 20:28	F1953	This is by far the best option for Minnesota's new flag and I would happily fly this off my porch!
11/29/23 20:29	F1953	This flag is simple, but meaningful. It symbolizes the important features of Minnesota, yet the design looks like it is meant to be a flag.
11/29/23 20:37	F1953	I vote No keep the flag the same as it's been
11/29/23 20:40	F1953	My original favorite never made it this far, because it looked too much like the Duluth city flag, which I understand. Out of the six finalists, this one is my favorite. The subtle MN profile, the colors, the star, it all works. A friend of mine thinks it looks like a post-Soviet state flag, but while that is her opinion, I personally enjoy the clean lines and colors. Please choose this one!
11/29/23 20:40	F1953	I kept thinking that the flag should have two blues, one green, and white, and boy this gets that job done. And the angle similar to part of our state is very clever. I wouldn't have white as one of the stripes on the top or bottom. In fact I'd probably use the lighter blue a second time to replace the white stripe, with the lighter blue representing both lake and sky. I like the symmetry of that. The star is okay, but it seems a little off, like the smaller spokes should be somewhat bigger. Overall I like this flag.
11/29/23 20:42	F1953	This is a truly modern take on our Minnesota state flag. Combining rich colors and a bold designed with the North Star accenting the land of 10,000 lakes! This is the one!
11/29/23 20:42	F1953	I like the nod to MN's state boundary. Color choices are poor but flag has an appealing design.
11/29/23 20:47	F1953	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS



11/29/23 20:49	F1953	MN shape: YES 8 pointed star: YES, but make it equal on all sides, like the rotunda star Replace white stripe with identical light blue stripe on bottom. It is then the sky on top, green land in middle, and water (reflecting the sky) on bottom This would then be very balanced when hung vertically or flown horizontally.
11/29/23 20:55	F1953	Snow is part of our great 4 seasons, but it is Not our identity. We have 3 other seasons that are also glorious, and we are not putting flowers, sunshines, and maple leaves on the flag. Another Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 20:56	F1953	MY FAVORITE OUT OF THE FINAL 6
11/29/23 20:56	F1953	The flag options are all terrible this is definitely the best
11/29/23 21:02	F1953	I like this design and believe it to be one of the better option. I do think it could be improved, like perhaps a different color-scheme and star, but I think it does have some potential.
11/29/23 21:12	F1953	It looks too much like Cuba or Puerto Rico flags. I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, it's history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, don't ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:15	F1953	This is the best of the 6 designs presented. And with a few tweaks it can be made even better. The navy, abstract shape of Minnesota can easily be adjusted to look more like Minnesota. (1) The border line between the navy and the green is currently an angle. Make this border a vertical line. (2) The navy section is too wide. Make it narrower until its width and height are proportional to the state of Minnesota.
11/29/23 21:16	F1953	I like this one. It is simple without being too simple.
11/29/23 21:16	F1953	This is a beautiful design that moves fluidly from one aspect to the next. It's crisp & fresh & my only suggestion might be to try making the white, green & blue stripes with something inside each color - or possibly a small wave between each stripe color.
11/29/23 21:18	F1953	I like it!
11/29/23 21:24	F1953	I vote for this flag due to various shapes and colors and what they represent. Frankly though, I prefer clearly recognizable shapes as in rivers, trees, plants and animals.
11/29/23 21:26	F1953	Absolutely the best choice. The shape of the state is what really makes it stand out to me. The designer statement is clear, concise and accurately explains the symbolism of the design. Big thumbs up!
11/29/23 21:26	F1953	The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.  F944 looks like it would become dated within 10 years and doesn't feel like an enduring banner.  F1154 and F1953 are perfectly cromulent flags.  F29 is the best choice. The design is simple and timeless. Please select F29.
11/29/23 21:30	F1953	I feel this best represents our state, it is memorable and marketable. I like how the left shape almost looks like our state. The white stripe may best be placed in the middle so it doesn't get lost in the sky.
11/29/23 21:32	F1953	This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity. The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time. The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.
11/29/23 21:36	F1953	F1953 has potential, but like most of the others it is too crowded. What if the right side were just one color? The rich blue on the left is good. The star is too complicated and also the four big points and four small points look too much like the Star of Bethlehem. Why not a simpler four or five point star?
11/29/23 21:38	F1953	I feel like this overall incorporates all the things that represent the state while staying recognizable from a distance
11/29/23 21:39	F1953	Now we're talking. Simple, bold, meaningful, and unique. The star could maybe use some work (the four smaller points look a bit sad when compared to the large ones), but overall this is a solid flag. 8.5/10.
11/29/23 21:41	F1953	Love the colors and the design. Captures so much of who we are.
11/29/23 21:45	F1953	Favorite of those offered

11/29/23 21:47	F1953	This is the best one. The rest look like generic PowerPoint-created designs.
11/29/23 21:49	F1953	Not a bad design, but I think changing the colors a bit would work better. I'd make the blue stripe a darker shade and lighten up the green, maybe swap the place of the white and green stripe. i like this flag now that i realized the left is in the shape of MN.
11/29/23 21:49	F1953	My comment is the white upper line seems to be distracting visually, and perhaps could be sky blue instead. (Also seems like a boat shape might be able to be incorporated perhaps. )
11/29/23 21:50	F1953	Not bad. If the turquoise color is a true light blue. We still need a loon, cornfield, pine tree or someone picture of something. Pines are all over MN not just in the north. What about geese. They are everywhere even on the golf courses. lol
11/29/23 21:55	F1953	Way too much abstract to this one. The shape of the navy as MN is not bad. Just don't care for the stripes!
11/29/23 22:02	F1953	TOO GENERIC. NO MEANING TO THE EVERYDAY MINNESOTANS. REALLY DISCOURAGING TO SEE THIS AND ALL THE SUBMISSIONS.
11/29/23 22:04	F1953	I think this flag is great and would really stand out as a Flag of Minnesota when seen from a distance. If I could change anything it would be to make the top stripe on the right the same color as the bottom stripe. That would make it look more balanced and the stripes could represent the water, land and sky.
11/29/23 22:05	F1953	I have made comments on each one and now the comments are not with the correct flag. Too bad. This website is not working very well. I wrote this under the Very Swedish (blue and yellow and Tulips looking flag. . Like the sun but not the Tulips. Don't look like pine trees. Need to have a feather or something symbolic of Natives. This is nice but would be better to have traditional looking Pines I think.
11/29/23 22:06	F1953	This is my favorite of all the submissions. I love how the unique shape of our state is included, the lines incorporate our beautiful landscape and heritage, the star is perfectly placed and it will be easily recognizable from afar and by many people.
11/29/23 22:19	F1953	I generally like this one. But the navy color for the area inside the "Minnesota" outline is wrong. Please use colors like in the old atlas map of MN in schools: green in the area north of I-94 from Fergus Falls to Brainerd and over to Duluth, up as far as the NE tip. This represents forests. Use brown all along the western counties, from Canada to Iowa, and back E and South of the Twin Cities over to the Mississippi R. This is to represent agriculture. Then - put in 3 rivers: the Red River of the North, Minnesota R, and the Mississippi River. These were the first natural "highways", important to the tribes. And another tribal note: the Lakota/Dakota considered the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers as the center of their earth ("Mâ€™dotea" is their word for it, I think.)
11/29/23 22:20	F1953	This one gets my vote
11/29/23 22:27	F1953	This one reads as a flag, but not a memorable one.
11/29/23 22:30	F1953	Minnesota has such a unique shape and to have it highlighted in the flag this way is very clever. I'd consider having the three color stripes on the right side changed out for green to simplify and still have the meaning of the colors as there is still blue, green, and white in the design.
11/29/23 22:38	F1953	I think of the 6 chosen this is probably the best. But to be perfectly honest I'm not thrilled with any of the six flags.  I've been a Graphic Designer/Art Director for over 34 years. I was excited when this proposal came out. I submitted 3 of each myself (flag and seal). When I saw all the designs I was excited at some of the great designs I saw. But unfortunately I'm not thrilled with the six chosen. The seals though I'm much more hopeful for with S224 the strongest one.  I understand the thought of giving the public a shot at this design but this isn't the typical way you would design something for a client. There would be discussions, product comparisons, rounds of changes, color options and seeing how the design applies to different applications. Here it just seems it's take it as it is with maybe a little tweak here or there. Typically this process would probably take weeks or even months to complete. Maybe I'm wrong but I feel that there are probably other designers out there who feel the same way or maybe not and it's just me.  Anyway for this design I would explore the star being gold. The white stripe maybe in the middle. Play with different hues of the colors. Overall this is an ok option but I think you have missed the boat on some others that I thought were stronger.
11/29/23 22:38	F1953	Thank you for your time.
11/29/23 22:38	F1953	Easily the best submission of the lot. Simple, yet not too simple like F29 and its blue background all too similar to our (and many other states' current flag. This flag has symbolism of our great state. It looks like a flag, where others look like a quilt or complex graphic for a sports franchise. This can easily be a symbol of pride and easily branded like residents of other states do with their respective state flags: Texas, Tennessee, Colorado, Arizona, and California. This flag will be easily recognizable from a distance.

		<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>F1953 has the greatest potential among the six flag finalists, but it needs a few tweaks to reach its full potential. This flag has the most potential because (1) it would be the easiest finalist to sew, and (2) it would be distinctive because it uses the shape of Minnesota, and it uses a unique star shape for the North Star. The commission should remove green from the flag and use the following pattern for the three stripes on the right side of the flag, from top to bottom: sky blue, white, sky blue. The commission should also replace the current eight-point star with the star used in submission F20.</p> <p>DETAILED EXPLANATION:</p> <p>KELO TV of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently interviewed Ted Kaye about the six flag finalists. In that interview, Mr. Kaye said, "I have a colleague who says in every flag contest, the best way to get great designs submitted is to insist that the designs be submitted as sewn flags."</p> <p>Insisting that a flag be sewn ensures that a flag is sufficiently simple to discern its elements from a distance. Additionally, a sewn flag has a more enduring character than a screen-printed flag. F1953 could easily be sewn because it uses simple shapes: a star, three stripes, and an abstract representation of Minnesota.</p> <p>In the KELO interview, Mr. Kaye said that F1953 has too many colors. He also said that the star may not be successful on a flag because "the little points are too small compared to the big points." When speaking before the SERC, Mr. Kaye encouraged the commission to think of ways to simplify a proposed flag before finalizing it.</p> <p>In that vein, the commission should start by removing green from the flag. This would mean the flag would only use three colors: white, navy blue, and sky blue. The three stripes should then adhere to the following pattern, from top to bottom: sky blue, white, sky blue. The two sky blue stripes would thus mirror each other to represent the land of sky-tinted waters. The two stripes could also stand for the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers. The middle white stripe could represent our bold Northern climate and character.</p> <p>To make the star more conspicuous, the commission should replace F1953's current star with the star used in F20. This star is also an eight-pointed star, but the points are of equal size. The F20 star is also a simplified version of the North Star that is on the floor of the capitol rotunda. No other state flag uses this eight-pointed star (Utah almost used an eight-point star for its new flag, but chose a five-point star instead). In tandem with the shape of Minnesota, this star would make our new flag a distinctive flag.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to send the commission a draft of these changes.</p>
11/29/23 22:40	F1953	Here is the URL for the Ted Kaye interview: <a href="https://www.keloland.com/keloland-com-original/vexillologist-talks-minnesota-flag-change-and-flag-design/">https://www.keloland.com/keloland-com-original/vexillologist-talks-minnesota-flag-change-and-flag-design/</a>
11/29/23 22:40	F1953	I think that this design is my favorite out of the 6. I appreciate the simplicity and the meaning behind each element.
11/29/23 22:54	F1953	Out of all the finalist flags, this one stands out among the rest. It thoroughly represents the entirety of Minnesota, while maintaining a modern design which will remain timeless for many decades to come.
11/29/23 23:11	F1953	Very thoughtful design as called out in the description. Without the description, this flag is too generic and could represent any state in the U.S.
11/29/23 23:25	F1953	This is a solid flag design - traditional, which is a good thing since it makes it less likely that it will feel out of date fifty years from now. It would make a nice counterpart to the flag of Texas: the Lone Star State and the North Star State. I would support this flag's selection as the new state flag.
11/29/23 23:35	F1953	This is the preferred flag of the finalists. However, a deficiency of the majority of all 2,000+ flags submitted, including this one, is the lack of the name of Minnesota. Not many people in the USA or internationally would recognize this subtle design as Minnesota's flag. The flag should have the State's name on it somehow.
11/29/23 23:39	F1953	None of these designs grab me or say Minnesota to me.
11/30/23 0:01	F1953	Looks bland. Looks like other state attempts at a flag. Or could be a sports team?? No!
11/30/23 0:09	F1953	this would be my 1st choice. great representation of MN

11/30/23 0:53	F1953	<p>This boring flag is lacking contrast and consistent design language.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to accurately recreate it from memory.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from the distance.</p> <p>Typical display: The Commission should consider the flag's visibility when it is displayed on a pole, without the full design visible, and the impact of weather elements when displayed (cloudiness, windiness, etc.)</p>
11/30/23 0:54	F1953	<p>This one!</p>
11/30/23 0:56	F1953	<p>This is a very good design: well balanced and I prefer it's flag look.</p>
11/30/23 0:59	F1953	<p>This entry looks too much like the Texas flag. The inclusion of the color green on the Minnesota flag seems inappropriate because Minnesota is not a very green state outside of summer. Maybe gray, brown, or yellow would be more appropriate colors than green. The color combination, overall, looks unappealing to me.</p>
11/30/23 1:01	F1953	<p>I think this design is good. It's simple without being boring, and is decently colorful. I like that the left-side shape evokes the shape of the state without being too on the nose about it. I also like the shape of the star. I also really like the shade of green used. In terms of the other colors, I would change the bottom blue stripe to something a little less teal, and I would make the left-side shape a little more saturated. I also liked the designs where there was a yellow star, but adding yellow to this would be too many colors so the white star works fine.</p>
11/30/23 1:03	F1953	<p>This one is the best one! Balanced, symbolic and professional in design, without being too whimsy and overly creative. I really dislike every other option without some reworking. Thanks for letting me give my two cents!</p>
11/30/23 1:11	F1953	<p>I'm a Minnesotan and flag enthusiast who has been hoping for a new MN state flag for years, and I'm so glad it's finally happening. This is easily the best design of the final 6. I especially like the Minnesota shape on the hoist side that makes it easily identifiable even by non-Minnesotans. But I think it could be improved by changing the star to an 8 pointed "M" style shown on many other flag submissions, oriented either like F1401 or F1835, and it might look good yellow/gold like F1713. The stripe order could also be changed to sky blue on top, white in the middle, and green on the bottom. Or you could make the Minnesota shape green, and the stripes could be blue/white/blue simplifying from 2 different blues to 1, either navy or sky.</p>
11/30/23 1:23	F1953	<p>This flag is fine, it takes few risks and the symbolism is passable. It feels more appropriate to represent a country rather than a state, which is an improvement from the other finalists.</p> <p>I'm including this note on multiple flag feedback comments in the hope that the committee reads/hears this:          I understand that the committee decided against including the loon on the flag as it is not found in all parts of the state, but this reasoning falls short when looking at other great state flags. Mississippi's recent redesign was nearly a perfect state flag, and they built it around the state flower, the Magnolia, which is actually not found in the majority of Mississippi.</p> <p>California, for another example, has one of the best flags in the entire world. It breaks several vexillological rules and is built around the grizzly bear, which is not found anywhere in California in the present era!</p> <p>The state flag redesign should not be build around checking boxes and following rules, the goal needs to be selecting a flag that will distinguish Minnesota from every other state and country in the world, just as all the other phenomenal state flags in this country do for their people (Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Maryland, etc).</p> <p>These flags, while sometimes a subject of debate of vexillologists, are widely loved and embraced by their citizens, making them effective. This must be the measure by which our new flag is selected.</p> <p>I was overjoyed when I learned that my state would be getting a new flag. I wrote a senior thesis paper about redesigning it, I'm very passionate about this topic, and I'm very thankful for the committee undertaking this great challenge. However, I implore the committee to go back to the drawing board and re-select a new group of finalists with the goal of selecting a distinctive, daring, and unique flag that will represent the great state of Minnesota. Legendary flags aren't legendary because they followed all the rules!</p>

11/30/23 1:36	F1953	I'm between this one and F2100. I love the 3-color motifs of both: the snow, the nature/agriculture, the water. I've only been a Minnesota resident for 11 years, but I see in this flag everything I've learned it means to be Minnesotan. Both of these flags will represent our state well.
11/30/23 1:39	F1953	The use of a Minnesota reminiscent shape is interesting, but not very clear. I also think the color palate is too muted and uses too many colors.
11/30/23 2:16	F1953	Again, I like the concept but too simple. And I think of Kmart with the state design.  None of these have any depth.
11/30/23 3:44	F1953	I like the attempt to incorporate the shape of the state. It makes this design more unique, less generic than the other finalists. However, there is something odd about the light blue stripe. The juxtaposition of the light blue stripe next to the green stripe (instead of putting the white stripe between them), plus just having two shades of blue in the flag seems to make the design more complicated than it needs to be. It might look better either by placing the white stripe between the blue and green stripes, or by eliminating the light blue stripe altogether. In the latter case, you could either change the light blue stripe into another white stripe, so that you have two white stripes flanking the central green stripe, or you could have only two stripes (white and green).each taking up 50% of the vertical.
11/30/23 4:25	F1953	If you make the right side all one color, preferably the light blue, and make the star simpler with four points this one would be exceptional!
11/30/23 4:28	F1953	Like this design but can it actually use the outline of our state instead of just straight lines.
11/30/23 5:02	F1953	This is my favorite but I prefer the star from F29
11/30/23 5:13	F1953	Definitely the best design.
11/30/23 5:21	F1953	Has my vote
11/30/23 5:31	F1953	Something out of the hunger games or a poorly run platoon.
11/30/23 5:34	F1953	I like aspects of all the finalists " however this one would be a strong flag design ". Clean and bold! I love the abstract state of mn shape in navy with North Star " color stripes with symbolism is very nice .
11/30/23 6:05	F1953	These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever. (Very Scandinavian.)
11/30/23 6:18	F1953	This one works for me. Looks like a flag should look. Has subtlety. Has meaning. Could change colors to green strip on top (trees), white in middle (snow), blue at bottom (water). Thank you!
11/30/23 6:21	F1953	I don't like any of the flags selected, but I guess this one is the least worst. Like I've mentioned in the others, I think the singular focus on the North Star is a mistake. Where I live in the twin cities I can't even see the North Star sometimes due to light pollution, I don't feel like that represents me. At least in this one the star isn't very prominent, which is good.  What I like about this flag is it incorporates the state shape which is neat, while avoiding goofy geometric shapes or swoopy rivers with weird lines down the middle. Pretty simple three horizontal bars (solid flag move), but distinctive with the state shape at left.
11/30/23 6:21	F1953	I still hope you go back to the drawing board and give us something with a dang loon in it, but if that ship sailed I'd vote for this one.
11/30/23 6:23	F1953	sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.
11/30/23 6:23	F1953	Not a fan of the colors. Please pass
11/30/23 6:26	F1953	This is by far the best option, following all rules of good flag design. The star and colors could be tweaked, but please keep the swallowtail abstract Minnesota shape.
11/30/23 6:32	F1953	This gets my vote! Simple. Recognizable. And incorporates important state symbols - the star, shape of our state and the color of the stripes.
11/30/23 6:40	F1953	This is my favorite out of all the submissions- it feels like an official state flag, and the colors and imagery is simple, easy to recreate, and it's beautiful!
11/30/23 6:46	F1953	This is the best choice of the finalists in my opinion
11/30/23 6:51	F1953	I like this flag a lot. It's got clearly cut lines, it's recognizable, and its got great colors.
11/30/23 6:53	F1953	The arrow and tricolor bands could convey an unintended message about 'white' intrusion
11/30/23 7:02	F1953	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:05	F1953	I feel that this flag design really covers the most of what makes Minnesota while keeping the design simple

11/30/23 7:12	F1953	F1953 is the most aesthetically pleasing option that also says "I'm a state flag" when you look at it. This one is in my top 2 favorites (along with F2100), but F1953 is the better of the two because the artist also explicitly states that it represents the people of Minnesota and our diverse cultures.
11/30/23 7:18	F1953	Second favorite behind F29. I think you could somehow replace the star on this flag with the starflake from F29 and end up with a good flag - you'd just have to change the yellow in the starflake to a color on this flag. I love the Minnesota border outline. My only concern is that it echoes the Texas state flag.
11/30/23 7:19	F1953	Do not like
11/30/23 7:22	F1953	At least this design shows the shape of the state so you can tell it's from MN. I really dislike all the flag designs!!!
11/30/23 7:22	F1953	My second favorite. Looks like a flag and less like a corporate brand. The reflection of the shape of the state of MN is clever.
11/30/23 7:27	F1953	Not as presented, but has potential to be a great flag. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1. change the colors to match the biome colors of F1741, and make the horizontal lines wavy, and move the star up (centered between where it is now and the top of the flag), and move the indent of the Minnesota down so it more closely resembles the shape of our state (see F1505 & F1741 or even F99 will work). A BETTER IDEA: use this star on F1782. IF used AS IS: Negatives: - The light (is it white?) top color will get lost on a flag with hazy, cloudy sky. - Way too symmetrical (like a K-mart logo). Positives: - It's not a five-point generic star. - The shape is a bit Minnesota.
11/30/23 7:30	F1953	This is the only option that even "remotely" identifies MN when you look at it. I am sure the intent of the new flag design is to be non offensive and all inclusive but I find all of the designs to be extremely abstract and look more like some kind of Scandinavian needle work rather than a representation of our great state. Very non descript. Very disappointed in ALL of the designs.
11/30/23 7:40	F1953	This is my favorite. Please select it.
11/30/23 7:40	F1953	Of the designs, this one best captures MN. But I'd rather see the loon design from the state seal options also be the flag.
11/30/23 7:45	F1953	good luck not offending your MN citizens, most people who were born in MN will be offended that the flag is changing in the first place. this one should not be in final six nor the other 5. the symbols on this flag relates too much to other existing foreign countries flags. triangles and stripes..... come on. this is whats wrong with politics today. everything that has history or American culture they want to change so foreigners feel at home when they arrive while the citizens feel foreign at home.
11/30/23 7:47	F1953	Absolutely NOT!!!
11/30/23 8:06	F1953	I like that the shape of MN is in this design. I would have chosen different colors on the right, but they are ok.
11/30/23 8:08	F1953	F1953 is a great design. Just needs some tweeking. The star should be gold in color. Move the white stripe to the middle and make it smaller. The colors need to be more vibrant over all. F2100 is also a great design, just change the color of the star to gold
11/30/23 8:13	F1953	After looking more, I think this one is the best.
11/30/23 8:14	F1953	Of all the finalists this one captures all the greatest elements of our states past and future.
11/30/23 8:19	F1953	No. I don't like the colors, or the design. It's all personal preference, and I feel you'll have a difficult job getting positive feedback on any of the 6 flags chosen as finalists.
11/30/23 8:22	F1953	This flag is a brilliant representation of minnesota that really captures all the things that make our state amazing.
11/30/23 8:24	F1953	what the heck, this is not far off from the other finalist designs. Try to mix it up a bit. No water/lake, no wildlife, no corn (farming), too blah, just like all the other designs you have chosen. Yuk!
11/30/23 8:25	F1953	This is a great flag design. I love that it contains four colors to represent four important elements of Minnesota, drawing an important distinction between sky and water with two shades of blue, with snow and nature included. Also, the subtle similarity between the dark blue and the shape of Minnesota is a nod to those of us who appreciate less-obvious symbolism and geography. That imagery may be lost on those outside the state and that's just as it should be.

		<p>I like this one best - but would suggest a slight alternative</p> <p>Left - like the Minnesota shape - would make dark blue</p> <p>Bottom stripe - consider darker green Middle strip - consider white - aligns w white star Top stripe - light blue</p> <p>Star - same or simple 4 pointed</p> <p>I have a simple sketch of u r interested</p> <p>I know white may be conserved on top for snow or northern lights</p> <p>But I think middle defines the other colors more distinctly</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration</p>
11/30/23 8:26	F1953	KES
11/30/23 8:29	F1953	This is my favorite option for the flag. I think it's very clever how the shape on the left is abstract but still represents MN. It's similar to other good state flags like Texas while still being distinct.
11/30/23 8:32	F1953	I like the outline of our state in the design.
11/30/23 8:33	F1953	Of the 5 finalist entries for state flag, I think this one represents Minnesota best, plus it at least has a shape of Minnesota on it. None of the entries have the word "Minnesota" on them, which I think is disappointing, but at least this one shows it's from Minnesota. The other finalists are so abstract as to be unclear what state (or other idea) they represent. This one has lots of imagery representing Minnesota identifiers also, including North Star State, Land of Sky Blue Waters, Snow, and Nature/Agriculture.
11/30/23 8:34	F1953	I like the what the designer wrote about this design - it incorporates much about Minnesota that I love. However, until I read the designers statement it was not my favorite design. But the more I look at it and understand the meaning of the colors and symbols, I could get behind it as our flag.
11/30/23 8:37	F1953	This is my favorite design. The color feels like the natural beauty of the state, the dark blue is shaped like MN. The star is reminiscent of winter, and quilting, and the north star.
11/30/23 8:37	F1953	Of the submission finalist flags, this is by far the best representation of Minnesota. Love that it captures the Minnesota outline. Hope this is picked. It represents a lot Minnesota's qualities.
11/30/23 8:38	F1953	The best of what remains. Needs tweaking on the star to bring a little more texture/interest.
11/30/23 8:40	F1953	This is the only one that doesn't completely suck. I still don't love it, but at least it's not super ugly or boring like the others.
11/30/23 8:41	F1953	This is the only one that looks like a flag. Let's not get too crazy and pick something that doesn't look like a flag
11/30/23 8:43	F1953	If not for F29, this would be my selection to be our new flag. It is simple, evokes Minnesota, and celebrates our status as the North Star State and our nature. Perhaps change the colors slightly but this is a great flag.
11/30/23 8:47	F1953	No
11/30/23 8:52	F1953	No to this one too!
11/30/23 8:52	F1953	I find this flag to be the most visually appealing. I like the colors and composition
11/30/23 8:56	F1953	As a Minnesota resident who moved here from Chicago for school, I can speak to how a flag can be a galvanizing point of pride for a community, especially a community with strong preexisting regional pride like Minnesota. Well designed, simple flags become merchandise, hang in dorm rooms, and become linked to the state identity. As a person who has an interest in flag design, a state can become associated with the national viewpoint of the state, like Maryland, Texas, California, and Colorado. This is clearly the best submission of the final six flag designs, has the best potential for merchandising and aesthetically based pursuits, and will garner praise from the wider vexillological community, like we have seen from the new state flags of Utah and Mississippi. This flag design, in my opinion, is well clear of the other finalists and is the obvious choose for the new Minnesota state flag.

11/30/23 8:56	F1953	I have mixed feelings of this flag. I generally like the idea of a tri-color flag as it reminds me of European-style flags. I have mixed feelings about the abstract shape of MN, but it has grown on me. The star design could be improved (a more dramatic 8-point star like submission F2100). I'd finally just add that somewhere on the internet I saw a suggestion to make the white band yellow instead. Please don't do this.
11/30/23 8:57	F1953	This is an excellent flag and would have my vote.
11/30/23 9:00	F1953	Simple and clean. Middle of the pack in the 6 finalists for me.
11/30/23 9:05	F1953	This would be ok, but I didn't get most of the items until I read the description.
11/30/23 9:05	F1953	Not really a fan in comparison to the others.
11/30/23 9:05	F1953	Maybe you could change the start to the star of F29 and use better colors on the right and it would be ok.
11/30/23 9:05	F1953	944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol;wrong. 1435 is too Indian;why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom? 1953 is best, clear and open to interpretation and good feelings
11/30/23 9:07	F1953	I like this one, but the colors are kinda boring. I think you should change the star to yellow.
11/30/23 9:07	F1953	I like the abstract shape of MN, but I don't love the colors on the right (mostly the light blue).
11/30/23 9:11	F1953	This is the best of the ones that aren't great. I like how it looks like the state of MN on left (can you make it look like actual state though?). But why, on why, can't there be a loon? Who care of Southern minnesota feels left out. Should we just do an ear of corn? Every county has a corn field. Thats as much sense as it makes. It is our state bird, that's what people remember when they visit. So dumb!!!
11/30/23 9:12	F1953	F1953 is the best of these final flags.
11/30/23 9:13	F1953	i like this one because the star is guiding the colors of the flag, and the flag colors really give people a visualization of what Minnesota is like. i think the white green and blue really symbolize what Minnesota is, and when i picture my home here, those are the colors that come to my head, the white gives a sense of brightness, the green gives me the image of the trees at my cabin, and the blue gives me the color of how blue the skies are and the smell of fresh air.
11/30/23 9:13	F1953	I like this finalist best. It "looks" most like a state flag to be proud of. And, I love that all of Minnesota's highlights (snow, water, nature, north star) are included. It is simple, yet very descriptive.
11/30/23 9:13	F1953	I love the simplicity but also the great expression in this design. I think that choosing to outline the state shape in Navy was extremely creative and I appreciate how the design symbolizes the importance of nature, agriculture, indigenous peoples, and water to our state. I think that this flag is both beautifully crafted with deep cultural meaning and also simplistic and easily recognizable. I would love it if this became our new state flag!
11/30/23 9:15	F1953	I vote for F1953. It is the least watered-down/ blah of all the designs. And it has imagery of our state shape, which is important. The others look like quilt show offerings. Also, Seal design S224 is by far the best. Thankyou.
11/30/23 9:15	F1953	Why are we wasting mine and all other tax payer \$\$ on this crap. Looks like another Israel flag. It doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. Keep old flag. When I look at this flag I yawn.
11/30/23 9:16	F1953	I don't like any of the six but if I had to choose I'd take this one!
11/30/23 9:17	F1953	I really like this one;the tribute to the state's shape is a cool factor, and it looks like an actual flag rather than just a drawing
11/30/23 9:18	F1953	I know it's stylized but I'd prefer the right side of Minnesota to not have the V halfway but instead a little lower to more accurately reflect the state outline. This is my favorite pick of the top 6.
11/30/23 9:19	F1953	I like this flag because of its abstract design and clearly shows every aspect of Minnesota
11/30/23 9:20	F1953	I appreciate the MN shape included in this design. Simple and effective.
11/30/23 9:23	F1953	Like the symbolism. The K representing the shape of Minnesota is clever. I would just make it look more like Minnesota. What the colors on the right represent are nice, but plain and boring.
11/30/23 9:25	F1953	I like this flag design the best. However I think it could be improved by using the star from seal S6.
11/30/23 9:27	F1953	I prefer this design but with F29's star/snowflake. I also would recommend the white stripe be in the middle as it gets visually lost as the top stripe.
11/30/23 9:29	F1953	Too military looking. Maybe make the 3 stripes uneven sizes.
11/30/23 9:32	F1953	I would love this if combined with design motifs and inspirations from other submissions: the one with the central star in a blue field and the one inspired by Ojibwe art (start and trees).



11/30/23 9:32	F1953	This is my 2nd favorite of the six finalists and I think with a couple color tweaks, it could be a really great option. The colors are too pastel and not vibrant enough. The abstract shape of the state with the north star is definitely my favorite part.
11/30/23 9:33	F1953	This is my favorite because it incorporates the shape of the state of Minnesota
11/30/23 9:33	F1953	I like the idea of having the shape of MN on the flag. I can't say I like the stripe colors though - even though I can't offer any suggestions, sorry about that.
11/30/23 9:33	F1953	This star design can also be interpreted as a compass star - like the north star, it is a symbol of guidance and sense of direction... not getting lost and stepping together into the future.
11/30/23 9:34	F1953	This is a general comment. I am very disappointed in the choices. The missing piece for me is the Loon. It is a symbol that brings us all together. I like the representation of the star and cultural references, but it is too abstract to convey and missing the loon.
11/30/23 9:35	F1953	This flag looks like least like some corporate logo - so I like it the best.
11/30/23 9:35	F1953	Too many stripes and colors.
11/30/23 9:38	F1953	This is my favorite design. It is representative of the state through its colors, shape of the blue area on the left being reminiscent of the shape of the state, and of course the north star. The only change I would make is to make the star blue.
11/30/23 9:39	F1953	I think the simplicity of this design is impactful and will stand the test of time. The symbolism behind the shapes and colors truly captures the essence of Minnesota. I think the color palette is perfect. I love everything about this design and would be happy to fly this flag.
11/30/23 9:44	F1953	This design looks like it could represent a Baltic state.
11/30/23 9:47	F1953	I know itâ€™s stylized but Iâ€™d prefer the right side of Minnesota to not have the V halfway but instead a little lower to more accurately reflect the state outline. This is my favorite pick of the top 6. One more hope I have-that the green line would be wavy on top indicating pine trees and the blue at bottom would look a little more fluid and even have a tiny loon in it Thank you!
11/30/23 9:47	F1953	This one is my favorite!!!
11/30/23 9:47	F1953	I like the color palette of this design along with how the navy is shaped similar to Minnesota. I think that this design would be improved with a different star, and the white star being out of line with the white stripe makes it feel off-balance. Perhaps using just two colors on the right side would look a little better, although I do not dislike the three.
11/30/23 9:47	F1953	I know itâ€™s stylized but Iâ€™d prefer the right side of Minnesota to not have the V halfway but instead a little lower to more accurately reflect the state outline. This is my favorite pick of the top 6. One more hope I have-that the green line would be wavy on top indicating pine trees and the blue at bottom would look a little more fluid and even have a tiny loon in it Thank you!
11/30/23 9:48	F1953	this one is okay, but not my favorite.
11/30/23 9:49	F1953	I like the field on this one, but not crazy about the star. Replace that with the star from the first flag, and I would like it a lot better.
11/30/23 9:51	F1953	Overall, this is my favorite design. It represents Minnesota in a simple yet creative and effective way;no other state in the country features an outline of itself (unless you count Colorado and Wyoming!) I think the coloring needs some tweaks, however. I would probably make the Minnesota shape green (slightly darker than the current hue), with a striping sequence of light blue, white, and light blue. Placing white in the center stripe and flanking it with two stripes of the same color creates more visual balance to the flag.
11/30/23 9:52	F1953	I like this flag as it has the shape of Minnesota on it. Also, I like the designer statement. + distinct from other states â€™ looks more like a company logo or sports team logo
11/30/23 9:52	F1953	If the left side looked more like the shape of the state, I think this design might be ok
11/30/23 9:53	F1953	I like this one a lot. Not quite my favorite, but the boldness, simplicity and color choices are all great.
11/30/23 9:56	F1953	I ranked F1953 6th of the 6 until I read her justification for the dark blue "Minnesota" shape. That was not immediately apparent to me, and would not be, I think, to most non-Minnesotans, so that symbolism is likely to be lost. The quantity of white makes the flag seem pale. But 6th out of 2000+ is still a positive.
11/30/23 10:01	F1953	Sorry, but this is just ugly.

11/30/23 10:03	F1953	This looks like the Cuban flag. Way too blocky, little artistry.
11/30/23 10:09	F1953	My first choice
11/30/23 10:09	F1953	Strong #2 for me. I didn't pick up on the shape of Minnesota in the design until I read the designer statement.
11/30/23 10:14	F1953	This flag well represents concepts based on Minnesotas history and resources. The colors will also look good and's be visible during all seasons of the year, whether shown against a snowy or green landscape. Graphic designers who wish to make merchandise for Mn and show solidarity as a state will have a lot of room for creativity as well. I especially love how the shape of Mn is show n in the flag without being immediately obvious.
11/30/23 10:20	F1953	Makes me think of Puerto Rico not Minnesota! Design doesn't work here for me.
11/30/23 10:20	F1953	I like this flag because it incorporates the shape of the state as a large graphic element. It unites the physical boundaries of the state with the elements of water, land, and sky. Minnesota is the North Star State so the prominent star ties in the human aspect of people seeing and using the North Star as a guide.
11/30/23 10:26	F1953	This is a great design...which would be made even better if the star was replaced with the star from f29.
11/30/23 10:27	F1953	I like this flag design the best!
11/30/23 10:32	F1953	I do not like any of the finalist designs! I would not highlight snow, arguably the least popular to many of us, and snowflakes have six sides and not eight. I do not like the stencil designs, this is not grandmothers quilt project, but a state flag! I would like to see something simple but still smart and sophisticated. Our state is known for its natural beauty of lakes and trees as well as as a smart and industrious population. There were some nice designs in the original submissions.
11/30/23 10:35	F1953	This is ok. A little more interesting than others. The Minnesota shape isn't obvious unless someone points it out, but that is a nice feature.
11/30/23 10:38	F1953	This design is my favorite of them all. The navy blue shape of Minnesota with our north star, and the three stripes representing our climate, our natural beauty, and our waterways all come together in an aesthetically pleasing, simple, recognizable, and memorable flag that Minnesotans young and old would be proud to fly. It would pair well with S147 with some potential color matching tweaks and/or tweaks to the shape of its center star. I strongly urge you to choose this one!
11/30/23 10:38	F1953	This seems to be a pale version of a small island country's national flag. It has some interesting elements, but is not distinct enough to be Minnesota's flag.
11/30/23 10:40	F1953	This one is ok but I don't like the snowflake. Make the star/flake yellow?
11/30/23 10:41	F1953	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them. Hard to believe in this creative state filled with artists, this is the best we could come up with.
11/30/23 10:42	F1953	I know that the flag isn't being chosen by popular vote, but I would vote for this one. It's a simple and striking design in which every piece has meaning. I also really like the design of F944, but I think it would be harder to draw.
11/30/23 10:45	F1953	Why divide the flag onto two distinct sections? One with what looks like a K punctuated with a white star, and the other with three horizontal strips. Need one graphic that is cohesive from top to bottom. No.
11/30/23 10:51	F1953	All of the options look like sports team flags but this one at least tells part of the story of Minnesota, showing various aspects of our history.
11/30/23 11:10	F1953	What country is that flag?
11/30/23 11:10	F1953	I don't like the color scheme. The design is okay. It looks like an average flag.
11/30/23 11:11	F1953	This one is a strong contender and looks like a flag that should already exist. I don't love it, but it sure has all the right elements and thoughts behind it
11/30/23 11:12	F1953	Don't care for it
11/30/23 11:14	F1953	I think this is the strongest flag entry. I love the implied shape of MN with the north star prominently in the middle, and the color scheme overall is great. Reminds me of the TX flag, which is another strong design. This is a good flag, and one that would look amazing flying over our statehouse.
11/30/23 11:17	F1953	No way!
11/30/23 11:19	F1953	No.
11/30/23 11:19	F1953	I like this flag design the best. I think this one should be selected as the official state flag. Thank You.
11/30/23 11:24	F1953	I am very underwhelmed with the flag redesign options but I feel this designer's statement reflects their flag design and represents our state the best.

		Not going to be my flag for Minnesota looks like some African third world country flag
11/30/23 11:33	F1953	No
11/30/23 11:37	F1953	Yes to the colors and the North Star, but what most sets this design apart for me in the best way is the inclusion of the unique shape of our state - this uncommon shape includes us all wherever we live. To me, the physical shape is what brings us all together.
11/30/23 11:43	F1953	I feel this represents Minnesota the most.
11/30/23 11:43	F1953	This looks like someone asked an AI to redo the Texas flag with the ugliest possible color palette. Please reject all the finalists and start over
11/30/23 11:50	F1953	At first glance this looks like a flag that would represent a communist state. Same colors as all the other options that you have chosen. Wow, what great variety to choose from. Not sure how this represents all cultures of Minnesota. Seems like each design is geared towards one culture of Minnesotans. On the current flag the culture you are trying to push down our throats is already represented. Total waste of our tax dollars. Thanks. My dog could draw a better design.
11/30/23 11:51	F1953	Like every choice, this is much worse than existing flag and looks like it was drawn by an elementary student in ten minutes. Why does every choice have same color choice? Only thing potentially positive is this flag is less worse than the other choices, but much worse than existing flag.
11/30/23 11:53	F1953	I like the direct and memorable symbolism of the color scheme. But the layout looks cribbed from Texas and Puerto Rico.
11/30/23 12:05	F1953	I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color. This is terrible.
11/30/23 12:05	F1953	This design is my 2nd in preference. I like the representation of Minnesota's natural elements.
11/30/23 12:11	F1953	Do not like the white strip. Make that one light blue on top. And the bottom strip a deeper blue.
11/30/23 12:12	F1953	Everyone of these are very disappointing as they are just too simple. We need a flag that is more representative of our state symbols such as the loon. I would not support any of these.
11/30/23 12:12	F1953	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:16	F1953	This would be my pick for our state flag. Without reading the description, I could easily see the image of our state, the North Star, and the stripes representing our sky, green landscape and all our lakes represented with the light blue stripe. In comparison to the other designs, this one looks the most like a flag design. It's simple and to the point. I'm not a fan of the "equil" looking stars on the other designs. They look too old-fashioned and clip art to me. This one fits our state best.
11/30/23 12:16	F1953	F1953 is my favorite flag design. I especially like that the navy blue area is the shape of the state. This design is creative, yet elegant.
11/30/23 12:19	F1953	Combine this one / F1953/ with F2100. So that the strips are like on 2100.
11/30/23 12:22	F1953	I think I like this flag the best of them all. It would be nice to have the smaller star in yellow for some fun contrast.
11/30/23 12:22	F1953	I like this design a lot. It is my favorite.
11/30/23 12:24	F1953	Not a great design, but without the lengthy explanation it could mean anything.
11/30/23 12:27	F1953	Combine this one / F1953/ with F2100. So that the strips are like on 2100. This one as is 1953 reminds me of the state of Texas flag
11/30/23 12:29	F1953	Of the finalists, this is my clear favorite and appears to be the most well thought through in terms of symbolic color selection. I love the balance of the colors with the shape of Minnesota on the side. The star shape is exceptionally nice in comparison to other finalists. I truly hope with all my heart that you select this one.  If I could change one thing about the image, I would add a thin golden band along the V shaped edge of the navy Minnesota shape OR along the edge of the white star to symbolize the color of prairie grasses and crop fields ripe for harvest. Thank you so much for your time and consideration of my thoughts. I hope you have a lovely day!
11/30/23 12:30	F1953	Our favorite. We'd put white in middle. It would be interesting to see what it looks like to slightly adjust the Minnesota shape and lose the symmetry ... still keeping it simple.
11/30/23 12:31	F1953	No. This looks like a flag from another country.
11/30/23 12:33	F1953	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag. Also, are you sure this one isn't related to a Palistinian flag?
11/30/23 12:34	F1953	Too similar to other states.
11/30/23 12:36	F1953	Simple and actually looks like a state flag. Bonus points for using colors outside the normal state flag palette. Easily the best of the finalists.

11/30/23 12:38	F1953	Love the symmetry;however the colors are DULL. They do not pop and would look faint/faded with the sky behind it. Also not a fan of the 8 pointed star. Should be 5 or 5 points.
11/30/23 12:40	F1953	I like this flag, and I like having the shape of our state in the flag. My changes would mainly be to the star in the flag, specifically changing the color to yellow or adding a design to it. In general, the main danger for the flag is that it is a bit generic, but I don't have a specific suggestion for improving it.
11/30/23 12:40	F1953	Love this design. So much is communicated so simply. I love the abstract representation of the state and the diversity implied by the different stripes of color. Plus it looks like a flag - I would want to hang this in my yard.
11/30/23 12:41	F1953	This one isn't too bad.
11/30/23 12:44	F1953	I just don't see it as depicting Minnesota.
11/30/23 12:44	F1953	Not a fan of this one. All of these flags are giving the Disney movie Frozen and it would be shown flying above the town. Last time I checked we're not making snow our personality.
11/30/23 12:47	F1953	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:50	F1953	Best of designs because at least it has a silhouette of MN.
11/30/23 12:50	F1953	I like the color representation, and the navy being an abstract version of Minnesota is very creative. I like the color palette, it's not too bright and not too dull. I think its very important to incorporate the voices and cultures of native people into a symbol (flag) that represents our state. The star is a great focal point. Overall this is a beautiful and meaningful flag.
11/30/23 12:51	F1953	I really don't like any of them; too simplistic.
11/30/23 12:52	F1953	As a new resident to the great state of Minnesota I was drawn to the simplicity and feeling behind this flag design. It is immediately identifiable as Minnesota due to the shape of the state and the colors that would not, for example, be used by states in the south or west. It uses very similar colors to those on the current official websites for the state and represents a natural evolution of the branding rather than a complete redesign. I would fly this flag proudly.
11/30/23 12:53	F1953	Start over.
11/30/23 12:59	F1953	could be so easy to re-draw and remember the 5 rules of flag design
11/30/23 12:59	F1953	This one looks like an actual state flag. The others are too modern and too 2020's. I don't feel they'll age well.
11/30/23 13:00	F1953	This is a solid choice. Nice, unique coloring and distinct symbolism.
11/30/23 13:02	F1953	Hands down, this is the flag. The star is appropriate and is tied to the state motto so as not to be kitschy, using a white bar for snow is so thoughtful as opposed to a snowflake which cannot be from its connotation and tie to Christmas. And I had no idea about the meaning of Minnesota being "a place of sky-tinted water". I learned about Minnesota from this flag. THIS is what a thoughtful, respectful, inclusive and exceptional flag design is, and if adopted, will represent Minnesotans as thoughtful, respectful, inclusive and exceptional.
11/30/23 13:04	F1953	I think that this flag best represents our state
11/30/23 13:04	F1953	I want to like this, I really do, but it feels too "country of the world" flag
11/30/23 13:05	F1953	best of the available options and the least childish. flag has good meaning and I like that the abstract state shape is incorporated.
11/30/23 13:06	F1953	This flag is the option that I believe would stand out the most when the state flags are put side by side.
11/30/23 13:07	F1953	This design gets my vote. I was undecided until I realized the abstract Navy shape represented Minnesota! I love that! I also love the way the artist incorporated many aspects of our state, but kept the design simple and fresh.
11/30/23 13:15	F1953	I like the simplicity of this design- it also feels "authentic". I would like to suggest we take this opportunity to change our flag shape. Similar to the State of Ohio that is not a rectangle- we could use this opportunity to use F1953 and reimagine the shape. My suggestion would be to make the navy section slimmer by shifting the entire design to the left a bit, then starting at the top right and lower right corners, cut away an area to create a shape that mimics the angle where the navy and triban colors meet. The star may need to move up a little to fit nicely but this would make our flag stand out amongst the many of this nation. For the cutout area, a similar shape submission was F1498 for reference. In doing this- the flag will look great on poles and banners when flown vertical, too.
11/30/23 13:18	F1953	This is the third best design behind F29 and F2100. It's classy, simple and elegant and would nicely represent the state.
11/30/23 13:21	F1953	This is too much similar to the Palestine flag.
11/30/23 13:23	F1953	F1953 looks like the flag of a small, obscure country.
11/30/23 13:27	F1953	i think this one covers the most of the important parts of our state while also being graphically appealing and memorable and simple. aka it gets the job done.
11/30/23 13:29	F1953	This flag is by far my favorite of the finalists. I think it will look the nicest flying from a flagpole. It's recognizable, simple, and attractive all at once. I like the symbolism of the abstract shape of Minnesota and the colors of the three bars at the right.

11/30/23 13:38	F1953	It is very helpful to read the description of the flag. I like that the symbol of the state has been enlarged from a previous drawing I had seen before.
11/30/23 13:41	F1953	I love this flag design for it's simplicity, especially for it to be recreated by people with varying abilities. My only feedback is that I wish the current star could be revised into an 8-pointed star or a more-appropriate symbol that would reflect the legacy of the Tribal Nations here.
11/30/23 13:41	F1953	This could work, but it should be tested and obvious to anyone itâ€™s Minnesota, loon, State outline or Purple (sports & Prince) would distinguish the flag as Minnesota. Please use this opportunity and test with a test group to see if anyone recognizes the flag as Minnesota and hire a professional brand graphic artist to design the final flag based on clear criteria.
11/30/23 13:43	F1953	Confusing hidden meanings, standard flag appearance which doesn't set mn apart
11/30/23 13:52	F1953	I really enjoy this flag, although I believe it would be great to combine and take the star/snow flake combo from F29 to replace this white star. It would be the best of both as the different design elements could serve who we are as Minnesotans as a brand and identity. Thank you for your consideration!
11/30/23 13:54	F1953	I would vote strongly against this one. I appreciate the attempt at an abstract Minnesota shape, but the main impression it gives is of an arrow INTO the navy area, rather than of a navy state shape over the stripes. My immediate thought when I saw it was "moving backward" because of the direction of the arrow, and this is the exact opposite of what MN stands for. A definite NO on this design.
11/30/23 14:00	F1953	Specific: Totally boring General: lack of color, very cliché The flag "template" of what makes a good flag is contestable. The Committee has an obvious bias for pointy stars. Why not pick two with pointy stars and give us some more alternatives?
11/30/23 14:00	F1953	poor design
11/30/23 14:03	F1953	Love the North Star and the references to the indian language that Minnesota came from
11/30/23 14:03	F1953	This is one of two submissions that I like. A simple solid design with a good use of color and iconography.
11/30/23 14:06	F1953	This is a beautiful state flag. Simple in graphical design, so anyone can draw it. Has a good mix of colors without overwhelming, and the colors clearly correlate to things MN is known for; blue for lakes, green for forests, and white/grey for snow/ice. The prominent north star, as well as the hidden, but easy to decipher 'hidden' outline for the state of Minnesota too is a nice touch. This flag is significantly different from any other current US state flags and would be easy for an outsider to associate or figure out it belongs to Minnesota, versus any other state. Furthermore, the flag would look good in all displays, whether blowing in horizontal wind, hanging at rest on a pole, or hanging vertically from the ceiling.  Concerns: 1) Slightly similar to the National Geographic Society's flag. However there are sufficient differences, I do not think there should be any issues either for copyright or confusion between the two entities by someone seeing the flag.
11/30/23 14:06	F1953	I rate this as one of the BEST new state flag options, and hope it is strongly considered for adoption as the new State of Minnesota Flag.
11/30/23 14:10	F1953	BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING & RICULOUS TOO WHAT IS THE GREEN////
11/30/23 14:12	F1953	I think this is the best representation of MN of the 6 remaining choices. Without reading the description first; I looked at the flag to try to interpret meaning from what I saw. The shapes and colors represent exactly how the description reads about this flag. It shows the shape of our state, it has the North Star, the white stripe represents snow and north, green representing agriculture, and our parks, nature & forestry and the blue represents all of the water; lakes and rivers that we have. I think if someone sees this flag, and is not from the state, would understand what everything represents on this flag! Magnificent representation in my opinion!
11/30/23 14:12	F1953	Good idea, but it is not clear what navy color represents (btw, it looks almost black on the screen). I suggest to modify the design: change the abstract shape to blue or light blue, remove the light blue stripe so there are only 2 stripes on the right (white on top and green on the bottom), and change the star to yellow color.
11/30/23 14:13	F1953	This design was the winner in our family Thanksgiving gathering. Creative use of M on the left. The star needs a little tweaking as the points on L and R are a little wide.
11/30/23 14:16	F1953	None of these represent Minnesota. You're destroying what really Minnesota is. Such a disappointment
11/30/23 14:18	F1953	First choice from the 6 finalists.
11/30/23 14:18	F1953	Makes me think it's a faded version of the TX flag.
11/30/23 14:19	F1953	This is by far my favorite flag. Compared to other finalists, it looks distinct from every angle, even when printed small or up on a high flagpole. Many of the other finalists are just one primary color (especially #1, which I also love but is almost all blue and would look like almost any other state flag up on a pole). I also appreciate all the symbolism and care that has been put into each portion of the flag. Let the best flag win

11/30/23 14:21	F1953	A very clean a pleasing design that can be recognized from a distance. Colors all fit together perfectly and don't clash with one another.
11/30/23 14:22	F1953	I really enjoy this design, best of the group of finalists in my opinion! It is modern in its interpretation, the colors feel spot on and representative and fresh, it is recognizable and the simplicity stands out while having deeper meaning and symbolism embedded.
11/30/23 14:23	F1953	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:24	F1953	This flag seems to be the best representation of our state. It includes many of the same themes as the other submissions but does it in a more elegant and timeless way. This flag would represent us for years to come.
11/30/23 14:25	F1953	I like the intent and description the designer offers, especially the Indigenous connection which should be preserved. However, the design overall does not clearly convey this narrative (i.e., it would be hard for the viewer to see this narrative in the design without an explanation). The design is too esoteric for a viewer to understand what Minnesota has to offer (lakes/rivers, varied topography (3 biosphere regions), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine -- all state notables). Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:27	F1953	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project
11/30/23 14:33	F1953	ok. At least it looks like Flag..
11/30/23 14:34	F1953	I enjoy this one a lot, I think the symbolism on it is the strongest and the design is the most unique
11/30/23 14:35	F1953	This flag is my favorite. Am a fan of keeping a flag simple and uncluttered. Everything about Minnesota is represented on this design. No need for a loon or additional items
11/30/23 14:36	F1953	I like this one because it's not too complex and looks nice
11/30/23 14:37	F1953	Looks like a flag for a Caribbean nation. I would vote no
11/30/23 14:37	F1953	I like how it look it looks different compeared to the other flags
11/30/23 14:37	F1953	i like this flag's colors and how it looks. i also like how it is in the shape of minnesota.
11/30/23 14:41	F1953	Not bad. I could definitely live with this one. I would love it if you reconsidered F408 though.
11/30/23 14:46	F1953	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:48	F1953	Too many colors. The extra pieces make it look muddled.
11/30/23 14:50	F1953	I like this design the best, but the colors remind me of a tube of toothpaste.
11/30/23 14:51	F1953	This is the best flag out of the options presented. It looks the most like a flag, and not like a quilt. 10/10 design. Please pick this one!
11/30/23 14:57	F1953	This is the best choice of the six - includes the most important elements of our outdoor environment, our state motto "The North Star State" and the abstract shape of the State is really clever.
11/30/23 15:02	F1953	I like this one the best. It gives the best "official flag" feeling without wavy lines and childish stars.
11/30/23 15:04	F1953	Potential
11/30/23 15:15	F1953	I strongly favor this option for our MN state flag. The simplicity and boldness of the elements will stand the test of time and longevity in flag designs. Plus the abstraction of the state, star, land/water/snow is easy to comprehend and nods to state features every Minnesotan will recognize and share. Kudos to the designer.
11/30/23 15:25	F1953	Please start over. They're all terrible.
11/30/23 15:26	F1953	Who picked these colors? This is not MN
11/30/23 15:27	F1953	I like this but wish the star was more reflective of the indigenous tribes six point star.
11/30/23 15:27	F1953	#4
11/30/23 15:33	F1953	Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state so I like this one the best. However, that green and light blue (which looks more aqua) just don't go together. Change the color scheme and add "Minnesota" to it.
11/30/23 15:34	F1953	The colors are so pretty, but it feels like a different countries flag rather than a MN state flag.
11/30/23 15:35	F1953	F-1953. Simple, strong design. I like this version better than any of the "quilt" flags.
11/30/23 15:35	F1953	Out of the finalists, this flag has the most depth in what it represents. I have heard of the debate surrounding the order the colored stripes should be in, but regardless of this decision, I believe this flag is a great representation of our state. I also love the abstract MN shape. If this flag is chosen, I think the MN shape will be what really sets our flag apart from others.
11/30/23 15:35	F1953	This is my favorite one of the six. It's easily reconizable. I like the colored stripes and I think they represent snow, lakes, and all the beautiful nature Minnesota has to offer. I especially like that the side panel represents the shape of the state. This will be easy to identify from afar and easy for kids to draw.

		The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.
11/30/23 15:36	F1953	Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:37	F1953	this one is my absolute favorite from the finalists. It is simple and it has the star plus the colors that scream Minnesota! Best finalist for sure.
11/30/23 15:38	F1953	This flag design is my preferred of the remaining submissions.
11/30/23 15:39	F1953	Love this one!! It's the only one that honors multiple aspects of our state but that still looks sophisticated enough for us to proudly fly over the Capitol.
11/30/23 15:39	F1953	My initial reaction to this design was negative, however, in reading the designers statement I do feel he captures with good representation what is important to the State of Minnesota, in particular the abstract shape of the state as part of the flag design. This becomes my number one choice.
11/30/23 15:40	F1953	I don't get this one at all. It looks more like a very basic national flag. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:40	F1953	Please consider using the 8-pointed star from F1154 with this flag instead. The symbolism of the 8-pointed star from Ojibwe and Dakota tribes, nordic patterns and the capitol rotunda are important and would well represent the melting pot of cultures in Minnesota.
11/30/23 15:42	F1953	This flag is generic dismissive of settlers .dismissive of native Americans. Total land of 10,000 lakes. No representation of the Mississippi and the headwaters. The North Star. Is the goal to make a generic flag that's dismissive of our history? Is this trying to not offend anybody? Are we that sensitive?. I'm proud to be a native American. I would hope all minnesotans and settlers are proud to be minnesotans regardless of how that came about. Erasing our history is not good. Is that the goal horrible design?.
11/30/23 15:42	F1953	Love this one!! It's the only one that honors multiple aspects of our state but that still looks sophisticated enough for us to proudly fly over the Capitol.
11/30/23 15:46	F1953	This one is by far the best. I like this one and would love to see it as the MN State flag!
11/30/23 15:50	F1953	This by far the best of the final 6. The Minnesota "shape" on the left is the distinctive feature. I would prefer a simpler star, perhaps similar to the one on F944, but still keeping it white. Dividing the right side into just two parts (green and sky blue) would simplify the design, but I like the three colors there. Moving the white to the center (stacked green, white, sky blue) might improve the composition.
11/30/23 15:50	F1953	It is disheartening to see that this design ignores Minnesota's rich history and inaccurately represents our statehood. This new design fails to do justice to our fellow Minnesotans, as it does not offer any insight into our state's unique identity. The design is needlessly simplified and does not reflect the depth and complexity that our state's history deserves. Therefore, it is imperative that this design be revised to incorporate Minnesota's history and accurately represent our statehood.
11/30/23 15:53	F1953	Beautiful flag, and probably the best, most meaningful, and most straight-forward symbolism. Suggestions: 1) Maybe incorporate symbolic elements of the F29 star into this flag's (F1953) star. 2) Change the navy or (parts of) the white northern star to a deep, dark violet. This would keep with the theme of a snowy winter night while adding some warmth, as well as serving as a nod to the state flower: violets. 3) Move around horizontal bar colors a bit if a rearrangement serves as more effective symbolism and/or has a more aesthetically pleasing / simple look.
11/30/23 16:02	F1953	This would be my first choice out of the finalists.
11/30/23 16:04	F1953	This one. This is the best choice.
11/30/23 16:06	F1953	Probably my overall favorite if the green and blue were slightly different shades. Love the design so much.
11/30/23 16:10	F1953	F1953 - I'm ok with this one. Good colors, simple design. 2nd favorite.
11/30/23 16:12	F1953	F1953 is my 2nd out of the six choices. At first, I didn't feel drawn to this one because it has that generic pendant/flag look. But once I read the designer's comments, I liked it quite a bit more. While it has a good amount included, it is still simple enough to hand draw (again, not that that is a requirement). I think a flag like this would stand out among the 50+ at Mt. Rushmore (much like New Mexico and Arizona's flags.) Whichever flag is selected, it would be aesthetically pleasing if the North Stars in the state seal and state flag matched one another. So, decide on a single emblematic North Star for both. I like this one, but I could see value in going with the simpler 4-pointed star (potentially some key meanings with our Native Nations residents).
11/30/23 16:22	F1953	This is one of the better flags as it simple but has meaning. Wish the colors were more vibrant to represent Minnesota. Could use the imagery from the license plates and MN tourism logo to tie it all together on a new flag. So many better flag designs were submitted.
11/30/23 16:22	F1953	I like what the symbols and colors on this flag represent, and how it uses a somewhat traditional style of flag design.
11/30/23 16:25	F1953	This one is my favorite overall, it feels "stately" overall and I love that it represents MN in the abstract shape
11/30/23 16:28	F1953	The state on the left looks more like the letter K why not shape it the way our state is shaped and make it a less dark and forbidden color.
11/30/23 16:28	F1953	People, especially from out of state, will see the flag and think, star and 4 colors. Nothing to even hold their attention.

		<p>Beautiful flag, and probably the best, most meaningful, and most straight-forward symbolism.</p> <p>Suggestions: 1) Maybe incorporate symbolic elements of the F29 star into this flag's (F1953) star.</p> <p>2a) Change the navy or (parts of) the white northern star to a deep, dark violet. This would keep with the theme of a snowy winter night while adding some warmth, as well as serving as a nod to the state flower: violets.</p> <p>2b) If you add the yellow and white of the F29 star design, you could simplify the color scheme by replacing the white horizontal bar with a second bar of sky blue, representing the sky. The white in the star would retain its original symbolism from both F29 ('L'etoile du Nord,' gold 'representing the rich resources of the land,' and 'the rotunda of the Capitol building in Saint Paul') and F1953 ('L'etoile du Nord' and 'unity above a land of diversity'), but also take on the symbolism from the previous white bar ('snow' and 'winter'). Further, the eight points represent the same symbolism found in the star designs of F1154 ("The 8-pointed star immediately brings to mind a snowflake, which reflects our climate and cultural resiliency. 8-pointed stars are also found in Ojibwe and Dakota star blankets, nordic Fair Isle patterns, agrarian barn quilts, and the capital rotunda itself") and F1435 ("Our beloved trees, the night sky, and a stripe to represent each of the tribal nations and counties in Minnesota. Done in Ojibwe loom style, this is a truly Minnesota design.")</p> <p>2 BONUS) (As a bonus, if 2a) and 2b) are implemented, the yellow northern star on a deep violet backdrop, with the green and sky blue strips to their right, collectively look more reminiscent to the northern lights.</p> <p>3) Making the horizontal bars wavy could be a clever way to add a nod to the northern lights</p>
11/30/23 16:31	F1953	4) Move around horizontal bar colors a bit if a rearrangement serves as more effective symbolism and/or has a more aesthetically pleasing / simple look.
11/30/23 16:36	F1953	This is the best flag design of the six but it still falls short, how does this flag really summarize what Minnesota is, how does it really represent our culture our community, how will this flag leave a lasting impact. I hope you all go back to the submissions and try to find something that really stands out as Minnesotan something we can all be proud of all six submissions just fell short and were
11/30/23 16:44	F1953	down right terrible besides this one but it is still not any thing great, nothing that makes me proud to call Minnesota my home.
11/30/23 16:57	F1953	this.
11/30/23 16:57	F1953	This is my favorite
11/30/23 16:59	F1953	F1953 is the best of the bunch, I appreciate the representation of the shape of Minnesota. A memorable flag.
11/30/23 17:00	F1953	My favorite! Simple, shaped like Minnesota with the North star. Pick this one.
11/30/23 17:01	F1953	I love everything about the flag especially the dark blue left side of the flag which looks like to me the state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 17:04	F1953	Best of the selections. Add a loon or a lady slipper!
11/30/23 17:09	F1953	Good grief, no
11/30/23 17:10	F1953	Hate it
11/30/23 17:12	F1953	F1953: nice design but looks like it belongs to a foreign country
11/30/23 17:14	F1953	I like the rough outline of the state of Minnesota. I also like the star with four large points and four smaller points. It seems to invoke the native American symbol of the four elements. Is the top stripe white or grey? I'm not sure what the white of grey represents. Consider only two stripes one green and one blue, symbolizing the twin cities and coloring in the star gold which is more representative of a star.
11/30/23 17:14	F1953	This is really basic and boring, and it doesn't look indicative of Minnesota
11/30/23 17:17	F1953	Nice graphics - but would like the star in gold. Also the turquoise stripe on the bottom seems out of the proper color spectrum. Might look nicer in royal blue instead of turquoise.
11/30/23 17:19	F1953	The elements represent the essence of MN. The illusion of The state on the left then the uniqueness with the. Colors to represent natural elements is elegantly simple. You don't have to keep all the straight lines. Some interest may be enhanced with wavy lines or the actual outline of Minnesota. Thank you.
11/30/23 17:22	F1953	This is the only one that remotely resembles a flag.
11/30/23 17:22	F1953	F1953 This is the best of the bunch.



11/30/23 17:22	F1953	This has my vote. I like the abstract shape of Minnesota (though it could use a little more detail). Nice clean design, open to several interpretations.
11/30/23 17:24	F1953	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:26	F1953	this is my favorite, it has the state of MN (once it was explained to me) the north star, and stripes for snow, our lakes, and our green lands, all of our most important things. Christine Ellingson, St Louis Park
11/30/23 17:27	F1953	One side of me says that this is the best of the bunch.... but the other side says "Isn't that the flag of Texas???". "Meh" is the best I can say about this one.
11/30/23 17:33	F1953	I vote for F1953, the designer clearly shows the symbolism and the various important aspects of our history, cultures, and people. I think the simple design also makes it easy for everyone from young children and elderly citizens to draw it.
11/30/23 17:36	F1953	Not bad, Don't care for the color scheme though.
11/30/23 17:41	F1953	I like this design a lot, especially the abstract Minnesota shape, which I think gives the flag a way for people who might not even be familiar with it specifically to guess that it's the flag of Minnesota. I also really like the star. I think the color scheme needs to be changed, and I'd suggest considering splitting the MN shape with a top half green (for the forests) and bottom half gold (for the agriculture), and maybe make the rest of the flag blue for the waters.
11/30/23 17:48	F1953	This is my second favorite of the designs;I don't have much to add other than I hope this or F2100 are considered as our new state flag.
11/30/23 17:50	F1953	I like the design of this one incorporating the shape of Minnesota and having the North Star but I think it would be better with a different star perhaps more like the one on F2100. I also think just having two colors, blue and green, on the right side would make it better. Even without changes this is the one I like the best.
11/30/23 17:50	F1953	My favorite of the top 6 designs!
11/30/23 17:50	F1953	Well done with the abstract shape of MN! I typically would want the North Star to be gold, but having a 5th color may be too much with this design. Would the designer and commission be open to adjusting to a simpler four pointed star instead of eight points?
11/30/23 17:51	F1953	I like F1953 the best.
11/30/23 17:53	F1953	The artist of this design seems to have been inspired to make thier submission similar to other state flags, which is to say they understand the cohesive whole that our state flag belongs to. Perhaps the navy field should NOT have been an abstract shape of the state, but rather arrange the angles so that it BETTER represents the actual shape of the state so it is recognizable to a person looking at the flag. The rest of it: snow, trees/grass, water - I get it.  It is a shame the design lacks any significant detail present in our current state flag and so many of the other state's state flags. I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it.
11/30/23 17:57	F1953	Dull, were all these submissions created by the same party or parties, bland colors, doesn't reflect the vibrancy the is MN, questionable the it clearly reflects its intent.
11/30/23 18:05	F1953	Flag Submission number: F1953 is my first choice. In particular I like the abstract shape of MN along with the meanings behind the colors.
11/30/23 18:07	F1953	F1953 closest one for the win. The stripes need reordering so the white is in the middle bringing harmony with white star. And why not star background shaped more like Minnesotaâ€™s eastern border.
11/30/23 18:08	F1953	If I could have a vote, I'd choose this one, F1953. I like the shape of MN on the left with the north star, and the snow/grass/water symbolism on the right. However, I do REALLY like the star on F29. F29 would be my second choice if I were voting. Thank you!
11/30/23 18:11	F1953	Not a big fan.
11/30/23 18:16	F1953	First choice. Like the abstract shape of state. Looks like a flag. Stripes are meaningful.
11/30/23 18:18	F1953	No;the blue mn state with the north star is OK but the stripes that make it look more like itâ€™s belongs to the country of Uzbekistan or Sierra Leone And are NOT needed and do not make sense. I mean if the green is the ground think about it we have snow for a third of the year sometimes and the blue in the middle, and the white on top seems backwards. why didnâ€™t you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag? And why canâ€™t it have our state bird and fllower etc? students wonâ€™t even know what those are anymore.
11/30/23 18:24	F1953	Looks like a "K".... I would think this belonged to Kansas. A least have the correct outline of the State of MN.
11/30/23 18:24	F1953	Love the abstract shape of Minnesota! Doesn't work vertically as that shape but as a pointer to the north star - still works!
11/30/23 18:26	F1953	Definitely the best of the group. Some thoughts on making it really come to life: lean into the MN shape by outlining with a thick white band;simplify the star with only 4 points (matching the loon seal) and raise it above the midpoint;reduce the three horizontal bands to two (ideally green and blue). Now you have a flag inspired by but better than Texas.

11/30/23 18:27	F1953	I think this design could be improved if the star was redesigned similar to the star in submission F908. I think the symbolism behind that star is greater and a better representation of Minnesota.
11/30/23 18:27	F1953	I like this flag design the best. I really like how it brings all the different aspects of the state of Minnesota and even gives a subtle nod to the shape of the state
11/30/23 18:29	F1953	This one looks the most like a flag to me and it's simple and I don't think it could really offend anyone. But the colors are a little dull maybe with some different tints or shades of the same colors could give it a little more life and be more refreshing
11/30/23 18:29	F1953	Really like the water blue color in this option
11/30/23 18:32	F1953	F1953 is definitely the best of the group. Some thoughts on making it really come to life: lean into the MN shape by outlining with a thick white band;simplify the star with only 4 points (matching the loon seal) and raise it above the midpoint;reduce the three horizontal bands to two (ideally green and blue). Now you have a flag inspired by but better than Texas....As for the others - lets steer clear of the 8 and 12 point stars that look like snowflakes/quilts/corporate logos. Thanks for considering additional input!
11/30/23 18:32	F1953	This design stood out to me for the abundant symbolism, the blue green and white stripes representing the lakes, forest and farmland and snow. The North Star and the shape of the state of Minnesota, whose inverse also forms an arrow pointing to our guiding light, the north star.
11/30/23 18:33	F1953	I really like this design!!
11/30/23 18:33	F1953	I vote for 1989 North Star flag. It is the only flag design that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 18:33	F1953	Looks like a kid did it. None of them represent MN so childish.
11/30/23 18:34	F1953	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OP MINNESOTA. Do not embarras us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:41	F1953	This one is ny #1 choice.
11/30/23 18:45	F1953	My favorite. Although I would prefer the stripes to be curved as in a couple of the other finalists.
11/30/23 18:49	F1953	Love the shape! I prefer blue on top (lake Superior), then green for the woods up north, with gold on the bottom to represent the prairie
11/30/23 18:53	F1953	Pretty much the only one I like so far
11/30/23 18:55	F1953	The concepts are valid. I think to represent the state, just post a navy blue map of the state. Your version looks like the letter K?
11/30/23 18:56	F1953	No - too simple. Looks middle Eastern.
11/30/23 18:56	F1953	NO NO NO NO EMBARRASSING looks like Puerto Rico. Pathetic
11/30/23 19:00	F1953	Flag 1953 is my pick! First of all it looks like a flag - some of the others are more like an emblem. This one represents Mn's beautiful blue lakes, lush green forests and of course our pure white snow - and the North Star holds it all together! Thanks for asking! Cindy
11/30/23 19:07	F1953	All of these designs are a joke and a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE MY STATE FLAG!!!
11/30/23 19:10	F1953	No to f1953
11/30/23 19:17	F1953	This comment is general. Some of these flags are better than others, but mostly are just too plain. I think missing a loon is a humongous mistake. If southern Minnesota doesn't have loons then let them add something like prairies or a flower they love, don't take away something that is so iconic to the state overall. Makes no sense. More elements, more detail. These have no excitement. They represent no one by trying not to piss off anyone.
11/30/23 19:20	F1953	Too similar to flags of countries. Vague imagery.
11/30/23 19:23	F1953	It looks a lot like other flags I've seen, namely Puerto Rico. It's not the best, it's not the worst. To me, I just don't prefer it because it feels too indistinguishable from other state flags.
11/30/23 19:27	F1953	Adjust the colors and drop the white and baby blue stripe. Some potential here. I
11/30/23 19:27	F1953	I still believe a Loon should be in it since it is our state bird afterall.
11/30/23 19:32	F1953	Like the shape of the state on the left and all the color representations of the sky, land and water.
11/30/23 19:34	F1953	When I saw this flag, I immediately fell in love. If the finalists, this one feels most like a "flag" to me. The colors feel very cohesive and, even before reading the designer's notes, I intuitively knew what the different elements represented. This is a flag I would proudly fly!

11/30/23 19:35	F1953	This flag is my favorite. It's a flag I can imagine buying and flying. It is simple and distinctive. I like what the author said about the color symbolism, too.
11/30/23 19:35	F1953	I didn't like this design at first. It seemed too rigid with all the straight lines. The artists statement helped change my view somewhat when I missed the stylized state outline. A yellow instead of white star would add some warmth to this design.
11/30/23 19:42	F1953	I love the back story of this flag design. It looks nice also
11/30/23 19:43	F1953	The star part is nice, and the navy blue - would be nice to retain the navy blue color from original. But the bold stripes, no , just doesn't work. Looks like a foreign country design
11/30/23 19:55	F1953	This flag is ok but how would anyone know it was about Minnesota, it does not show the lakes trees or a loon, and it does not say Minnesota
		I love that this incorporates the stylized state outline, that could also be viewed as an M on its side.  I'd like to see the star a bit simplified (4 points rather than 8), and raised up on the state outline, closer to the north.
11/30/23 19:57	F1953	On the whole, this one really resonates with me!
11/30/23 19:57	F1953	Join this and F29 together to make a a really good flag
11/30/23 19:59	F1953	it's the way that the flag has a lot of meaning and looks like it took more time to come up with and better designed
11/30/23 20:05	F1953	Great - 2nd best.
11/30/23 20:05	F1953	Best design in the group of 6. It's unique in its design, but isn't overly complicated. For tweaks, I may place the white bar in the middle and swap one of the blues for a gold/yellow or red (farmland/mining ranges).
11/30/23 20:08	F1953	This is my third choice. I like the abstract Minnesota. I would suggest changing the shades of green and blue though to more closely mirror the State of Minnesota agencies' branded colors.
11/30/23 20:09	F1953	Changed my mind. THIS is best. Thanks!
11/30/23 20:10	F1953	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!
11/30/23 20:13	F1953	Very clever incorporating star shape and letter M but also somewhat generic
11/30/23 20:14	F1953	I love this submission. The embedded outline of MN is an outstanding addition. I like the snow, green and water, though again I question snow as a prominent feature in a warming world. This is a very strong submission and I think this looks the most like an actual flag.
11/30/23 20:17	F1953	This is my top choice. I appreciate the shape of the state creating a clear tie.
11/30/23 20:21	F1953	This flag feels somewhat military in style. The designer statement is compelling, but the look is off putting to me.
11/30/23 20:24	F1953	I got a really strong negative reaction looking at this one. Does not feel like Minnesota to me;does not really feel like anything specific. Could be any flag. Really needs some gold (see my general color comments below);the colors here are so blah without gold among them. Did not get at all the intention that this was supposed to be an "abstract shape of Minnesota" before reading the description. The intention of the design elements should be clear just looking at them, without having to explain them. Like I said, I just think this flag doesn't say much and doesn't do a good job of getting across what it is apparently trying to say. This design is boring and doesn't evoke my pride of my state for me at all.  In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited;I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.

11/30/23 20:25	F1953	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.
11/30/23 20:25	F1953	This is my favorite of the state flag finalists. Its simple design best captures the colors and features I love about my home state of Minnesota: the North Star, the light blue color representing the water so prevalent in our state, the green representing the forests and the white representing the beautiful snow of our winters. Please pick this as our new state flag!
11/30/23 20:28	F1953	I like this one the best. The designer's statement really moved me.
11/30/23 20:29	F1953	I like this one! I like how it is asymmetric yet simple. I love the description. I feel like it really encompasses a lot. I like how the green can represent the prairie, woods, or agriculture. I like that the blue here really is a "sky tinted" true water color while some of the other flag designs use only a dark blue to represent the water. I also like the abstract shape of MN. I could see that shape with the star showing up on a hat in my future! I think the small prongs on the star need to be slightly longer or maybe the 2 big prongs going left to right need to be slightly shorter. Maybe not but I think you should play around and make sure that it is the right proportions of the star. Solid flag.
11/30/23 20:30	F1953	This flag is very striking and is my preference over all the others. I very much like the abstract shape of Minnesota, but the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Consider a single solid contrasting color instead, perhaps white or pale green.
11/30/23 20:33	F1953	I like the symbolism of this flag with all things that everyone in our big state experiences - snow, beautiful green, water and the North Star that shines down on us. I especially like the dark blue abstract MN state on the left. We have a unique shaped state and it should be celebrated!
11/30/23 20:38	F1953	F1953 is the best of the flag submission finalists. While I greatly preferred some of the more detailed flag designs that were eliminated, this ultra-simple design really hits all the marks. The dark blue makes it immediately recognizable as the state of MN. The symbology of the stripes and the star are fitting. It is an attractive flag that would look beautiful flying at our capitol, or anywhere else.
11/30/23 20:39	F1953	F1953 is a poor design. The colors do not work together on a flag. Get rid of the three stripes leaving a burgee and that might make a good banner for a yacht club. The 3 stripes will just blend together at a distance, or when they get dirty and faded. If you need a manual to understand the symbolism, it does not represent the people or place. Sorry, but please do not select this design for a flag.
11/30/23 20:40	F1953	Just looks horrible. Looks like kids drew it
11/30/23 20:41	F1953	F1953 is very striking and is my preference over all the others. I very much like the abstract shape of Minnesota, but the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Consider a single solid contrasting color instead, perhaps white, cream, pale green (forests/agriculture), yellow (corn/agriculture) or light pink (rhyolite/quartzite).
11/30/23 20:48	F1953	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shadow is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/anticipation), yellow (corn/agriculture) it light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or brownish-red (Pipestone). F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in a six sided form this would become my second preference.
11/30/23 20:49	F1953	This design is my second personal preference due to its incorporation of traditional flag design. The swallowtail figure on the hoist side quickly brings to mind the shape of our state, and the inclusion of the north star inside the figure is a nice touch. If any consideration is allowed to be made for slight redesigns, I would bring in the eight pointed star as seen in many other flag designs and found on the floor of the capitol rotunda. I would also reduce the number of colored bands from three to two, possibly keeping the green and white.
11/30/23 20:50	F1953	This is a favorite

11/30/23 20:56	F1953	If this were a voting booth, this would be my pick for our new state flag. This has great lines and shape. It can be seen and recognized from a distance to any Minnesotan who has been here for all of its seasons. The North Star state is wonderfully represented as being in the fore regardless of which direction it flies or when hung down in ceremonial fashion. Simply the best.
11/30/23 20:58	F1953	This is one of my least favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 21:05	F1953	This my favorite design but, I think it should have the same colors as our American flag.
11/30/23 21:06	F1953	What the colors represent is very nice, but the color scheme is unattractive--I don't even like looking at it. The colors don't look good together, the navy is too dark and the layout reminds me of other countries' flags, like Jordan, Sudan, Palestine...
11/30/23 21:07	F1953	This is the clearest best pick, nice symbolism good colors, and an great recognizable abstract Minnesota in the corner!
11/30/23 21:11	F1953	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858. Ugly color
11/30/23 21:13	F1953	This is my favorite! Thank you for capturing so many of Minnesota's most special aspects: water, nature, snow, the North Star, our borders, and our connection to Native roots. I believe this is the most inclusive and representative of our beautiful state!
11/30/23 21:13	F1953	Why didn't the designer make the dark blue part Minnesota shaped? Would have given this flag more character, it seems like the designer was checking boxes and did so sufficiently, but missed making the flag interesting.
11/30/23 21:14	F1953	Initially I thought this was from the Middle East. I guess I can see how the weird shape on the left could be seen as the outline of the state. Totally don't get the choice of colors. Pretty poor option.
11/30/23 21:15	F1953	No, leave the flag alone!!!
11/30/23 21:21	F1953	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/agriculture), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or subdued brownish-red (Pipestone).  F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference. Or maybe drop the snowflake imagery altogether and make it the star from the Capitol rotunda instead of many separate rhombuses. However, allowing the North Star to show through may be complicated.
11/30/23 21:23	F1953	If F29 is not chosen, I believe this flag, F1953, should be chosen. It looks great on a flag pole, I like the colors, and it's a unique design. The design needs to be recognizable! This shape is definitely that. It might be a good idea to combine the star of F29 and this flag. I would be happy if this flag was chosen.
11/30/23 21:24	F1953	This design does not resemble anything about the state of Minnesota. Where are the four ecological provinces of the state? It mimics flags from other countries. This design gets an F.
11/30/23 21:26	F1953	Only one to me that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 21:30	F1953	Very simple design, a true flag design. Not very unique or distinctly Minnesotan. It reminds me of many other state and/or national flags with similar designs and/or colors.
11/30/23 21:30	F1953	Add the étoile du Nord to the flag around the star, or something, (ANYTHING) that lets people know this is Minnesota. None of these represent our state in a recognizable way. They all stink!
11/30/23 21:39	F1953	I like this design. It suggests the outline of the state. I think this would make a good state flag.
11/30/23 21:39	F1953	I like the abstract MN shape and what all the other portions / colors of the flag represent.
11/30/23 21:43	F1953	I Like that the navy sections is reminiscent of the outline of MN. I think this is the strongest of the 6 final flags.
11/30/23 21:46	F1953	This flag would look good both flying and displayed sideways. I like the basic composition, and think this could be improved with adjusted color choices. Great flag!
11/30/23 21:48	F1953	This entry would be great if the loon and state flower could be added inside the abstract of the state.
11/30/23 22:01	F1953	This one is OK, but not my top choice.
11/30/23 22:08	F1953	I like the rough outline of the state of Minnesota. I also like the star with four large points and four smaller points. It seems to invoke the native American symbol of the four elements. Is the top stripe white or grey? I'm not sure what the white of grey represents. Consider only two stripes one green and one blue, symbolizing the twin cities and coloring in the star gold which is more representative of a star.

11/30/23 22:15	F1953	<p>While I think this is the best of the finalist designs, I truly believe that the "North Star Flag", originally F3, is the design that would best represent the State of Minnesota. The F3 design best uses a combination of traditional vexillological and unique Minnesotan design elements to create a beautiful, yet simplistic design. I believe the F3 design works best in a wide number of uses, whether flying, hanging, or being used in commercial ways, which I think is important to the identity of the state. As a proud student at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, I believe a superb flag design would be beneficial towards promoting a national brand for not only the U of M, but for other universities and institutions across this great state, and I do not think any of the current finalists meet that high expectation. My passion for the "North Star Flag" design is driven by my love for this state, and I truly think that no other flag would be as helpful to our state as a whole as the F3 design.</p> <p>The "North Star Flag" has brought many people across Minnesota together in the goal of producing a more cohesive state identity, and I hope you will truly reconsider that design. It is simplistic, elegant, and Minnesotan, representing our natural beauty and welcoming community.</p>
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11/30/23 22:15	F1953	None of the above
11/30/23 22:17	F1953	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible. this looks like a barn quilt .. I liked the one that kept the circle and put a loon in it....
11/30/23 22:17	F1953	Again, this design doesn't make any sense no one will recognize this as Minnesotan. Symbolism is too abstract.
11/30/23 22:18	F1953	This flag is my favorite. The shape of Minnesota makes this flag stand out from the rest of the finalists. The shape of the state of Minnesota and the star of the north would make this flag identifiable to not only those living in Minnesota but also to those living outside of our great state.
11/30/23 22:18	F1953	Too abstract. Absolutely zero connection to what MN is or who we are Looks like some foreign country's flag. Horrible.
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	Looks like a flag from a country in Africa.
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	Reminds me of Texas.
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	This should win. Easily recognizable, easy to reproduce, aesthetically pleasing in design and color palette especially for clothing.
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	Beautiful designâ€”Rich in symbolism. Iâ€™d be proud to fly it!
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.
11/30/23 22:20	F1953	REJECT: harsh, nondescript, what is white block on top of three, snow?
11/30/23 22:21	F1953	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:21	F1953	This is the only design that looks like a flag, one that I would be proud to fly. The others look meh. I wouldn't bother showing them. The only change I would make here is for the star to be yellow to make it stand out vs fade in the sky.
11/30/23 22:22	F1953	My favorite. It looks like a real flag, so much so that I didn't even notice the shape of the state initially. I wonder if the star could be changed to an indigenous design, perhaps like the one on F1435 (but still in white).
11/30/23 22:23	F1953	I like the state shape of this one and state and stripes. Would like more vibrant colors. We are not a dull state.
11/30/23 22:25	F1953	I understand trying to be politically correct, but why change the colors of the flag of Jordan or Palestine and call it Minnesota? This one is not a great choice.
11/30/23 22:26	F1953	My favorite
11/30/23 22:26	F1953	I like the simplicity and intent, but the colors clash for me - the green, navy and turquoise do not look good together. And with the star positioned here, it isn't obvious that it's the North Star. I was expecting to find it in the top left corner, arranged like the US flag and many others. Overall, this flag bears a vague resemblance to the Progress Pride flag, and some may see it as symbolizing a political leaning when this flag should really be politically neutral.

11/30/23 22:27	F1953	Once I read the artist's description of the outline of the state, I couldn't unsee it. The three colors and hue of the state are interesting and perfect because it's unusual. Yet they perfectly represent the colors of the state.
11/30/23 22:27	F1953	The best of all of them. As cool as the Texas flag, but with more symbolism!
11/30/23 22:31	F1953	F1953 is my favorite of the 6 because it is simple, yet very unique and very distinctive. It stands apart from all other state flags. The abstract MN shape is brilliant, and the colors are very representative of Minnesota's most prominent natural features.
11/30/23 22:31	F1953	None of the above
11/30/23 22:32	F1953	Favorite!
11/30/23 22:32	F1953	This is my second favorite flag of your finalists. I think it looks really good. I would prefer if it had a solid dark blue rectangle on the left side. I think it would look great if looked a bit like the Texas flag, but with the Polaris/Minnesotan star and a Minnesota color scheme (Green, Blue, and White).
11/30/23 22:33	F1953	Before I read the statement about this design, I was drawn to it. The explanation made me appreciate it even more.
11/30/23 22:38	F1953	I quite like this design! (F1953). I love the way the designer incorporated the shape of Minnesota into the flag. It's a unique way to make the flag stand out and be instantly recognizable. I would be very happy to see this design selected. However, I do have a few more comments. The colors of the stripes feel somewhat strange (especially the light blue) and while they work with the symbolism, it might be nice to have them slightly tweaked. Additionally, I have seen a combination design on the internet using this design as the primary one, while replacing the star with the star found in the F29 submission. It works VERY well and I think if that change were made, it would be a perfect flag for Minnesota!
11/30/23 22:40	F1953	Comes closest to something I'd be OK with. I don't feel like any of the designs have a lot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:44	F1953	This is a great flag design, and my favorite part is the abstract shape of Minnesota with the white star in the middle. However, the stripes might look better if the blue was on top with the white in the middle and the green on bottom, which could also allude to the old "north star" flag.
11/30/23 22:51	F1953	F1953 - I don't care for this one overall. I do like the shape of Minnesota on the left side of the flag. But when it is combined with the three colors on the right, it feels to me like a flag for a foreign country.
11/30/23 22:52	F1953	One of my two preferred designs (with F2100). Two elements that distinguish it: the light blue stripe and the implied M on the left.
11/30/23 22:52	F1953	F1953: My favorite. It looks like a real flag, so much so that I didn't even notice the shape of the state initially. I wonder if the star could be changed to an indigenous design, perhaps like the one on F1435 (but still in white). F29: Second choice F2100: Third choice F944: Beautiful design, but not for a flag. You should be able to describe a flag to someone in less than a minute, and they should be able to draw it. F1435: Same problem as F944 F1154: Meh
11/30/23 22:54	F1953	F1953: My favorite. It looks like a real flag, so much so that I didn't even notice the shape of the state initially. I wonder if the star could be changed to an indigenous design, perhaps like the one on F1435 (but still in white). F29: Second choice F2100: Third choice F944: Beautiful design, but not for a flag. You should be able to describe a flag to someone in less than a minute, and they should be able to draw it. F1435: Same problem as F944 F1154: Meh
11/30/23 22:55	F1953	Regarding F1953: I like the abstract shape of MN and that the description references the Dakota origin of the state's name, but I wish Native history was more explicitly evident visually.
11/30/23 22:58	F1953	Again, too computerized, graphic, modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state!
11/30/23 23:03	F1953	Again, what happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 23:03	F1953	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
11/30/23 23:04	F1953	I appreciate the symbolism that the Creator was going for. I believe the star needs to be prominently at the top, as we would normally observe it in the sky. I feel like there had to be a better way to represent the water reflection, this flag falls short in showcasing that.

11/30/23 23:04	F1953	F29 and F1154 are far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much. F944 is probably best of the six, but still needs other aspects like loon, forest, etc. F1435 is just not attractive. Looks like someone could design in an hour. Needs more Minnesota strength. F1953 not attractive. Needs much more.
11/30/23 23:06	F1953	Nice to see one of the swallowtail/simplified geometric state outline designs make the finals. Note: The state outline will appear backwards from the reverse side. I can't think of an existing flag with 2 shades of blue. The color combination is very cold. Some yellow would make this design feel warmer. My favorite color combination for the flag is blue, green and yellow. I prefer the 4-pointed star in yellow from finalist submission F944 to this compass rose type star.
11/30/23 23:14	F1953	Like the concept;needs tweaks. Move star higher and make it yellow, make the Minnesota outline a little narrower, use a somewhat darker blue for the water.
11/30/23 23:16	F1953	Still miss including a loon
11/30/23 23:17	F1953	This flag, based on the unique shape of our state, could represent nothing other than Minnesota.
11/30/23 23:21	F1953	Do not like this one. It looks like a foreign country flag(s).
11/30/23 23:21	F1953	Call me old fashioned, but I like this one because it looks like a flag, not a sports team logo.
11/30/23 23:21	F1953	Pirate ship shit
11/30/23 23:23	F1953	Nothing about this design says Minnesota. Supposedly there is an abstract M in this flag when turned vertical. I can't see it and if it has to be explained then it's too hidden. The tricolors on the right are way too pastel.
11/30/23 23:25	F1953	Simple yet still striking. Love the MN-like shape on side, and the stripes make it fit in well with many other flags. Prefer the star+snowflake look of F29 or F1154 to this star, but that might've made this design too busy.
11/30/23 23:26	F1953	F1953 looks too close to the Texas flag
11/30/23 23:28	F1953	No!
11/30/23 23:35	F1953	Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. The ONLY finalist worthy of being in the top 6 for representing this great state! Well done!
11/30/23 23:38	F1953	I would not choose this one> The abstract of the shape of Minnesota some might recognize but it really isn't going to be all that memorable. The straight lines and the "V" shape are pointing at the star, which is rather displeasing.
11/30/23 23:54	F1953	My favorite of the designs. Love the shapes. Only slight change is either the dark blue should be lighter or the light blue should be darker
11/30/23 23:56	F1953	Did not interpret the left navy shape as the shape of Minnesota until I read the description. I suggest to change the proportions so that it does more closely represent it and then move the darker blue stripe to the top to represent Lake Superior. Also suggest a yellow stripe to represent prairie and agricultural plenty. Maybe move the star motif closer to the top.
12/1/23 0:04	F1953	I like this design but I'd rather see the shape of the state be less abstract and more like the actual eastern boundary. I think it would be better to move the star a little more to the northwest, towards where the Mississippi River starts. I also like the wave of white between the colors like what is on the last design. I think it would be nice to add that on this one to represent our water, and so that everything isn't so harsh with ridge lines. At first glance with the lack of some curves it reminds me of a flag from a newer, small foreign country.
12/1/23 0:11	F1953	Looks like a new age version of a cavalry guidon. Get something realistic not mumbo jumbo corporate public relations stripes and fantasies.
12/1/23 0:14	F1953	I like this one. It has the clean look of many flags of other nations. The color combination and layout is more attractive than some of the others.
12/1/23 0:18	F1953	Great design and is the best to meet all the criteria of the redesign commission. !! This designer statement is the BEST of what the state flag stands for. No question that except for F210,0 the others are weak and boring.
12/1/23 0:23	F1953	The abstract shape of the state really elevates this design. I also really like the colors.
12/1/23 0:27	F1953	Please read the November 30 STrib article (pages B1+5). I really agree with so much of what the commentators said. Before I read the article and the design statement, I did not see the shape of the state. And if the water is sky-tinted, most people think of blue not white. The water is mostly frozen when the sky is white with snow. And do not use grey! This design reminds me more of a Cold War, eastern bloc flag concept. But I like the idea of the shape - just make it a brighter blue and put a white snowflake under a dark-blue North Star. The space to the right of the shape could be green. What a hoot that the state shape is on the left!
12/1/23 0:27	F1953	F1953 Good design. Would like to see the three color stripes as a simple wave pattern, but not sure how it would look.



12/1/23 0:32	F1953	Eh- its fine, but nothing spectacular and I feel it doesn't stand out
12/1/23 0:41	F1953	I appreciate the way this submission captures Minnesota, the seasons, and the North Star.
12/1/23 0:48	F1953	I like the design as it hints at the shape of Minnesota, the north star, white for snow and sky, green for our lush land, blue for our waterways and lakes.
12/1/23 1:31	F1953	This is the worst of the 6 finalists. Terrible. I get depressed just looking at the colors. I appreciate the stylized MN in the dark blue at left, but overall, bad bad bad.
12/1/23 1:50	F1953	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?
12/1/23 2:22	F1953	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible
		Adjust the colors and drop the white and baby blue stripe. Some potential here.
12/1/23 2:24	F1953	I still believe a Loon should be in it since it is our state bird afterall.
12/1/23 2:35	F1953	I commend the designer of this flag for putting in the effort. The design is alright (I like the incorporation of the MN outline), but the colors are off. That said, I was so disappointed to see that this design made the final six and the North Star flag (F22) did not. I urge the commission to reconsider that decision. The fact that the North Star design was disregarded despite organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans was very disappointing. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag.

<p>12/1/23 2:42</p>	<p>F1953</p>	<p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status.</p> <p>But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. The website user awkward and unaccepting of the most popular image file types. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>F1953 features a bizarre hyphenation of heraldry. The first half of the flag is a dark blue guidon shaped canton with an eight-pointed star in its center. Following it is a horizontal triband of white, green, and light blue. F1953 appears to have awkwardly fused two flags into one; historically such depictions show internal divisions such as Austria-Hungary's dual monarchy. We are united, let our flag appear to be as well.</p> <p>L'Étoile du Nord, Star of the North. Read the word "Étoile". What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The eight-pointed star appears frequently on Christian Nativity Scenes and stained-glass windows at church. It is a Judeo-Christian creation; which happens to violate one of the design guidelines. The five-pointed star exists on the flags of the USA, Panama, Syria, Ghana, and Vietnam. It is ethnically and ideologically neutral and adaptable to a wide variety of applications. More than 5 points, and the stars become unclear at distances or in miniscule.</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative who's had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F1154, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation. If the commission seeks to have carried out its duties to the utmost effectiveness, it has taken the most difficult route to the worst outcome by neglecting to include the North Star Flag, the most popular successor to the current Minnesota flag for the last 3 ½ decades! Let there be 7 flags from which to choose. No harm shall result from this. It shall only benefit the entire state.</p> <p>The other issue with F1953 is adaptability into other forms. Its canton is abnormally large (it occupies almost 50% of the flag) which thusly makes it challenging to translate into other formats. This does not simply mean slapping a picture of the flag onto another object. Rather, it means using the components of a flag to decorate an object. Take for example, sunglasses with red and white stripes and blue stars on them. What flag is it recalling? The USA of course! All the symbolism is present within those elements without being fully assembled into a flag as the American Flag was engineered to be flexible. F1953, however would lose a notable chunk of its symbolism as it has a simplified outline of the state embedded into it- such would be difficult to translate into visually pleasing and appealing formats. The North Star Flag, conversely Could be put on a sunglasses frame of blue and green divided by a wavy white line with a smattering of golden stars. Again, none of the symbolism is lost in the translation as the elements of the North Star Flag can retain their symbolism regardless of their specific construction.</p> <p>The basic symbolism of the North Star Flag and F1935 are remarkably similar, with the chief difference being that the graphic format of the North Star Flag is more versatile and its countenance is a familiar friend of 35 years to tens of thousands, if not more, of Minnesotans around the globe. F1953, on the other hand, is a newcomer.</p> <p>Did you note how many times the North Star Flag was submitted? And how many variants are such close descendants of it? And the city flags of Crystal and Duluth? Its basic symbolism resonates deep through our souls. F1953 is alien to Minnesota. Just born from the cosmos of imagination. The North Star is a familiar friend of many years, and in 2038, it becomes "archaeologically significant" as it will be 50 years of age. When will F1953 become such? The year 2074. By then, the North Star flag will have existed for almost a century. The North Star Flag is part of our shared history. It is the only of any of the entries that has its own historical significance beyond its graphic symbols. Sports games, combat missions, trips around the globe. F1953 has a lot of catching up to do, it has done, to date, nothing. Not one physical flag is known to exist yet. Thousands of North Star Flags exist currently. Let us, the people of Minnesota, keep our right to choose the flag that we cherish most. Open the polls to the public and allow us to vote upon our future! R in the very least, let the people have a few more weeks to fully grasp what all is happening.</p> <p>I do not insist that F1953 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian "survival of the fittest" race between it and The North Star flag begin; and may the best flag win. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F1953 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the deeply popular North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
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12/1/23 3:28	F1953	F1953: This flag feels like the colors are off with the added light blue, and reminds me somehow of a lesser South American country's flag that we can't recall the name of. I think I like it least of all. It doesn't look or feel that "Minnesota" to me.
12/1/23 3:30	F1953	This is the best flag BY FAR. Please choose this one.
		I really like this flag. I like what it represents. I would like to see it with a white 5-pointed star. I think that would be a nice reference to the US flag.
		I really like the Minnesota shape in navy blue. I think it would be interesting to see what it might look like with some of the colors switched around. I think it could look good with the state shape in green and the top bar being navy blue like F2119.
12/1/23 3:36	F1953	I think it could be simplified down to two color bars on the side. Maybe just green and light blue because white is already represented by the star, so more white is redundant?
12/1/23 3:42	F1953	Runner up.
		I like that the white represents snow, but with white in the star, maybe the white bar is redundant. What if the color bars on the side were (from top to bottom) light blue, green, light blue? That could symbolize the sky tinted water.
		If the navy blue state shaped part already represents the night sky and possibly water, maybe those blue stripes are redundant too.
		Maybe that whole half of the flag could just be green. Or switch and make the state shape green and make the other side blue with the star.
12/1/23 3:44	F1953	Maybe if the state part is green, you could have two color bars. The top would be navy blue with the star and the bottom half could be light blue representing water.
12/1/23 4:00	F1953	This is my favorite. Strong thought and meaning, attractive and good.
12/1/23 4:21	F1953	I like F944 better, however this one also is nice and simple. This would be my second pick
12/1/23 4:41	F1953	This is by far my favorite, I think it's well-designed and thoughtful. It also appears to me as something easily replicable.
12/1/23 6:03	F1953	This is my 2nd choice.
12/1/23 6:07	F1953	I like this flag best. It seems to have an abstract drawing of our state as well as representation of the north star, land and lakes
12/1/23 6:15	F1953	1953-easy to recognize as MN with the abstract shape. The colors also have deep meaning for MN.
12/1/23 6:21	F1953	I am a Minnesotan, and I believe that this flag finalist submission best represents MN of the six finalist designs, in both meaning and visual appeal. I encourage decision makers to move this design forward in the selection process. Thank you!
12/1/23 6:24	F1953	This is a favorite flag design of mine because of it's color choices and design layout. Deviating significantly from the original flag design, this flag would prove unique against other state flags. This flag would be a top choice for state flag in my opinion.
12/1/23 6:24	F1953	I am a Minnesotan, and I believe that this flag finalist submission best represents MN of the six finalist designs, in both meaning and visual appeal. I encourage decision makers to move this design forward in the selection process. Thank you!
12/1/23 6:32	F1953	2nd Choice
12/1/23 6:33	F1953	3rd least favorite. Too much like a regular flag with country colors. Like other designs better.
12/1/23 6:35	F1953	This flag design is very strong. It's simplicity of representation will make it both fit in with other state flags and stand out as unique to Minnesota. This design is timeless and would make a great choice for our Minnesota state flag.
12/1/23 6:37	F1953	I love the abstract Minnesota shape in this flag design, that does make it feel like there are more Minnesota elements in this design than many of the other flag choices. One of my top choices for sure. Though, like with the other flag options, still feels like it's missing some element - don't know that it feels fully representative of Minnesota.
12/1/23 6:41	F1953	I like this one because I could see the symbolism within the colors, star, and shape before I even read that is what the designer intended. It is clear to see and understand. And it looks like a flag and not just a picture.
12/1/23 6:43	F1953	The stylized shape of MN on the left is a winning idea.
12/1/23 6:54	F1953	The left side is the basic shape of Minnesota. It has the north star on it, and the right looks like water, a tree line and a snowy sky by far the best option.

12/1/23 6:56	F1953	<p>First, thanks to all to submitted an entry. Second, come on this is MN we can do so much better than these designs. As a homeschooling mother, we spent lots of time studying our great state of MN and the current flag. The submissions chosen to be finalists have NO depth, they are superficial, almost fake if you will. If one of these 6 finalists are chosen there is nothing to studying on the new flag. I wouldn't even waste the time showing it to young people.</p> <p>Finalist F1953 Makes me cringe. I'm so afraid it will start adding the pride flag colors and every other organizations colors. NO</p> <p>The submission of the blue background with a star and snowflake is the absolute worst. It DOES NOT represent the state entirely. We're more that snow, a blue background to represent the water (terrible idea) and the star. It appears to be done in 2 seconds by machine. Not worthy of being a finalist at all.</p> <p>The 3rd flag on the list reminds me of a flag from another country, not MN.</p> <p>Submission F1435 is just a no. MN can be more creative than this. I like that it has some Native American symbols, but c'mon, really. Machine done, not a true artist, some sort of web design shouldn't count.</p>
12/1/23 6:58	F1953	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
12/1/23 7:00	F1953	I think this design is my favorite. My kids also liked this one the best. Our 4th grader is learning states and capitals so we looked at all the flags of the states and then decided. I really like the abstract MN shape.
12/1/23 7:05	F1953	F1953 is my choice
12/1/23 7:06	F1953	This flag may have some potential as it brings in the abstract mn shape, the colors for snow, green growth, and water. The North star is appreciated may be more effective if used yellow or a yellow and white or expanded with some constellation such as the big dipper
12/1/23 7:10	F1953	6th choice. reminds me of Texas too much.
12/1/23 7:11	F1953	Use of blue, green & white is perfect and creates consistency across other MN publications. Consistency in branding is really helpful for tourism and identity. This is one of the few finalists that didn't use an 8 pointed Scandinavian star which is not inclusive of all MN immigrants and residents. The subtle shape of MN makes the flag more identifiable as from Minnesota to those who are not from MN and don't know our state motto. The design will scale well at all sizes. PICK THIS ONE!
12/1/23 7:13	F1953	This is by far the best flag submitted. It doesn't scream "scandinavian" like some others do...which is a positive, as not all Minnesotans are scandinavian (like I am) it is sleek and inclusive and I would love to fly it!
12/1/23 7:14	F1953	This design has gravity and is less abstract than some of the others, as a flag should be. The other designs are more stylized and may not be appropriate forty years from now. I would prefer slightly brighter dark blue and green.
12/1/23 7:14	F1953	<p>This flag would be a great representation of our state.</p> <p>The shape on the left looks like our state. It is a great way to distinguish it from other state flags.</p> <p>The symbolism of the colors displays the best parts of our state.</p> <p>The star is the "Star of the North" Not only is this our state motto, it represents something we can aspire to and something that we all see and look up to.</p> <p>The simplicity of it is something even a child can identify with.</p> <p>Please choose this design for our new state flag.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/1/23 7:16	F1953	Would favor this if navy area was actual silhouette of state and not abstract.
12/1/23 7:17	F1953	Of the options presented, I feel that this is my top choice for a new flag. It is unique, simple, and has elements of the US flag design. I would suggest brightening the colors (a deeper blue strip, a more vibrant green, etc.)
12/1/23 7:20	F1953	<p>First place!!</p> <p>This flag encompasses all that is MN, while also looking most appealing close up or from afar. The 4 colors is more attractive than 2 or 3, and holds deep meaning. Plus, I LOVE the abstract state of MN in navy blue!!</p>

12/1/23 7:21	F1953	<p>this is my second comment bc I wanted to add:</p> <p>1) by reading the designer statement on this flag, I have unintentionally memorized the design. I think this is an enormous selling point as when the flag is taught in schools, it will be accessible to many because of its direct and clear symbolism, as well as the simplification of the shape of Minnesota.</p> <p>2) the top white bar representing snow is a far more visually accurate depiction of the Minnesota snow landscape. It invokes the feeling of vast snow covered land, all blinding white. The symbolism is tied more to nature and Minnesota than a snowflake which is a) problematic for its use in religious celebration decorations and b) a global symbol for snow.</p> <p>3) the light blue representing the translation of "Minnesota" as "sky-tinted water" teaches a fact about MN</p> <p>4) Because the three bars of different colors are laid out as bars and not in shapes of another design, the viewer is prompted to ask what the colors represent. In other designs, where a blue obviously represents water, I think to myself "the blue is the water. Pretty." But when the colors are bars/stripes, I recognize that as a sign of symbolism. I am prompted to inquire further. This is when I learn about the role of agriculture in Minnesota's history. This is when I learn the specifics of what lakes are in MN. The other flags do not prompt me to have any second thought beyond "that looks nice".</p> <p>4) this flag is memorable in two ways. One, it's easy to memorize. I only know one other state flag and that's Texas bc Texas flies their flag right under the American flag. It's hard to explain but this flag is as strong as a "country" flag in its memorability. The shapes are simple geometric ones. The colors are solid, strong and make sense, with the light blue standing out as a highlight. This flag could be a flag for a nation and I wouldn't bat an eye. It is timeless. Thanks for letting me comment twice, that is how moved I am by this flag.</p>
12/1/23 7:28	F1953	<p>This is one of my two favorite designs. It is crisp and aesthetically pleasing. It makes me want to know more and look into the meanings behind the symbols and colors. I would proudly sport this flag as a representation of my beloved Minnesota.</p>
12/1/23 7:32	F1953	<p>This flag would be my first choice.</p>
12/1/23 7:33	F1953	<p>This is the best flag that represents MN history and our state moving forward. The others largely, frankly, mimic a certain country's national flag and shouldn't be considered.</p>
12/1/23 7:37	F1953	<p>No. Texas flag redux.</p>
12/1/23 7:39	F1953	<p>Okay, but would like the blue sections different;the blue from the "old" flag could replace the navy blue, perhaps.</p>
12/1/23 7:39	F1953	<p>I like this one the best. Some of the other flags look like something a quilter would put together for a quilt.</p>
12/1/23 7:42	F1953	<p>This is beautiful! I like the stripes that are often used in flags. The shape of MN with the star is meaningo</p>
12/1/23 7:42	F1953	<p>Most inclusive of all that is Mn including the shape of the state and the unending stripes representative of ever flowing field,sky and water within our 4 seasons. Beautiful!!</p>
12/1/23 7:44	F1953	<p>This is my favorite. Love the unique shape and the star. The colors are all meaningful and point to something about who we are.</p>
12/1/23 7:46	F1953	<p>These finalists submissions lack creativity.There were many amazing submissions that were creative and ties in mn in a meaningful ans recognizable way. These do not deliver that.</p>
12/1/23 7:51	F1953	<p>This design fits well enough not the best though.</p>
12/1/23 7:54	F1953	<p>Of the finalists, this is the best flag. It has it all: snow, nature/agriculture, water, the north star, and even subtly sneaks in the state's iconic shape. I've heard some suggest that the symbol from F29 could take place of the polaris on this flag, though it may make it too busy. It could be a good compromise for those who like the design of F29 but don't want to end up with another "blue rectangle with thing in the middle" style flag.</p>
12/1/23 7:56	F1953	<p>I love the design of this flag!</p>
12/1/23 7:57	F1953	<p>I like the way the designer incorporated the shape of the state, but the colors are really dull.</p>
12/1/23 7:57	F1953	<p>This is better. Looks like a real flag but why the off brand colors? Use real strong colors! Green, blue in bold colors not muted!</p>
12/1/23 7:59	F1953	<p>With the political climate where it is in the world, having a flag resembling that of Palestine is not a great idea.</p>
12/1/23 8:04	F1953	<p>No. Too much of a Texas wannbe.</p>
12/1/23 8:09	F1953	<p>Love this one as it symbolizes the state shape, blue for water and green for trees. My favorite of them all.</p>
12/1/23 8:10	F1953	<p>Of all the finalists, F1953 is the strongest. This design has the potential to be timeless and remain distinct for our state</p>
12/1/23 8:10	F1953	<p>Only one that is close, colors are off though and it reminds me too much of Texas' flag.</p>

12/1/23 8:11	F1953	This is the only design that clearly identifies Minnesota through the shape on the left. It is tied for my favorite.
12/1/23 8:11	F1953	This is my favorite one. Love the colors, design and simplicity.
12/1/23 8:12	F1953	This is a beautiful flag with clear, simple lines, representation, and meaning. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:14	F1953	Again, How does this represent the beautiful state? Why isn't there an option with our beautiful lakes and trees? Farming? Northern lights? All of these are horrible!
12/1/23 8:16	F1953	looks computer generated Nooooo!
12/1/23 8:16	F1953	I do like how this looks more like a formal flag than the others. The others are more "sports team" vibes
12/1/23 8:17	F1953	Flag submission F1953 is by far my favorite. i would wear as a Tshirt. fly it outside as a flag, use it as a throw.
12/1/23 8:17	F1953	I think Flag Submission number: F1953 is meaning full and very relevant to the state of Minnesota
12/1/23 8:21	F1953	From the perspective of a person who designs things for promotional products, screen printing and embroidery, this design is simple, clean, meaningful, and easy to recognize. Also easy to put on hats, bags, cups, etc. This design opens up a lot of opportunities to promote MN. This would be my vote.
12/1/23 8:23	F1953	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:23	F1953	F1953-The symbolism of the colors do not overshadow the fact that stripes are typical in national and international flags. Not the best in originality.
12/1/23 8:23	F1953	This is the only one I can get behind. The others are garbage
12/1/23 8:26	F1953	Absolutely terrible, looks like a Middle Eastern country flag.
12/1/23 8:27	F1953	This looks like the flag of some South American dictatorship. This one is a big NO from me
12/1/23 8:27	F1953	This one looks like one that Russia rejected for their flag.
12/1/23 8:28	F1953	More 1953 variants  <a href="https://imgur.com/a/RcJxVW6">https://imgur.com/a/RcJxVW6</a>
12/1/23 8:31	F1953	This is far and away the best flag of the finalists in my opinion. It is a very classic looking flag with straight edge color blocks that could easily identifiable after a 3rd grader draws it. I think this flag could use some updated colors. I've seen the designer mention some updates they'd make based on feed back it it looks a lot nicer with those updates.
12/1/23 8:31	F1953	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:31	F1953	I vote for this one! It's simple and has the shape of MN in it.
12/1/23 8:32	F1953	f1953 symbolizes important aspects of our state. the colors are great. pkz choose this to represent our state. would love to fly it in my yard.
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12/1/23 8:33	F1953	My choice is F1953. Looks the least like a decorative seasonal banner one might hang from their front yard lamp post in this group of entries. This one just looks the um... flaggiest.

		<p>This design has strong ideas in the state shape and star. It is difficult to find a good size and shape for the star because it sits in the narrowest place on the flag. No size or shape there will make it clear at a distance.</p> <p>I believe these changes would make it a great flag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Center a big, clear star in a full-height navy blue square at the hoist.</li> <li>* At the fly end, attach the MN state shape in sky blue for "œsky-tinted water"□.</li> <li>* The stripes and their meanings are controversial and difficult to arrange. Omit them.</li> </ul>
12/1/23 8:36	F1953	MN could have the most fitting swallowtail of all time!
12/1/23 8:38	F1953	I like the abstract shape of Minnesota and the 3 stripes with star. This is my favorite
12/1/23 8:38	F1953	It's a boat flag. Not a land flag.
12/1/23 8:41	F1953	This is alright
12/1/23 8:42	F1953	This flag gets my vote for it's perfect simplistic representation of all things Minnesotan
12/1/23 8:44	F1953	This is my favorite out of the finalist. nice meaning and representation
12/1/23 8:44	F1953	I understand the goal of simplicity, especially when comparing to our current flag. But I feel that this flag is just a bit too simple. I would like to see one feature added, such as a bird or flower, just one more thing to bring a bit of attention and uniqueness to the flag beyond just the star. I do think that this is the only one of the 6 finalists that speak to me, as the others are even more simple than this one and I feel that this one best represents many different aspects of our state. I would like to see a bird flying off at the top to represent the changing seasons, I think that would add a bit of energy/motion to the flag and is an aspect I liked from one of the other flag designs I saw.
12/1/23 8:44	F1953	This is my favorite out of the finalist. nice meaning and representation
12/1/23 8:45	F1953	It's terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. Its screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:45	F1953	Seal S224 would look great on this flag as a secondary flag option in silver thread or colorful logo. Centered to the right.
12/1/23 8:52	F1953	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:52	F1953	This design is the best of the finalists due to the general shape of Minnesota in navy. I recommend moving white to the middle stripe because the edge of the flag is more likely to get dirty, and dirt/stains will show along the white edge. My favorite of the finalists by far.
12/1/23 8:53	F1953	Not bad, but a little heavy on the left has far as balance goes. The colors are a bit dull, too.
12/1/23 8:53	F1953	This is my favorite design by a mile. I like that the shape on the left looks both like the state's shape and an M, love the star, and the three stripes. It's simple without being boring.
12/1/23 8:53	F1953	Hate the abstract MN shape. This flag would look good at rest on a windless day. Still not hitting the mark.
12/1/23 8:54	F1953	My top choice of the finalists. It is classic and accurately proportions our snow, nature, and water. This flag is stately in it's simplicity and is on par with a country flag in terms of timelessness (unlike the wavier/curvier flag options).When I look at this flag, I feel a sense of pride in Minnesota that I don't get from the other finalists.
12/1/23 8:57	F1953	Yes!
12/1/23 8:59	F1953	I like this as the flag.
12/1/23 8:59	F1953	This would be #2 to option F2100.
12/1/23 9:05	F1953	Best design to represent our state
12/1/23 9:05	F1953	Far and away the best!
12/1/23 9:05	F1953	The unique shape of the state of MN lends itself nicely to this design option. It can be quickly identified as our state flag without the need for translation. The use of color depicts Minnesota's environment and the overall simplicity of this design stands out. This layout is the strongest of the options.

12/1/23 9:06	F1953	I vote YES for this one. I love that I saw the state on the left right away! I like the white north star inside the state and that it doesn't look like a snowflake. I also like that it subtly includes white for snow, blue for sky and green for our forests. However, I would tweak this a bit and reverse the blue and green with green being the ground and the blue is the sky and should be above the ground. I would consider changing the dark blue state to a bit lighter hue.
12/1/23 9:07	F1953	I like the star because it represents all the directions. -Daniel Don't like it because it looks too much like the Texas flag.
12/1/23 9:08	F1953	Sorry, this is the worst one of the lot. Way too much going on, and I think the MN state outline is a little too cute.
12/1/23 9:09	F1953	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:09	F1953	Boring.
12/1/23 9:09	F1953	This feels perhaps the closest to being ready to use without further modifications. It still feels a bit empty and quiet, but it "gets the job done"
12/1/23 9:11	F1953	My favorite. Love the colors!!! Perfect shades of blues. I like the abstract shape of Minnesota. I like that it doesn't have a snowflake and I like this version of the North Star.
12/1/23 9:13	F1953	It is an okay flag. Simple and colorful but the abstract state outline needs to be changed to a realistic or true state outline.
12/1/23 9:13	F1953	I believe that the colors in this flag represent our state along with the star. It's simple but elegant.
12/1/23 9:13	F1953	I like the overall formatting of this design;it follows pretty much all of the guidelines for a good flag design. The dark blue is a little dull in appearance, I would brighten it/increase the saturation to something more like #003559 or #003366. Conversely, the green and light blue are a bit too bright. The green could use a slightly darker shade with less blue (like #336633), while the light blue should be a little less turquoise (more like #A0E6FF). I would also prefer the star to be in a yellow color, rather than white.
12/1/23 9:14	F1953	This is the only final design that actually feels like a flag. Unique and modern design.
12/1/23 9:18	F1953	I really like this option, F1953, as it represents so much of MN. The North Star shining over and leading our State, the blue for our lakes, green for our parks, and gray-white for the sky. Simple yet provides significant symbolism. This is my favorite option.
12/1/23 9:19	F1953	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology. Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded. As a native and life long Minnesotan, I would be embarrassed.
12/1/23 9:21	F1953	Best color representation rationale
12/1/23 9:21	F1953	This flag's star-and-stripes symbolism is too derivative of other flags, and it doesn't clearly represent Minnesota. The commission should not choose this option.
12/1/23 9:23	F1953	I think this design is good. It's a decent expression of the state and the elements are all working with each other aesthetically.
12/1/23 9:26	F1953	Yes, go with this one please. Runner-up is 29.
12/1/23 9:31	F1953	Favorite flag
12/1/23 9:31	F1953	This my second favorite. I love the symbology. I would prefer the three right stripes to be dark blue (for water), green, and light blue (for the sky). The North Star could remain white (for snow).
12/1/23 9:33	F1953	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.
12/1/23 9:33	F1953	The iconography is clear, but this design is just ugly, partly because of the particular colors and where they are placed. The Minnesota shape should be green, the top and bottom stripes should be blue (not that blue, a different hue), and the middle a narrower white stripe. That would make it better, but maybe still not the best choice.
12/1/23 9:36	F1953	Dreary.
12/1/23 9:40	F1953	This flag mostly talks about the land. The description of the eight-pointed north star is better than the rest at representing Minnesota.
12/1/23 9:41	F1953	I like this one. Feels/looks like a good flag.
12/1/23 9:43	F1953	Like it
12/1/23 9:43	F1953	Best of the bunch since it actually has an outline of the state on it, making it easily recognizable as MN's flag. Although it would be better if the state outline was a little less geometric. Maybe combine with one of the other North Stars from another flag.



12/1/23 9:44	F1953	<p>I do think this is very clever (the shape of the state/the subtle M). Maybe this is too clever, though?</p> <p>The purist in me also likes the fairly traditional flag design this has.</p> <p>The callout to Mni Sota (the Dakota name) is a noble effort, but I'm not sure execution really conveys that. Options to better represent that "reflection" or "tinting" of the sky-water pairing are worth exploring.</p> <p>I generally really like the color pallet used. These seem to work well together.</p> <p>I'm disappointed that this design (all of them, really) seems to miss an opportunity to better conjure anything related to the indigenous experience, history, or naming of the land. I don't think it's enough to make things right by simply remove the offensive imagery in the current flag.</p>
12/1/23 9:44	F1953	<p>This design (and F2100) are my favorites. This one is simple, recognizable and memorable. I like the colors and use of the North star and like that the left hand side of the design can be considered an abstract representation of the state of Minnesota.</p>
12/1/23 9:48	F1953	<p>This is the one that I think best represents our state out of all the finalists. The colors are striking and the design is simple yet effective.</p>
12/1/23 9:50	F1953	<p>My second favorite of the finalists. I like the star, and the stripes - white for snow, green for summer/agriculture, blue for lakes. The Minnesota shape is cool. Not sure about the spiky star - could maybe adjust that. I would be OK with this design being the winner.</p>
12/1/23 9:50	F1953	<p>Looks too much like the middle eastern flags. And the colors are too subdued. The MN shape suggestion is cool, but not dramatic enough to warrant more support</p>
12/1/23 9:53	F1953	<p>I think the designers statement of the star representing a symbol of unity above a land of diversity is a bit of a stretch and a way to pander to woke judges. That said this is the only design I really like of the six. Its distinct with traditional flag aspects. It benefits and makes good use of Minnesotas shape which lends a banner-like feature. I agree with the star decision and colors representing water land and snow. I'd fly this at my cabin and kids can easily color this flag in school. Its a winner</p>
12/1/23 9:53	F1953	<p>Number 1 pick. I particularly like the way it shows a shape similar to our state of Minnesota making it easy to identify as a Minnesota state flag!!!</p>
12/1/23 9:55	F1953	<p>Suffers from lack of warm colors and not representative of MN! Go back to the drawing board!</p>
12/1/23 9:55	F1953	<p>Submission F1953 is my #1 preference of the finalists. The shapes are simple and easily reproducible, yet still bold, compelling, and memorable. The blue double-chevron/inverted chevron (correct name for the blue triangular feature on the left?) reminds me of other bold flags from around the world and the way a flag rides forward with its tails following in the wind, and it is a hyper-generalized representation of the physical shape of the Minnesota boundary - very clever! The north star in the middle of it makes this the MOST memorable and creates interest and something for the eye to pull towards. The three fesses (wording for the three horizontal bars on the right?) are also emblematic of flags around the world, where they trail the double-chevron to its left (or forward position), like streamers trailing closely behind a featured figure or symbol. Their colors are also great choices - white for snow, green for land and forest, and blue for water. A change I would make, however, is if the north star were a gold color - THAT would make me go WOW! I like this one. :)</p>
12/1/23 9:56	F1953	<p>Comments from 4th grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I like how the stripes look like snow</li> <li>- i like the colors and what they stand for</li> <li>- I like the meanings</li> </ul>
12/1/23 10:01	F1953	<p>There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!</p>
12/1/23 10:04	F1953	<p>This flag looks way too much like the state flag of Texas. I would vote no to this design.</p>
12/1/23 10:05	F1953	<p>Don't like any of the flag entries.</p>
12/1/23 10:06	F1953	<p>Approve. Design is representative of the state as described in the statement. Design is simple and not excessive, nor too simple. Flag will look handsome when seen at a distance.</p>
12/1/23 10:08	F1953	<p>This design has my vote. It's distinctive and representing more of MN than most of the other selections.</p>
12/1/23 10:11	F1953	<p>This flag (F1953) would be much better if the light blue stripe was moved to the top. It's my second choice to F29.</p>
12/1/23 10:11	F1953	<p>I am disappointed in the state flag submissions. I feel the ones chosen could have been created using clip art. I like the star to represent the North star state but Minnesota has many more things that could be represented on the flag.</p>

12/1/23 10:13	F1953	It's a fairly sanitized design that looks boring and corporate. It also includes four colors which is more than the guidelines stated goal of 2 to 3 basic colors.
12/1/23 10:13	F1953	Copied from somewhere, ick. Start over.
12/1/23 10:14	F1953	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks t realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.
12/1/23 10:15	F1953	If you're going to have a stylized symbol of MN, at least make it proportional to the actual state outline. The indent should be at the 1/3 up from the base, not 1/2. I don't think people will understand anything from this beyond the north star.
12/1/23 10:16	F1953	No. Looks like a flag for a yacht.
12/1/23 10:19	F1953	Not really representative of Minnesota. Looks more like a flag from a Soviet eastern bloc country.
12/1/23 10:23	F1953	F1953 is my top pick for the new MN State Flag. I also like F2100 as a close second.
		Easy to understand, captures the state identity in bold color blocks, appears similar to many other state and city flags in the nation (Chicago for instance).
12/1/23 10:27	F1953	A safe choice which is easily drawn and understood. Not outright unique, but captures the elements of good flag design.
12/1/23 10:27	F1953	We want a loon on one!
12/1/23 10:30	F1953	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:30	F1953	I love this design as well, the color pallet is really beautiful and I think very inclusive of the state symbols.
		This is the best "base" design of the finalists.
		Suggestions:
		1) The star should be a filled regular octagram (i.e. 8 "equal" points) in white. -- This aligns with the shape of the star inlaid in the rotunda of the state capitol. -- This also creates subtle interlocking "M" shapes, representing "Minnesota" without necessitating actual text on the flag. -- This avoids any inadvertent religious symbolism (e.g. "star of Bethlehem") -- This 8-point star design is found in several cultures including Native American/Indigenous stars, but is not overly invocative of any single culture.
		2) A lighter "navy" color would be a good choice -- The current navy color may look black from a distance - a lighter navy blue would be a better choice
		Suggest removing 1 or 2 colors or stripes on the right
		3) The blue stripe on the right is not necessary - suggest removing -- The blue abstract shape on the right already serves to represent water/sky, and its span from top (sky)-to-bottom (land) is symbolic of "sky-tinted water"
12/1/23 10:30	F1953	4) The white stripe on the right may not be necessary -- The symbolism of "winter" or "snow" is already covered by the white star

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12/1/23 10:31	F1953	
12/1/23 10:34	F1953	This is not my favorite design but with some changes I would be cool with it. Would look better with blue on top, white middle, green below.
12/1/23 10:35	F1953	This the best, except for the blah colors in the stripes. It shows MN. Except for the futzy star, it would be simple to reproduce.
12/1/23 10:38	F1953	The color scheme does not work for me. It may work better if alternate shades of the green and blue were used. Overall, I'd prefer new selections for consideration.
12/1/23 10:41	F1953	i LIKE f1953, HOWEVER i FEEL THAT THE DARK BLUE IS TOO DARK, THE ROYAL BLUE THAT IS USED ON THE CURRENT FLAG WOULD BE A BRIGHTER BLUE TO HOST THE NORTH STAR.
12/1/23 10:42	F1953	this one is alright
12/1/23 10:43	F1953	Looks like a sports team flag. I really don't like this flag. 0/10 ten is high. Zero.
12/1/23 10:45	F1953	I like this design the best. The silhouette of the state helps to instantly identify this as Minnesota's flag and I think the color choice is appropriate.
12/1/23 10:47	F1953	F1953 I like because of the various colors representing natural aspects of the state and the abstract shape of Minnesota.
12/1/23 10:48	F1953	This is too busy and plagiarizes other flag designs: countries and pride.
12/1/23 10:48	F1953	I think this is the best flag out of the finalists. My suggestions to improve this design would be to change the green middle stripe to white and have both the top and bottom stripes light blue. The other change I would suggest would be to alter the star to look similar to the star on F2100 or alternately, make the star four points.
12/1/23 10:56	F1953	Great submission. Unique color choices, well designed flag composition. I'd love to see this actually flown around the state.
12/1/23 10:59	F1953	Boring, too plain, needs more regarding Mn
12/1/23 11:00	F1953	no but this is the start. Make the star look less like a snowflake, add a loon and change the color scheme and might have something. Also make the Navy blue shape less even so it more closely resembles the outline of the state
12/1/23 11:00	F1953	I like this the best. This actually looks like a flag. There are one or two others that could be a flag, but the the swirly lines one and the others with blocky flowers and/or stars look bad and don't seem like they will stand thru time, i.e. 10yrs, 50yrs, 100yrs.
12/1/23 11:01	F1953	Doesn't Texas have this flag? Also, the white stripe on the top will just disappear on a sunny day. How about an edit. Keep the dark blue part, make the top stripe gold, the middle white, and the bottom green. It's too many colors, but not dreadful.
12/1/23 11:06	F1953	There is just too much going on with this flag. I understand the attempts at symbolism. But less really is more.
12/1/23 11:06	F1953	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design
12/1/23 11:07	F1953	This would be okay if the dark blue part could more clearly look like the outline of MN.
12/1/23 11:14	F1953	I like this one but the white/green/blue is a little odd and should be looked at. Maybe just having it blue/white/green would help. Moving the star up would also help.

12/1/23 11:17	F1953	Pretty good!
12/1/23 11:17	F1953	This flag is my second choice. I like the simple "K" shape to evoke image of the shape of Minnesota, the inclusion of the north star, and the colors which represent different parts of Minnesota.
12/1/23 11:17	F1953	This flag is my second choice. It's simple and clear.
12/1/23 11:18	F1953	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:19	F1953	This design should be selected as our state flag. It is easy to decipher from any position it is displayed. The colors simply represent our state and the pattern is unique from other state flags. The north star on the flag should match the north star on the seal so that the two state emblems are connected to each other.
12/1/23 11:20	F1953	I really like this flag. The star seems a tiny bit small for the navy area, but the colors on this one are better than the rest and I think itâ€™s one of my favorite options.
12/1/23 11:24	F1953	I really like incorporating the shape of the state into the flag.
12/1/23 11:25	F1953	No. This isn't Palestine
12/1/23 11:26	F1953	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:26	F1953	Love that it actually looks like a flag and not just a quilt square. The shape of Minnesota, the snow/nature/water themes, and the North Star are all uniquely Minnesotan.
12/1/23 11:28	F1953	This is a great base. Replace the current star on this flag with the star design from F29, and also change the gold on the F29 star to the same shade of light blue that is used in the stripe of this flag. Then it will look more like the North Star, incorporate the very symbolic and meaningful eight point star, and still only include four colors. Also rearrange the order of stripes so that light blue is on top, white is in the middle, and green is on the ground. This better aligns with the natural relationship between what those colors represent.
12/1/23 11:29	F1953	This is a great base. Replace the current star on this flag with the star design from F29, and also change the gold on the F29 star to the same shade of light blue that is used in the stripe of this flag. Then it will look more like the North Star, incorporate the very symbolic and meaningful eight point star, and still only include four colors. Also rearrange the order of stripes so that light blue is on top, white is in the middle, and green is on the ground. This better aligns with the natural relationship between what those colors represent.
12/1/23 11:29	F1953	I like the abstract state outline, the stripes and having a star. I think the colors could be tweaked a bit but this is a pretty good submission. This is in my top three with F944 and F2100.
12/1/23 11:30	F1953	While this design is a start, it needs additional work. A different Star design (4M would be preferred) and rethink the placement of the horizontal stripes. Good colors.
12/1/23 11:32	F1953	Best and would be better with the yellow and white star flake from the 1st finalist
12/1/23 11:33	F1953	I know this is not a good comment but rather just my feeling, this does not 'feel' like a state flag. It has a lot of elements that I like, but together it just does not look right. At least to me.
12/1/23 11:33	F1953	This design is nice but does not include the Mississippi River (which should be included on any MN state flag in my opinion). I do like the colors and what they represent and the overall design better than some of the others. If this ended up being our flag, I could certainly live with it.
12/1/23 11:33	F1953	Awful. I look at the flags and there is nothing that would tell me it is the Minnesota flag. Looks like something religious.All remind me of the Star of David. You need to start over! Why does it need to be simple. I don't ever remember someone asking me to draw the Minnesota flag..Sorry to be so negative but I am very disappointed that the flags are so simple and that the State of Minnesota outline is not anywhere on the flags. Nothing to be proud of.
12/1/23 11:38	F1953	PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE - Make the outline of the state a REAL representation of the boundaries, showing the real river outlines. Please do not make the state shape a geometric - SIMPLISTIC - outline. The actual boundaries reflect the beautiful rivers and the big lake and our connection to Canada.
12/1/23 11:39	F1953	This flag would be great if it had the star from f1154. Then the star would pay homage the Native Americans of Minnesota.
12/1/23 11:39	F1953	F1953 is a great base. Replace the current star on the F1953 flag with the star design from F29, while changing the gold on the F29 star to the same shade of light blue that is used in the stripe of F1953. Then it will look more like the North Star, incorporate the very symbolic and meaningful eight point star, and still only include four colors. Also rearrange the order of stripes so that light blue is on top, white is in the middle, and green is on the ground. This better aligns with the natural relationship between what those colors represent. Alternatively, consider using the F29 design itself on a swallowtail-shaped flag, so the flag itself incorporates the abstract shape of Minnesota).
12/1/23 11:42	F1953	I really liked this flag, and it is probably my second favorite flag of the top 6. However, I think that it could be benefited by more detail added to the Right side of the flag. Something that this could look like is flag submission F1994, or adding the background of semi-finalist flag F2100, or something kind of new like "The Land of the North Star Flag" by Trevor Johnson which was released by Newmflag.org on November 1st, However I did not see this flag in the official submissions list, (I if you would like I could provide you a picture of this flag if you could not find it).
12/1/23 11:45	F1953	The North Star Flag by Lee Herold should be considered. Remove the white stripe on this flag and make the dark blue field a rectangle and this could be acceptable.
12/1/23 11:46	F1953	This design is too similar to LGBTQ+ and Palestine flags and would be very divisive.
12/1/23 11:47	F1953	The F1953 design is too similar to LGBTQ+ and Palestine flags and would be very divisive.
12/1/23 11:56	F1953	Somewhat disturbing - the 1st time I looked @ it, appearing like a pointed torpedo ready to blow up the star. Pleas round the point on the green, also rounding out the "waistline" of MN.

12/1/23 11:57	F1953	Probably the best of the flag designs.
12/1/23 11:58	F1953	This flag could be our new flag with the addition of the Loon in the blue water. I live on a lake in the Twin Cities and feel blessed to have the loons stop in on their migrations. Please add a Loon to our new flag when decided.
12/1/23 11:59	F1953	My second favorite flag design. I love the star and its colors. It reminds me a little of Texas's flag
12/1/23 12:00	F1953	strongly disapprove of the simplistic design. A state flag needs to showcase authority, representation, and the states history. This is a poor attempt that looks like a child's drawing of a flag of Texas.

Version confirmative bilingue / FRENCH CONFIRMATIVE VERSION :  
 (Because I did never receive a proof of confirmation at my email jsvolley06@hotmail.com )  
 Pour diffusion immédiate : L'Amérique du Nord est un pays qui a une histoire riche et une culture unique. C'est pourquoi il est important de préserver notre patrimoine et de promouvoir notre langue française. Le drapeau américain est un symbole de liberté et de justice, mais il est également un symbole de division et de conflit. C'est pourquoi nous proposons un nouveau drapeau qui représente l'unité et la diversité de notre pays. Le drapeau américain est un symbole de liberté et de justice, mais il est également un symbole de division et de conflit. C'est pourquoi nous proposons un nouveau drapeau qui représente l'unité et la diversité de notre pays.

1) What are the main symbols of your American Flag? Réponse: Les Étoiles / The Stars (remember the color and the Star forms of all shitty MN states 6 proposals )

2) Where do live the stars . In the sky high, up and always higher

3) Where will Golden Olympic medalists will look during their National Anthems? Réponse UP, HIGHLY because the 50 AMERICAN STARS can only exist in the sky

4) Would you take more of 50 Stars who are looking UP or DOWN ??  
 .Me I rather be taken 50 States of L'Amérique du Nord

And the only model with THE American real Star is the same than in the Acadian Flag. So please you take our flag :

[ The Dear-Lee North Star Flag = ]

I confirm you that I sent the same message but with the good link you mentioned me, It said deadline December 1st 12:00 so we are good. Hope they answer (JSB) signé en français de l'Amérique du Nord. La devise prouvée par Lee Harold et la plus puissante parmi les 50 États Américains. (Nous avons les preuves [...] a vous montrerez. Jusqu'au Président des États-Unis Joe Biden.

Nous avertirons aussi tous les médias de la Nation Américaine que j'irai faire une manifestation dans un State Capitole d'un des États du Nord-Est. Car j'ai des preuves scientifiques et UNIQUEMENT de perceptions académiques françaises à vous prouver. Afin que vous prenez en considération le modèle conjoint de Lee Herold avec ma modification de modèle comme en pièce jointe incluant OBLIGATOIREMENT la Devise de l'Amérique du Nord. Petite gang de sans cœur qui enlève un morceau de l'héritage national de nos héros Le Général Rochambeau qui commandait le siège finale de Yorktown 1783 menant à la Victoire des Patriotes du même modèle de l'Amérique de notre drapeau. Le Drapeau de la Nation des Acadiens du Maine entre et du drapeau américain. Les autres drapeaux sont rien justement because they the stars of absolutely ZERO country in the World.

Je me souviens de tout et j'ai les preuves MARK MY WORD - JSB

Hello. I have already talked a few times with Sir Lee Herold, the founder of the First proposal New North Star Flag who appeared in year 1989. He gave me is formal agreement for me to propose a little design modification on the Flag #F2100. We agree to raise the national French Heritage as they be Greatest Political allies of ever to America. So that we would preserve the almost same designed French Motto of « L'AMÉRIQUE TOILE DU NORD » as it is observable through typography and calligraphy of actual Minnesota State Flag. Feel free for contact Lee Herold or me for more informations or discussion. His phone number is 1-507-288-1165 and mine is 1-438-792-0448.

I thank you all very much to notice my demand of modification #F2100 but designed by Sir Lee Herold. Thankfully pour L'AMÉRIQUE TOILE DU NORD DES FRANÇAIS D'AMÉRIQUE AIGT ?? Did you understand what I said? Parce que vous allez me revoir souvent sur votre chemin. Ma gang de sans cœur qui n'ont même pas invité le Grand prêtre de ce changement du drapeau de la Devise de l'Amérique du Nord et des ses jonctions de rivière, comme par exemple.

You should call my self I wanna PLEASE, who is sitting right now at the Minnesota French ethnicity. As the FOUNDERS of from around 400 years. Je vais attendre votre retour d'appels mes petits amis d'un clan avec des drapeaux à tous les FAUX PAYS D'AMÉRIQUE MARK my word and call me please ASAP;1-438-792-0448

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12/1/23 12:05	F1953	Where are the loons? Prefer F29 of the flag finalists.
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11/22/23 14:32	F2100	This flag looks like the logo for an insurance company
11/22/23 14:51	F2100	F,2100. By far my favorite design.Could use any of the star designs. But keep it white.
11/22/23 15:14	F2100	Are we Spire Credit Union now?
11/22/23 15:17	F2100	F2100: I like this one. It seems benign but seems to fit what you are looking for. There were other similar ones in the submissions that were better. It is very similar to Duluth MN flag. Thanks for letting us comment.
11/22/23 15:48	F2100	This is my second favorite behind F29. I am disappointed that none of the final six features the loon. It is still the state bird, even if it is only seen in central and northern Minnesota, and I thought the image looked very cool on some of the flag designs.
11/22/23 15:54	F2100	Best one by far!
11/22/23 16:09	F2100	I like it. I like it a lot, and would be happy to have it as my flag. But when I look at it, I can't help but think this is just an inferior Northern Star Flag. I'm not sure why this one was put on the final list when the more well known and more beloved counterpart was also a contender.
11/22/23 16:46	F2100	This one just looks like the logo for a local bank or credit union. Maybe with some alterations it could be good. My initial recommendations would be to shift the star closer to the left;when the flag is hung from a pole, that centered star is barely going to be visible on days with little wind. I'd also revisit the spacing of the colors;maybe give the white and green sections equal weight. It might also be prudent to reconsider how the wave is done -- something just doesn't feel right about it here.
11/22/23 16:59	F2100	I think this a less good version of the North Star Flag. While I appreciate the simplified wave stripe, the white, centered Star does not look as good, or feel as special. The current star feels more in line with a bank logo, than the star that should grace our flag. I think this one could be a winner, if the star was moved to the upper left field, similar to the North Star Flag, and then it could incorporate a Dakota Star, similar to the F1435 design. And gold would be a better look for the star as well.  All of the flags that have been selected as the top 6, really feel like let downs, and they don't all adhere to the NAVA guidelines about a good flag. This one comes the closest, with it's similarity to the North Star Flag, but it feels like a knock off. I've heard that the issues with the original North Star Flag, is that it's too similar to the Duluth City Flag. But the Duluth City Flag was designed with the North Star Flag becoming the State Flag one day. So something like that shouldn't have taken away from that flag. It also has a lot of popularity already, and should have been considered for the top five, if not the leader, considering the support of many Minnesotans behind it.  I guess this a comment with a suggestion about how to tweak this flag, F2100, but also a comment that the North Star Flag should be brought back, and seriously considered for the State Flag, because it's far better designed than most of the flags on this list, and already has recognition from Minnesotans as the one to replace the flag. So I ask you guys to reconsider, and even add it to the top 6, making it 7, and see the amount of support pile in. I think it will really surprise you guys, and lead to a great flag being chosen.
11/22/23 16:59	F2100	This floating star flag has simple, graceful scandinavian-type lines. It doesn't look clunky It doesn't have overdone waves like a toothpaste ad. It has a star that looks like a star, not an abstract something, which might be star, or flower blossom, or puzzle pieces. It's modestly asymmetrical, which creates interest. Is it a problem that it isn't symmetrically balanced for use on a casket? Is there an official left or right, could it be drawn with the curve 180 degrees? Would that be a problem? Maybe tweak the colors for contrast and intensity. This looks like the most timeless and elegant design to me.
11/22/23 17:07	F2100	Ok but the one with the shape of state and stripes is stronger.
11/22/23 17:27	F2100	I LIKE OUR CURRENT STATE FLAG!!!! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? All the entries look alike, where is the creativity and symbolism to represent our diverse and unique state and all it has to offer? There are no words, like 'Minnesota'. There are no graphics to represent 'US'
11/22/23 17:36	F2100	F2100 is my first choice. I also like F29 and F944. You are doing a good job. Thank you.
11/22/23 17:36	F2100	I do not support this design as is. Perhaps if the green area was smaller and the star had more space above/below it and the edges of the blue field, it would work better.
11/22/23 17:42	F2100	Nope looks like Christmas. Would be delightful with "Merry Christmas" written on it.
11/22/23 17:44	F2100	2100 is one of the best but I could use more color
11/22/23 18:07	F2100	This is my pick. Most like a flag, while still feeling representative, imagery won't feel dates anytime soon, original and unique, easy to draw and remember, good color scheme.
11/22/23 18:43	F2100	I would move the star toward the left so it is centered on the deepest trough of the wave



11/22/23 18:45	F2100	<p>F2100: No. But it's better than three other finalists.</p> <p>Negatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are many better nominees with a "wave &amp; star" concept.</li> <li>- Looks like a couple of sovereign/municipal world flags.</li> </ul> <p>Positives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It's not a five-point generic star.</li> <li>- It's not just straight lines.</li> </ul> <p>IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- include our French motto (l'etoile du nord) OR the word Minnesota OR a loon. (so we know it's Minnesota's star!)</li> </ul> <p>A BETTER IDEA: use this star on the design submission of F216 or F1699 or F1925 or F1973.</p>
11/22/23 19:55	F2100	I love this one!
11/22/23 19:57	F2100	Yes! Another design worthy of a flag! Sky blue waters. Green land. North star. The other one is best though.
11/22/23 20:05	F2100	This flag design is the third best design. The design is simple and elegant. I only plan on flying the new Minnesota flag if one of the top three designs are chosen. I would proudly fly this new Minnesota flag.
11/22/23 20:08	F2100	This is my favorite flag design overall. It balances simplicity with symbolism well. You can instantly tell what you're looking at, and there's no mistaking it for another flag.
11/22/23 20:43	F2100	<p>Awful</p> <p>A good representation of choices would have been for the committee to vote within each of the categories, selecting a finalist from suggestions like these:</p> <p>(1) Loon/Star combo â€“ F105, F347, F694, F1311, F1409,</p> <p>(2) MN, Loon, Star, Lady slipper combo â€“ F297, F496, F525, F862, F893, F1767, F1913, F2073,</p> <p>(3) Star Only â€“ F318, F1472,</p> <p>(4) Loon Only â€“ F959</p> <p>(5) MN and Star combo â€“ F376, F604, F605, F1041, F1223, F1650</p>
11/22/23 21:04	F2100	You could tell me this was the city flag of New Brighton and I'd believe it. Ugh. Why is EVERY one blue and green and white? UGH.
11/22/23 21:09	F2100	This one is one of my least favorites, and it is far too similar to the Duluth flag. It's not very interesting visually.
11/22/23 21:11	F2100	This is an "S" curve that has been worked up and with ever since South Bend was re-done. It's another of the "it could be for anywhere designs" - it's a POOR flag. Burn it with fire. Marks out of ten here - just one. And that's been generous. Please talk with persons who know what they are doing.
11/22/23 21:32	F2100	This feels like it could be the flag of some other state
11/22/23 21:41	F2100	Out of the finalists, this design option looks most like a striking, memorable, usable design option. Some of the others lack a pleasing overall cohesion, or are interesting designs that don't work as well as flags.
11/22/23 22:02	F2100	This one would be better with the start to the top left instead of centered on the flag
11/22/23 22:04	F2100	F2100. Yes. This is the best of the group of 6, but by far not the best of what you had to choose from. North Star, blue sky, green land. Not terribly exciting but gets the point across. Whatever you do donâ€™t pick any of the four with snowflakes, itâ€™s cold in the winter and thatâ€™s not a positive, also weâ€™re a liberally leaning state and we really donâ€™t need to make a joke out of it on our flag.
11/22/23 22:10	F2100	Boring. Where is the loon? Our state bird.

		<p>There's a nice simplicity to this flag, but it looks like it needs work. It has all of the same elements of the "North Star Flag" number F3, but without the refinement of that other design. Both this flag and the North Star Flag could benefit from design improvements, but why not start with the North Star Flag rather than this derivative design?</p> <p>In altering the North Star Flag, this design introduces a serious problem. The new star looks like the Star of Bethlehem. As a non-Christian, I find this highly concerning. Our state flag should not appear to have religious symbols.</p> <p>At the 10/31/2023 Commission meeting, Ted Kaye advised you to get to the point where you would be "deliriously happy" if any of your finalists were chosen as the state flag. With all due respect, it is very hard to believe that the Commission succeeded in doing this. Please consider re-opening your process and selecting a new set of flag finalists. Fortunately, there are many excellent alternatives in your own set of top-25s.</p>
11/22/23 22:30	F2100	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/22/23 22:34	F2100	This is nearly identical to Duluth's flag and is much too generic - many cities and counties across the country have flags like this.
11/22/23 22:37	F2100	I could live with this but miss the loon...I like the wavy line but want a loon instead of a star...no other state has the loon on their flag...we need to
11/22/23 22:43	F2100	No decent choice so I would say that if one is picked as a design we should look at redoing it again so we can have flag that everyone in Minnesota could be proud of like putting the seal design with the loon and 19 stars full color on a blue background otherwise I think people will demand it be changed if you stay with one of the horrible choices that are supposed to be the final six
11/22/23 23:53	F2100	Yeah I want this one
11/23/23 0:15	F2100	Yeah this is easily the best one out of the finalists. It's specific, but not overly intricate. The others are either too much to take in, or look like some kind of weird quilt pattern. I hope this one wins.
11/23/23 0:59	F2100	Winner
11/23/23 1:15	F2100	This one
11/23/23 3:33	F2100	As a vexillologist and member of NAVA, I commend this design for strong layout and use of contrast. However, it contains significant flaws. Firstly, the wave is too subtle to be recognised at a distance, limiting its effectiveness. Secondly, the arrangement of the colours undercuts the symbolism of the wave, as the green curves appear to represent a hilly landscape rather than a watery wave. Thirdly, the points of the star are very thin and would be difficult to distinguish at a distance. There are multiple ways that these flaws could be addressed while retaining the essential character of the design and satisfying the five principles of good flag design. As the Flag Design Consultant for NAVA and host of our Flag Design Forum, I am open to discussing these points in more detail. We can assist with implementing modifications, incorporating public feedback, and collaborate with other experts, including Ted Kaye. Please feel free to reach out via email (briancham1994@gmail.com) for a more in-depth conversation.
11/23/23 5:21	F2100	This is a credit union logo. Hard pass.
11/23/23 6:53	F2100	Pick this one! Simple, elegant, inspiring
11/23/23 8:08	F2100	Yes!! Finally a flag that captures the essence of our state's algae bloom problems! That's what the rolling green wave represents right? Our lakes and ponds are filled with green algae. There's no better way to draw attention to this environmental disaster than hoisting it up a flag pole to warn all. One might guess the original meaning of Minnesota is "algae tinted water". Uffda!!
11/23/23 8:15	F2100	While this design appears to me to be the least likely to quickly become dated and out of style, it, along with the other finalists, does not have the impact of the Becker-Herold north star flag. I am truly disappointed.
11/23/23 8:25	F2100	I chose this design as my favorite for several reasons. It has the North Star;it is bright and stands out among the other choices;it includes what I see are the predominant colors of the natural world in MN., blue for the sky and waters and green for the trees, crops and prairie;it's horizontal elements are well-balanced on the flag;it immediately makes me think of the MN. landscape;the North Star is white, which is the actual color of all stars;the wavy white line gives it movement and dynamism and I can imagine it referring to our many rivers. One concern I have is that there is no clear identification with or reference to MN. on the flag. How will folks from other states know that this is our flag? So the one addition I would like to see to the flag is putting on "L'etoile du Nord", which would identify the flag as representing Minnesota and help folks from other states learn to relate the North Star and the flag with MN. The other designs do not say MN. to me.
11/23/23 8:28	F2100	I like this design for our state flag
11/23/23 8:45	F2100	F2100 - This one is my second favorite. We have the north star, the night sky, and the land. I think the middle line should be blue for water, though. And instead of navy blue for the night sky, make it black. I don't know if any of my comments will make a difference, but I wish we could vote on the designs. I'm a Minnesota resident for 47 years.
11/23/23 9:03	F2100	I wish there was more to represent our lakes and trees (rather than a star) in the flag finalists. Of the finalists, this one has the best landscape feel with rolling hills of green and a layer of snow below the sky. Maybe you could add a little blue lake in the low spot of the curve.

11/23/23 9:10	F2100	I don't like any of them. Where are any indications that this is the flag of Minnesota?
11/23/23 9:11	F2100	Of the 6 designs, I like 1952 the best because of the symbolism and the uniqueness of incorporated the shape of MN.
11/23/23 9:33	F2100	F,2100. Compare this star to the star used by the CIA at their headquarters in Langley
		<p>This needs some work. The star uses here needs to be replaced, the current one does not look good from a distance and is too generic to be used as a symbol.. I would recommend reusing and adapting the star design from F1093 or F594 to move forward. The star also needs to be left centered. Otherwise it will never be visible when flown on a pole except in high winds. I would make the star slightly smaller and more proportional too.</p> <p>Besides this, the colors could use some tweaking. please consider using the official state colors for this, particularly in terms of the blue and green shades. Please also consider removing the wave element and just having horizontal lines on the bottom. There is too much green, please also consider balancing out the color composition of this to be predominately blue, with a thicker white stripe, and possibly even a yellow stripe added to the others at the bottom.</p> <p>This flag is similar to the North Star flag family of designs. Please consider taking inspiration from that type of flag, particularly in regards to aesthetic balance of the elements, star types, and shades used. I would recommend against keeping the center oriented star, and using such a long and spindly star design. Please also consider adding yellow to this design</p>
11/23/23 9:37	F2100	Definitely needs a new star design, and left orientation on the star to move forward
11/23/23 11:09	F2100	The finalists for the redesign are absolutely abhorrent! Please please do not make any of those the state flag. There were some truly incredible submissions, and I really think your committee would be doing a great service to present and future Minnesotans if you reconsidered not only the finalists, but how those finalists are picked. These finalists make me feel NOTHING, and do not communicate the state of Minnesota AT ALL. As an artist, I am aghast! A little embarrassing. Feel free to contact if you have any questions!
11/23/23 12:40	F2100	I hope you will use this one, BUT change the colors to the brighter blue, green and gold (for the star) in the North Star flag from about 20 years ago. Thanks for your work on this project.
11/23/23 13:57	F2100	Not that it matters but I prefer this design (F2100). It has the North Star, blue for sky and water and green for grass. The first thing I thought of when I saw F29, F1154 and F1435 was barn quilts. F944 looks like the US Steelmark. I've heard people are complaining about the lack of a Loon. The Loon is the symbol of Minnesota that most people think of...that and the '10,000 lakes' and Split Rock Lighthouse. I know you can't cram everything on this flag but these examples seem to be very similar and very simplistic.
11/23/23 13:59	F2100	It works.
11/23/23 14:17	F2100	My second pick for flag, though, as I said previously, perhaps putting the winning seal on a solid ground might be a nice compromise--it offers consistency and would reference the previous flag design while addressing its problems.
11/23/23 16:02	F2100	All of them are terrible!
11/23/23 18:19	F2100	This looks like a corporate logo - not a flag.
11/23/23 19:43	F2100	I like this one quite a bit, but would like to see the start moved to the left of center. I think that would look more flag like.
		F944 is by far my favorite. The colorful one with the northern lights was great.
11/23/23 22:29	F2100	Stop making the designs so abstract you lose the real Minnesota
11/23/23 23:16	F2100	Great design Simple and clean
11/23/23 23:28	F2100	I really like the design of this flag, and it is my second favorite design overall!
11/24/23 0:07	F2100	This is interesting, but I would make the star and maybe the white line yellow. Otherwise it feels cold, like snow, instead of warm like the sun.
11/24/23 3:45	F2100	This is my favorite of the flag design finalists, though I think it could benefit from some tweaks to make it stand out more. Perhaps changing the color of the star to gold, and/or adding a snowflake overlay like on F29. Ultimately something like this is what I hope to see as our new state flag.
11/24/23 4:27	F2100	This is just a poor knock off of the North Star Flag, just use the real North Star Flag!
11/24/23 8:47	F2100	As a graphic designer, I view all of the six finalist designs as extremely juvenile and amateurish. I really think there should be another round of submissions. This design has some merit with a few adjustments: Make the star gold and move it to the left third of the image area.

11/24/23 9:11	F2100	I feel like this is just an inferior "north star flag". Different star and shifted to the left would be okay, but just feels like the north star flag would still be better version of this design.
11/24/23 10:04	F2100	That looks like a child's representation of a star , and there are no trees- but it is the best one. Oh yes, the night sky is not blue.
11/24/23 10:50	F2100	This one sings
11/24/23 10:54	F2100	F2100 is definitely the best choice. Will the public gets a vote on this?
11/24/23 11:55	F2100	Also a good simple flag design with a decent color palate. Also a good choice for our state flag!
11/24/23 11:55	F2100	This design is fine, but only fine - the colors are ok, but not spectacular. Other finalists are better.
11/24/23 12:49	F2100	This would be nice but make the white line straight and wider. Flags blow in the wind and make wavy lines themselves. Don't need the line to be wavy on the flag. F1953 is the best though. Pick that one.
11/24/23 13:21	F2100	This star looks like the one over Jesus' manger in nativity scenes. We should look for a flag with imagery that feels less religious.
11/24/23 13:35	F2100	F2100 is the best selection for a flag among the finalists. To be honest, I don't like any of them. I don't live in Minnesota, but I do have an eye for what looks professional and engaging.
11/24/23 13:42	F2100	There were many center-of-the-sky north star flags, and this was not one the better ones. While it has a wavy line which I can only assume is for water, it more literally looks like the Bethlehem star over a waterless rolling-hill plain. This does not describe our state, I do not think F2100 should be considered for our state flag.
11/24/23 13:50	F2100	This is the closest finalist to the popular North Star Flag that I have seen flying in parts of Minnesota already. Personally I'd rather the commission consider the original North Star Flag over this version considering its popular support.
11/24/23 14:46	F2100	Excellent! Clean design, can be drawn from memory, very attractive. Fine choice for the North Star, cannot be mistaken for sun or yellow snow. For me, tied with F1953 for 2nd, after F29;) . Thanks!
11/24/23 16:14	F2100	No
11/24/23 16:29	F2100	F2100 is my favorite of the 6 finalists.
11/24/23 16:39	F2100	This is very dull, and does not represent the highlights that make Minnesota special.
11/24/23 17:02	F2100	This one is nice but the curved stripe looks a bit immature. Also the colors could be lightened a bit so that itâ€™s not quite as harsh. The star and snowflake from the first flag design would look nice here.
11/24/23 17:02	F2100	Best of all the bad flags.
11/24/23 17:23	F2100	Doesn't include L'etoile du Nord or Minnesota
11/24/23 17:31	F2100	This is the best choice for our flag!
11/24/23 17:40	F2100	These designs are all hideous and not well thought out. Where are the lakes , loons, trees?
11/24/23 17:55	F2100	Winner
11/24/23 17:55	F2100	Winner
11/24/23 18:07	F2100	Please donâ€™t use any of these 6 for the flag. They donâ€™t measure up to what makes a good flag . I would rather see one of the state seals become the flag.
11/24/23 18:27	F2100	Reminds me of a foreign government flag.. Not something I would want my state flag to look like.
11/24/23 19:00	F2100	This ones the best!
11/24/23 19:03	F2100	This one is pretty good
11/24/23 19:25	F2100	The original North Star flag seemed to be far more popular among the people of Minnesota compared to F2100. The people should have been able to give their input into the version of this flag.
11/24/23 19:35	F2100	The wavy line seems unconsidered. More negative space between the divide and the edge of the star and pile help. And the divide in the flag seems off balance with the position, size and shape of the star. The colors seem off, almost dated. The rays of the star seem too unrelated to the boldness of the wavy line.
11/24/23 19:53	F2100	This is a second pick.
11/24/23 20:11	F2100	My husband and I think this submission captures 3 thingsâ€¦; the Star of the North, the blue of our lakes and the intense green of our forests, grasslands and our farmland crops.
11/24/23 20:11	F2100	Well, finally one that just might make sense. Green must be for marijuana, right? The wavy white wave must denote our snow covered tundra. And the white star could symbolize the future legalization of crack cocaine and methamphetamine? Way to go Minnesota!! What awesome creativity! I'm offended by all of them and plan on suing if any one of these homes are stayed flag.

11/24/23 20:21	F2100	This looks like something from communist china. Something Tim walz would be proud of
11/24/23 20:44	F2100	Oooh, How avant-garde! ðŸ™„
11/24/23 20:48	F2100	OK but nothing special.
11/24/23 20:52	F2100	The star is ok, but why is it centered instead of the corner? I have lived in our great state my whole life. If these are the best 6 choices then the commission needs to go back to the drawing board. I took time to look at all the submissions. Surely we can do much better.
11/24/23 21:02	F2100	This is my favorite flag design. It incorporates the North Star and reminds us that Minnesota is largely a state of nature and outdoors.
11/24/23 21:09	F2100	This my favorite design out of the options
11/24/23 21:42	F2100	Use this one but with the start of F1435
11/24/23 21:42	F2100	F2100: the horizon line should be yellow.
11/24/23 21:58	F2100	This is pure silliness. Keep our current flag.
11/24/23 21:59	F2100	F2100: I like this flag best of all. It has a sense of majesty to it that the other five do not have. The curved lines accentuate the movement of the flag as it blows in the wind. It is simple and easy to look at. The star calls us back to our status as the "Star of the North". The blue, white, and red remind us of our lakes, our winters, and our beautiful landscapes. This flag says it all. I recommend that you choose this flag.
11/24/23 23:00	F2100	F2100 Not bad for a safe choice. I like the flowing stripes.
11/24/23 23:23	F2100	This is my favorite of the remaining 6 designs - simple, but memorable. The star remains the focus, but the rolling green provides movement and interest. The palette echos the existing MN branding (explore MN, state tax documents, etc) which further cements t
11/24/23 23:57	F2100	Out of all the flags, I think I would do this one as we are the North Star State. Although I am disappointed that we don't have any Loons (although I understand some of the stuff Minnesota is known for isn't in our southern part, I still think we should include those things because those ARE what we are known for, and isn't the whole point to STAND OUT, and NOT blending in with the other state flags? ðŸ˜˜...)  I also think that the dark Blue should be black to represent the night sky, and the white wavy line turned to light blue. The star should also be a silver or gold to show it's glowing and showing the way North, to home.
11/25/23 3:34	F2100	This is by far the BEST new flag design. I really hope this one gets selected!
11/25/23 5:17	F2100	Simpler is not better. Youâ€™ve managed to narrow it down to bland and more bland. Iâ€™m pretty shocked that these are the finals out of so many cool meaningful designs! This is a contender for the best one because it actually gives us something to look at.
11/25/23 5:40	F2100	This is my second choice. Not the star should be yellow, the white stripe a bit wider and green, and the green portion a medium blue.
11/25/23 6:54	F2100	Very good, very classy
11/25/23 7:20	F2100	Basic & awful just like the rest of finalists. What is this, the 1972 Tupperware design competition?!
11/25/23 7:39	F2100	Clean design, colors represent our natural resources, pleasant and prominent Northstar.may be recognizable as MN
11/25/23 7:43	F2100	It sucks
11/25/23 7:49	F2100	I think all the flags you picked look like something I could do on my computer. They aren't unique, they truly don't represent this state. Go back to the drawing board.
11/25/23 7:56	F2100	This is a very nice design and is in my top two, along with F1953.
11/25/23 7:56	F2100	How does this represent everyone in Minnesota? Too much white and lopsided with the directed wave.
11/25/23 8:06	F2100	Meh itâ€™s fine
11/25/23 8:08	F2100	This is my favorite. Blue for water, green for the trees. And a simple star.
11/25/23 8:24	F2100	Unfortunately none of them represent MN. Out of selection I would pick this one but honestly none of them are outstanding.
11/25/23 8:27	F2100	All flags are horrible..
11/25/23 8:28	F2100	F2100 gives the feeling of the side of a water bottle for a company definitely trying to hide the fact that itâ€™s polluting in our waters. Please donâ€™t choose this one.
11/25/23 8:30	F2100	Would like to see one more color;i.e. the Star yellow or the white ribbon light blue.

11/25/23 8:41	F2100	I like the shape of the star and the pattern of the flag overall. I wish there were maybe something else blue inside the green area. I think of the upper dark blue as sky. And I would like to see some water but overall I like this design.
11/25/23 8:47	F2100	This one is the best!!! Very simple and clean.
11/25/23 8:49	F2100	Won't be able to see it from far away. 5 pointed star works better.
11/25/23 8:49	F2100	F1953 reminds me of the transgender flag instantly.
11/25/23 8:49	F2100	F2100 is the cleanest sharpest looking flag. All others look like barn quilts.
11/25/23 8:54	F2100	F2100 is the cleanest sharpest looking flag. All others look like barn quilts.
11/25/23 8:55	F2100	Oh little town of Bethlehem....
11/25/23 8:56	F2100	I will be embarrassed if any of those are chosen. 80's add for amusement park.one looks like country unknown?
11/25/23 8:57	F2100	Looks like maybe the same person designed most of the "MN" logos in MN DNR and MN DOT. I might be able to live with this one.
11/25/23 9:11	F2100	This is, unfortunately, the best option
11/25/23 9:16	F2100	F2100 is my FOURTH choice. It is simple while also representing Minnesota. The North Star on field of blue (for lakes/sky) and green (for crops/forests). A 5-year-old could recreate this design easily.
11/25/23 9:22	F2100	Perhaps tied for 2nd choice
11/25/23 9:25	F2100	Yes.
11/25/23 9:50	F2100	This is looks like someone with a hangover vomited while drawing it on his computer.
11/25/23 10:05	F2100	This one is fine.  Best of the finalists.
11/25/23 10:16	F2100	I am excited by the flag change and appreciate the work being done! I just want to comment that this flag brings up a religious connotation for me. It looks a lot like a native seen and star. I think it best in a state flag to move away from a religious connection. I think that some of the other designs are a better fit. Thanks for considering.
11/25/23 10:17	F2100	I Like the flow of this flag, the green for how green Mn is. I like the white stripe for the snow;would like an equal light blue stripe for 10000 lakes. Love the star shape on this flag. Good choice.
11/25/23 10:29	F2100	This i think fits the idea that a child should be able to doodle draw the flag and it clearly shows we are the Northstar state.
11/25/23 10:46	F2100	They are all dumb
11/25/23 10:54	F2100	My top pick of the final selections
11/25/23 11:03	F2100	I like this flag the best. It represents the water and prairies as well as the north star. It is simple and straightforward, like most Minnesotans!
11/25/23 11:06	F2100	This is one of my favorites. Polaris with representation of snow and our rolling landscape are perfect for the state.
11/25/23 11:10	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalists. Please pick this one!
11/25/23 11:20	F2100	This is a beautiful design and would get my vote.
11/25/23 11:20	F2100	This design depicts our North Star in the night sky skiing with our abundant green land. It would be my 2nd choice after F944, as it feels least divisive.
11/25/23 11:45	F2100	This flag is the most original finalist that is still easily recognizable as a flag
11/25/23 12:46	F2100	(F2100) This one is simple and nice. I wish the star were a bit differently styled but I think this captures the core of what Minnesota wants to see - a star, blue, green, white. It's nothing clever or unique but it works. I don't dislike it.
11/25/23 13:15	F2100	This looks too much like the Duluth flag.
11/25/23 13:52	F2100	All finalist flags seem generic without really representing any unique qualities, values or parts of MN. Kind of without meaning!
11/25/23 14:03	F2100	I love that this design not only includes our north star, but also the green for our forrests and blue for our lakes
11/25/23 14:15	F2100	Another snowflake and says absolutely nothing. No.

11/25/23 14:20	F2100	A top contender!
11/25/23 14:28	F2100	This is a bland representation of our vast and beautiful state.
11/25/23 14:31	F2100	Not a fan. Get someone involved that has actually been to MN and has a feel for the state. Disappointing overall effort for all designs.
11/25/23 14:45	F2100	Best one
11/25/23 14:48	F2100	I like this one the best and F29 for 2nd!!
11/25/23 15:27	F2100	Other than a star, there is nothing in this flag that says MN.
11/25/23 15:43	F2100	The state of dirty lakes.
11/25/23 16:14	F2100	F2100. In comparison this one is good. I like that the star is toward the top of the flag ("North"). I like that it's not all color blocks, but I do wish it evoked water a little more than it does. Maybe make the white line into a light blue river and you've got a good flag. Probably my top choice.
11/25/23 16:41	F2100	F2100 is ok. Not great, not horrible.
11/25/23 17:19	F2100	This one and 1953 are my favorites as both have a design that unquestionably represents the north star. I like the colors too except this design doesn't have anything that represents our lakes.
11/25/23 17:25	F2100	After posting a picture of the finalists with over 200 people responding, None of these were endorsed by the general public. Beyond that the entirety of the choices were overwhelmingly negative about ANY of the finalists. Please send these back to the drawing boards.
11/25/23 17:52	F2100	Why was this one picked instead of the one that was basically the same but the Troth of the wave lined up with the star and then had to crest making the wave look like an m. This flag should be changed to more look like that one.
11/25/23 18:08	F2100	This is my favorite. Simple yet elegant. Has the North Star, and the layers of blue, white, and green beautifully represent our state.
11/25/23 18:16	F2100	Horrible
11/25/23 19:05	F2100	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on submissions to redesign the Minnesota state flag. Submission F2100 would make a good state flag. If the commission chooses this entry, please consider one revision. I would strongly suggest adding a "swallowtail" style to the end of this flag that would stand out among other state flags. This style would fit the geography of the state in an amazing yet subtle way to say "this is Minnesota".
11/25/23 20:31	F2100	First Choice;should use the center white star from S147 though
11/25/23 20:39	F2100	This is my #1 choice.
11/25/23 20:41	F2100	This is the best one in my opinion. The green / white / blue color scheme is more distinctive than a plain blue background, and the design has a nice balance of simplicity and visual interest. The star should be smaller and maybe moved to the left. The blue could be a touch less dark.
11/25/23 20:44	F2100	Clip art? Ugh. Who designed these? Where are the submissions from Minneapolis's best designers? Little & Co, Sharon Werner, Duffy???
11/25/23 20:44	F2100	Seriously? Embarrassing
11/25/23 20:51	F2100	The design has good color contrast however the star looks like a Christmas star. The logo also reminds me of those that I find on bank statements or credit cards. I understand that some people are still in love with the north star flag but it never really did take off for the whole of Minnesota, some people refer to it as the Metro flag and it does feel like a city flag instead of a state flag which is why I think it was never fully embraced statewide. I think the nostalgia for the north star flag make some people just a stubborn as those who are embracing the state seal flag and it's getting in the way of making a new modernized flag for Minnesota that will stand out and alongside other great state flags. I would rather see the committee ask for more time to do this right then give us a bad flag that will be just as contentious or lacking as the last one.
11/25/23 21:00	F2100	Our choices are all HORRIBLE. We need a need selection committee and start all over again. Bring back the loon!!!!!!!!!!
11/25/23 21:04	F2100	Where is the Minnesota? Very Bland.
11/25/23 21:24	F2100	DESIGN IS FAR INFERIOR TO CURRENT FLAG
11/25/23 22:13	F2100	My favorite.
11/25/23 22:14	F2100	No loon but this is the best of the six designs.
11/25/23 22:14	F2100	This is the one I like
11/25/23 22:19	F2100	This one is my favorite, but the star looks more like the Star of Bethlehem. How about switching to a more simple star?
11/25/23 22:19	F2100	Best
11/25/23 22:31	F2100	None of the flags represent Minnesota. None of the flags represent Agriculture, Industry, state flower and Native Americans, Keep the flag that we have now.

11/25/23 22:33	F2100	Sadly, the finalists all look like postage stamps or pennants flown from a football stadium. Yes, there is a star on each one in some form, but Texas also uses the star motif in bolder colors. Someone from another state would have to know the phrase "the star of the north" refers to Minnesota before recognizing the flag as Minnesota's. Please go back to the drawing board and come up with something classier and uniquely Minnesotan.
11/25/23 22:40	F2100	This is my first choice. I like that it showcases the North Star. The curved white line symbolizes the Mississippi River to me. I would like to see it a light blue vs. white. Or, echo the white line with a light blue line. Green seems to capture the beauty of our parks, farmland, backyards. I like the simplicity of the design.
11/25/23 22:44	F2100	F2100 - This is my first choice. I like that it showcases the North Star. The curved white line symbolizes the Mississippi River to me. I would like to see it a light blue vs. white. Or, echo the white line with a light blue line. Green seems to capture the beauty of our parks, farmland, backyards. I like the simplicity of the design.
11/25/23 23:07	F2100	Most esthetically pleasing
11/25/23 23:26	F2100	The F2100 design is pretty awesome. Kinda wish the star was a tad smaller and the center line was moved up toward the center but that's just a small nitpick
11/25/23 23:33	F2100	My 2nd favorite
11/26/23 0:23	F2100	It's ok, would be much better with the snowflake/north star as the star.
11/26/23 1:00	F2100	F2100 - solid 2nd choice
11/26/23 1:23	F2100	F2100 is the best of the 6 flag finalists but I honestly don't like any of the designs much. I strongly suggest the committee step back and entertain new designs. Blue and green are overused in so many logos today, however, I understand using blue for our many lakes.
		This flag for me has a few minuses to it that I don't think could be reworked for my tastes.  First off, I dislike the inclusion of the wavy white line that stretches from side to side. In a flag that's meant to be flowing in the wind that detail will instantly get lost. Especially since it's asymmetric so it feels off balance, especially with the centered star which gets cramped on the bottom and right of its design because of the wave going upwards which intrudes its spacing.  Speaking of the star, it has multiple issues for me. The star itself is far too big and skinny for the overall flag design. It has its space encroached by the wave which shares the same color as it. This might not be an issue if it was moved to the left and changed to yellow, along with being shrunk down.
11/26/23 2:23	F2100	It has elements of being a good flag but I think it needs a lot of work and even then I can't endorse this as a flag I would want to fly.
11/26/23 3:12	F2100	I like this one! It represents the North star!
11/26/23 6:15	F2100	Best F2100
11/26/23 6:16	F2100	Love F2100
11/26/23 6:36	F2100	Well, here's the final piece of garbage. You people failed the entire state by submitting nothing but a bunch of abstract pieces of junk that doesn't represent the ENTIRE STATE. All you've done is shown trash that appeals to a bunch of progressives in a small part of the state, i.e., Minneapolis/St. Paul. There's a lot of traditional people in this state that HATE what you people represent and your bastardization of our flag is just one more slap in the face. Give our old flag a new look and bring it back fresh and clean. Represent ALL OF US by showing what this state is really like and that we are proud of our rich history and bountiful natural resources.
11/26/23 6:45	F2100	I like this choice with the green and blue resembling the prominent colors of nature in the state with the North star
11/26/23 6:48	F2100	Yep, another one that looks like a corporate logo.
11/26/23 7:03	F2100	Please don't use F944. I know it's going to be a popular pick but it's much too modern and will age very poorly. I think a lot of people would like another round of design ideas, but I like F2100 and F29.
11/26/23 7:08	F2100	This is a stupid concept, leave the state flag alone
11/26/23 8:04	F2100	While listening to the discussion, I swore that including 6 flags was so entry F3 and this one would be looked at in a tandem. This flag's star position and single wave and The North Star Flag colors, which the state started using the same colors in their letterhead and department logos for years now. Then you ruled F3 out because it was too similar to Duluth's new flag was an injustice to what many people assumed would finally be made our state flag. Duluth's Flag was designed in anticipation to it being the new flag and "Good Flag Design" says that it should be similar but distinct to its parent state or nation. The North Star flag has shown it is timeless as it was created 35 years ago was submitted multiple times and has even inspired this flag.



11/26/23 8:14	F2100	This flag is my #1 choice! It is the only flag that would be completely recognizable as the MN State Flag from afar. It represents a river (MN waters), blue skies, green bluffs and forests, and specifically, the North star. The other flag submissions that simply have a flower or a generic star do not do the state justice.
11/26/23 8:31	F2100	I love this one best. It is simple and crisp. The north star is represented, and each band of colors represent 3 things all Minnesotans experience. I see the blue for both the water we have everywhere and also blue skies. I see that band of white as a layer of snow. And I see the green representing how green our state is in the summer. The green could also represent movement toward eco-friendly practices and renewable resources. I really want this one to win.
11/26/23 8:42	F2100	If you put Minnesota - maybe but this doesn't represent Minnesota to me. Think you are using wrong parameters -- why not ask the public if they want any of these and I think you would get a start over response
11/26/23 9:08	F2100	I genuinely believe this is the correct choice for Minnesota of the finalists. It's crisp, it's clean, the top evokes a nighttime winter sky that could represent water, the star takes center stage and fits our state motto. It has a somewhat unique design, well fitting Minnesota. Even the saturation of the colors feels correct - Minnesota is about nature, about flannel colors and dark water and forests.
11/26/23 9:30	F2100	I like is one the best because it at least gives a nod to our long history with agriculture. I do think it's missing a symbol of our Native American population. It wouldn't be too hard to add a symbol to this flag.
11/26/23 9:39	F2100	SEAHAWKS COLORS SEAHAWKS COLORS. Also, the wavy line looks childish. Not my favorite.
11/26/23 9:43	F2100	This is my second choice. However I do not understand the color scheme. I think the green should be light blue to represent our lakes and the thin strip green
11/26/23 9:50	F2100	I like this.
11/26/23 9:52	F2100	I like this.
11/26/23 10:29	F2100	Please no four point "star of Bethlehem" crucifix stars" too many Christian organizations have this same logo, Google it. Please use stars that are already aligned with our government, like the 5 point star of the US flag or the eight point star of the state capitol rotunda. I think you should've put forward the 1989 North Star flag instead of this one. Clearly, the star does not look balanced in the middle. It should be moved to the far left or the far right. Also, the white stripe is just too thin. There's some better examples of how this could work on the Facebook page Minnesotans for Better Flag. Check it out!
11/26/23 10:42	F2100	Like this one best but add a loon!!!!!!!!!!
11/26/23 10:43	F2100	I hate it. The colors are dull, and there is no creativity or images reflecting the people of MN
11/26/23 10:44	F2100	Nice star. Simple design. The curve confers visual interest. Excellent!
11/26/23 10:45	F2100	Not a bad design, however I'm in favor of a left biased flag. Also these colors are reminiscent of political campaign signs I would see started in people's yards.
11/26/23 10:51	F2100	This is my favorite flag submission. It's simple and unique and looks the best of them all to represent all aspects of Minnesota.
11/26/23 10:51	F2100	None of the flag final picks are acceptable. The seal would make a better design. I agree the loon should be featured on a flag representing Minnesota.
11/26/23 10:53	F2100	I like this one for the flag... seems the designs are really simple.
11/26/23 10:53	F2100	No thanks. Too dark. Ugh!
11/26/23 10:58	F2100	I like the simple and straightforward design. The curvy white stripe is a mistake, though. Make it straight. The curvy line is the one feature of the design which will age and eventually make the design look dated.
11/26/23 11:01	F2100	I think this one is my second choice out of the top 5. Simple, timeless.
11/26/23 11:24	F2100	F2100 my favorite
11/26/23 11:36	F2100	Of the finalists, this design and 2100 are my favorites but I think still need further refinement. I like the star and the line evokes a horizon since it is one bottom third and with a star above. This is interesting and reflects the states natural landscape. The dark blue is good but in general green is difficult for flags. The line should be straight and not wavy. Wavy lines do not work well on flags. This is a good example of where following the principles of vexillology are not enough. Simple geometric designs are not rich and deep enough for a state flag. Figurative designs and details are needed to elevate the design. These look like a country flag. A state flag can have more liberty to reflect the state's character.
11/26/23 12:04	F2100	I like this design as my second choice. Many of the others look very quilt pattern like or Scandinavian.
11/26/23 12:14	F2100	My unofficial poll from Nextdoor that contained 140ish votes, this one got 32

11/26/23 12:20	F2100	This is almost perfect, but loses points for non-symmetry.
11/26/23 12:45	F2100	This is boring compared to others.
11/26/23 13:43	F2100	I like this option. I like the color combination. I like the north star. I like the wave of white which makes me think of water and wave.
11/26/23 13:55	F2100	F1953 is my wife's favorite. F2100 is my favorite. The other designs do not look as professional or flag like.
11/26/23 14:02	F2100	The North Star on F844 looks like an eye that's staring at me ominously. F1154 looks like a sports pennant not a state flag. I personally like f2100 best
11/26/23 14:16	F2100	My second choice behind F944.
11/26/23 14:44	F2100	I believe this is the only design of the six finalists worth considering. It follows the basics of good flag (which the commission seems to have inexplicably ignored in many cases). It's simple, attractive, will be easily recognizable at a distance, and gives a sense of Minnesota and the North. This is the one.
11/26/23 15:05	F2100	This one I think is the second best of the final 6. Has a simple and clean color scheme. Main issue is that the north star seems to be too big. might be because the arms of the star are too thin which seems to make it seem more like the star of Bethlehem, and not the North Star. Maybe just thickening the arms a bit, and making the shorter arms a little bit shorter would be better. Also, I think the white line would be better as just flat going across. this would give the star more breathing room, and would probably make it so I don't think of the Pepsi logo when I see this.
11/26/23 15:56	F2100	Reminds me too much of the MN State Colleges and Universities logo. Also feels like a pretty clear rip-off of the "North Star Flag". Diversity and inclusion concerns may become present about it being too similar to what is commonly considered the "Christian Star"
11/26/23 17:08	F2100	This is my #1 choice for the new flag. It is simple, clear to understand and it is unique enough where it won't look like too many other flags out there. It has clean minimalistic imagery that represents the state - the North Star, blue for lakes/sky but includes green for the land/prairie/farmland of MN. I really like this design a LOT and it doesn't look stupid like a quilt square.
11/26/23 17:41	F2100	This design is the nicest one.
11/26/23 18:10	F2100	The design of F2100 is very good. I would love this as our new MN flag. It is a simple design with colors and shapes that are easy to understand and stands out as unique to MN. Such a great flag!
11/26/23 18:40	F2100	Like the depiction of the North Star & water which represent our state.
11/26/23 18:44	F2100	This is the best of the six.
11/26/23 18:58	F2100	I love the flowiness of this design and the representation of land, water and sky
11/26/23 19:44	F2100	The design is simplistic and too abstract, and the colors are very mid 70s. This would be a step down from the current flag.
11/26/23 20:08	F2100	This design is the best on the eyes. It's simple and allows the eyes to rest without unnecessary symbols and shapes or being too busy.
11/26/23 21:58	F2100	Ugly
11/26/23 22:31	F2100	This is easily my favorite of the 6 proposed designs; whilst all of them are a significant improvement I believe this one to be the strongest due to its simplicity, resemblance to the North Star flag design, and its striking color palette.
11/26/23 22:51	F2100	I do not support this flag. This design looks like a Christmas star and the religious nature of its look will potentially be divisive.
11/26/23 23:16	F2100	I like the simplicity of this design that includes the North Star, green for earth and blue for water. It is modern yet timeless.
11/26/23 23:36	F2100	F2100. This could work but is too plain and too reminiscent of state governmental department logos as-is. To work, change the white wave to light blue which would then read as "river". Or, just have the green section meet the dark blue section directly. Also, the star is slightly too big and needs more space between it and the "ground". Better yet, change the white star to gold.
11/27/23 1:33	F2100	i have a flag design for you to consider. It is located on group: MN for a better flag on Facebook or under Kare11. It is a flag similar in design to our Canadian friends to the north and their love for nature in the form of a maple leaf. Blue White Blue flag with a north star in blue on the white background. And the flag is blue symbolizing MN as Clear Blue Waters and the white is like when there is a full moon in the night sky and how it shines a white path across the waters at night. I took a state park picture that is similar to this flag. Thanks. Andrea
11/27/23 5:04	F2100	Absolutely horrible
11/27/23 6:27	F2100	This is my favorite
11/27/23 8:14	F2100	Looks like Star of David
11/27/23 8:37	F2100	This doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. It looks like it belongs in another country.

11/27/23 9:24	F2100	This flag has the most potential of all the flags, as it's the closest to the North Star Flag. The North Star Flag is the one that inspired this whole process and has been in use among Minnesotans for many decades. It's even been adapted and adopted by multiple Minnesota sports teams' fanbases. All the designs clearly have roots in the North Star Flag, so it makes sense to me to tweak this flag and make it the North Star Flag. A good compromise design or adaptation would be to adopt the 8-pointed quilt star from the other finalists, put in the top of this flag, and make the wave symmetrical.
11/27/23 9:30	F2100	Garbage design
11/27/23 9:31	F2100	1989 North Star flag should be the state flag
11/27/23 9:33	F2100	1989 North Star flag should be the state flag
11/27/23 9:33	F2100	1989 North Star flag deserves to be the state flag
11/27/23 9:58	F2100	This is the best option. I like that it includes a star and the blue field reminds me of the lakes of our great state. That being said, the flag commission should go back to the drawing board, as the state flag should include a loon. The seals have great ideas about how to incorporate one and it's shameful that none of the flag finalists include a loon. I would not select any of these finalists.
11/27/23 10:02	F2100	Keep the old flag, all these suck
11/27/23 10:03	F2100	This one is the least offensive
11/27/23 10:07	F2100	This is the 2nd best one.
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11/27/23 10:10	F2100	This one is my favorite of the 6. It incorporates the essential blue and green colors, has a little movement and incorporates a star.
11/27/23 10:11	F2100	I like this MN flag, same as the state seal I voted for, this flag is easy to remember, easy for children to recognize and to draw
11/27/23 10:12	F2100	Simple and elegant. Blue for the waters and sky, green for the grasslands and trees. With the North Star centered and bold. This one is the Star of the North.
11/27/23 10:12	F2100	This design makes little sense to me. Without green and blue, it does not feel like Minnesota. F2100 I like very much. Flowing north star, green and blue. Perfect.
11/27/23 10:14	F2100	This would look be improved if the star was yellow.
11/27/23 10:15	F2100	If we can't have Loons, because they offend southern Minnesotans, then stick with only the North Star, it is far more understandable than the others, and stands for something majestic. One of the final 6 is basically the Texas flag in different colors, disgusting. In my opinion, the others are confusing trying to represent too much and will certainly offend someone in some way in the future.
11/27/23 10:15	F2100	Like the other designs it is bland, benign, uninspired, and lacks any identity to anything. It is simple. Simply terrible.
11/27/23 10:16	F2100	Better, but still too plain and simple. No creativity. The original had to change, but could have saved/improved non-offensive parts of design.
11/27/23 10:18	F2100	This one is the best.
11/27/23 10:20	F2100	This would be better with the white stripe made light blue and the star yellow.
11/27/23 10:20	F2100	This one doesn't do it either. A bit softer option, but hard to connect to Minnesota. Bring back one with lakeshore.
11/27/23 10:21	F2100	Elegant and clean. This is my preferred design.
11/27/23 10:22	F2100	This design shows the "North Star" and to me the blue represents water and the green represents our lush farm fields in summer. This design should stand the test of time well. PLEASE DO NOT PICK A DESIGN WITH A SNOW FLAKE. "Snowflake" is a derogatory term used to describe weak people. Minnesota should not be waving a snowflake!
11/27/23 10:23	F2100	I like this flag's basic/easy design - except for the wavy nature of the lines (I understand what they invoke, just not sure how that would like on a waving flag); I like the colors (only using 3); afraid this may become "dated" a little quicker than F29. F29 is my winner.
11/27/23 10:25	F2100	this is beautifully simple
11/27/23 10:25	F2100	This is probably the best of the selected group but isn't nearly as bold and strong as the original North Star Flag. Make the star bigger, make it gold and an actual star instead of a snowflake star, and move it to the left, and make the white stripe thicker and you'd almost have it. Oh wait, the North Star Flag already does that! :-)
11/27/23 10:27	F2100	I do not like submissions that took the north star so literal and plastered large over the flag. The north star is suppose to be a reminder, not some end all be all guiding light. It is a tool and tools are useful in that they also stay out of your way. Also MN is the intersection of three ecoregions: grassland prairie, temperate deciduous forests, and coniferous forests. It is unique in this and every flag submission seems to put an emphasis on water and conifers which is not a real representation of the land and the people that inhabit it.
11/27/23 10:30	F2100	Best of a meh bunch.
11/27/23 10:30	F2100	I think all of the "stars" look like a Christmas star! But I like this flag the best of any offered.
11/27/23 10:35	F2100	This is the best of the 6. If the blue represents water and the green represents forests, I feel like the two colors should be flipped.

11/27/23 10:35	F2100	No. 1 on my list because it's closest to F3. I would use gold for the star. The white bar gives you a sense of a wave of water or snow. The blue is too dark for my taste - something closer to a sky blue.
11/27/23 10:36	F2100	This is my choice for a replacement state flag.
11/27/23 10:38	F2100	This is an OK looking flag and a play on the "North Star" flag. I strongly prefer the North Star flag to any of these options.
11/27/23 10:42	F2100	My favorite
11/27/23 10:45	F2100	Blue skies, green trees, white rivers.
11/27/23 10:46	F2100	Best of the lot. Not crazy about any of them.
11/27/23 10:47	F2100	My favorite
11/27/23 10:53	F2100	This F2100 is second only to F944 in its overall design. I find it to be too simple though and lacking much symbolism.
11/27/23 10:53	F2100	I like the timeless simplicity of this design, and the focus on the north star.
11/27/23 10:57	F2100	What the hell is this? Weak, where is the state? Where did the star come from it looks bad on the twins uniform and looks bad here. None of these make you think of Minnesota. All of your finalist look like they came from the same person. Start over.
		This flag bears a strong resemblance to one I created and posted 8 years ago to the Vexillology forum on Reddit. I believe my original is a much more visually appealing version and request that you would consider it in place of or as a revision to this one.  See design here: <a href="https://i.imgur.com/3FLd3T4.png">https://i.imgur.com/3FLd3T4.png</a>  Original post: <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/3m5wyw/more_twin_cities_redesigns/">https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/3m5wyw/more_twin_cities_redesigns/</a> Gallery of other variations on a North Star design
11/27/23 10:58	F2100	
11/27/23 10:59	F2100	This is my favorite
11/27/23 11:01	F2100	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:01	F2100	What is the symbolism.. we have loons, lakes, walleye, the mouth of the Mississippi. Sterile and what do the colors represent? ugly
11/27/23 11:01	F2100	I'm going to make the same comment on all of them. They are dull, boring and uninspiring.
11/27/23 11:05	F2100	This should be the flag, however I really think the loon should be included.
11/27/23 11:07	F2100	This is the one that I would say is the 2nd best
11/27/23 11:07	F2100	Add a loon.
11/27/23 11:08	F2100	this one
11/27/23 11:13	F2100	This looks too much like the city of Duluth's flag. The star is of a similar shape, and the general design looks a lot like what Duluth has with their flag. Had the state beat Duluth to the punch I'd rate this one higher.
		F2100 is the second-worst in my opinion, out of all the options...the wavy line isn't bad as it is done simply but it wouldn't read as such on a moving or wind-down flag. The star is generic and boring again -- it would be improved by a Dakota star or the F29 star for sure. It honestly feels more like a municipality logo for web than like a flag for a full state?
11/27/23 11:14	F2100	I'm also a little indifferent about using a nod to the North Star flag at all --especially given that Duluth has adopted a version.
11/27/23 11:14	F2100	This is a nice option - my second favorite. It is simple and beautiful, yet unique.
11/27/23 11:15	F2100	Simple, no snow which is good. Does not reference MN however, but it is a good design.
11/27/23 11:17	F2100	This is my favorite option. Simple, yet sophisticated!
11/27/23 11:18	F2100	It's a good design for a bank. We don't want to look like we're a bank, do we?
11/27/23 11:18	F2100	another total embarrassment to Minnesota. How does this remotely reflect Minnesota? This isn't needed and every submission for a flag looks like they were done by an elementary school art class.
11/27/23 11:19	F2100	Second best. If the star was completely different it would look good. That star looks like the star of Bethlehem from the old cartoon movies.

11/27/23 11:23	F2100	Again, this looks like something you'd see outside of a library, not above a state capital. Too boring, and doesn't represent Minnesota. None of these flags represent the meaning of name Minnesota means sky-tinted water  Nor the Minnesota's official state motto is Land of 10,000 Lakes;and the North Star State. "L'etoile du Nord" (translated "star of the north")  You can divide Minnesota into 3 areas the farmer fields of the southern part, the forest and lakes of northern part and the prairie area of the western part. Whereâ€™s that representation?  Not to mention the most significant body of water in the state, the birth of the Mississippi river.
11/27/23 11:28	F2100	REOPEN THE FLAG DESIGNS TO MEET THESE MEANING OF MINNESOTA.
11/27/23 11:28	F2100	Best of the group! It will be very recognizable as the Minnesota state flag even from a distance. Simple, beautiful and uncluttered design includes the North Star and three colors: green ground for agriculture and forests;curved white line for rivers and snow and rolling landscape, and the white North Star;and blue for lakes and rivers and best background for the North Star.
11/27/23 11:29	F2100	This one with F29's star, please.
11/27/23 11:29	F2100	Do I detect a trend here? Stencils? Really? At least there is a curvy line in this one. Is that supposed to represent our 1000 lakes? Lame
11/27/23 11:31	F2100	This would be the best choice, with some revisions. Please consider the flag experts advice including â€œthe test of timeâ€, colors, and meaning. Thanks for all the time and effort this committee is committing to this process!
11/27/23 11:37	F2100	Over all, I think all of them are too dark and subdued Those attempting to combine a snowflake and the north star, they look like whirligigs And, by the way, a snowflake has six points,not.eight. Of these six selected designs, I like this one the best(F2100). Maybe the rejected designs should be reconsidered..Thanks for letting me comment.
11/27/23 11:38	F2100	I really like this one.
11/27/23 11:38	F2100	The least objectionable
11/27/23 11:39	F2100	A flag doesn't need curves on it since the wind will create its own curves.
11/27/23 11:41	F2100	Why not just opt for the "North Star" design? Because whoever designed F2100 looks like they attempted to plagiarize the "North Star" design.
11/27/23 11:42	F2100	JUNK - DESIGNED BY AI?
11/27/23 11:43	F2100	I like the star, blue for water, green for forests and fields. This is the best out of the 6 selections.
11/27/23 11:47	F2100	1st choice unless the yellow star on 2nd flag listed were changed from yellow to white.
11/27/23 11:47	F2100	This design is disappointing.It doesn't scream Minnesota.
11/27/23 11:51	F2100	A bit minimalist.
11/27/23 11:51	F2100	The star looks too much like the star of Bethlehem over the manger.
11/27/23 11:52	F2100	Most of the options seem too stylized and sharp. None were in my original favorites, but this one at least has some rounded figures (water), more inclusive symbols, and the star doesn't make me think of Russia.
11/27/23 11:54	F2100	Ugly
11/27/23 11:57	F2100	Horrible , childlike
11/27/23 11:59	F2100	Only slightly better. Seems like a 'pop culture fad' design. Go back to original and stop wasting our money.
11/27/23 12:02	F2100	My favorite!
11/27/23 12:04	F2100	This is the one! Simple, beautiful, meaningful!
11/27/23 12:07	F2100	Pick this one! Itâ€™s simple and conveys Minnesota perfectly.
11/27/23 12:07	F2100	The best of the options presented in the finals.
11/27/23 12:10	F2100	I think a 5 pointed star instead to stand for being a state in the union.
11/27/23 12:10	F2100	Generic, says NOTHING about Minnesota, far too abstract to reference the "star of the north," Bad Choice!!

11/27/23 12:11	F2100	This is the second least objectionable of your choices. Your choices are awful.
11/27/23 12:13	F2100	This is my favorite
11/27/23 12:14	F2100	While better than most, this design looks dated. I don't get "Minnesota" out of this, especially since Minnesota is tied for 4th flattest state in the union. Also, this looks Christian, it's too similar to the "star of Bethlehem" to be a good flag for a secular institution.
11/27/23 12:16	F2100	I like this flag the best - it incorporates the Mississippi which I think is important
11/27/23 12:16	F2100	Does not represent Minnesota. I do not like it. They can do better. There are a lot of things that can be used to represent Minnesota. Looks like a foreign flag to me.
11/27/23 12:17	F2100	I feel strongly that this design lacks character. It resembles a bank logo.
11/27/23 12:18	F2100	F2100: Not a fan of the curvy line. Feels like the swoosh design trend of a decade or two ago.
11/27/23 12:19	F2100	The star is ok, but the rest is so, so dull. Reminds me of the Windows meadow.
11/27/23 12:19	F2100	Sadly I do not like any of the designs picked.You have gone from detail to blah. None of them represent our state.
11/27/23 12:19	F2100	This is similar to #1953. However I prefer the color balance of #1953.The curve could be adapted into #1953 nicely. Mainly I don't like the white area. It is not clear what that is. It represents sky, fields, North Star in the sky but a white curve does not suggest water. These #1953 and #2100 best speak to all ages as it reflects MN nature for all cultures and will stand the test of time. They are simple but do not appear digitalized or too abstract.
11/27/23 12:19	F2100	it means NOTHING! doesn't represent anything about Minnesota!
11/27/23 12:20	F2100	Not bad/Good design
11/27/23 12:21	F2100	Offensive and meaningless. Try adding a hammer and sickle.
11/27/23 12:22	F2100	I like the star on F29, but perhaps it can be incorporated in 1953 or 2100, otherwise I like 1953 and 2100
11/27/23 12:23	F2100	Probably the best of the lot, but not very inspiring.
11/27/23 12:23	F2100	This is a terrible design that does not represent the State of Minnesota. Better of the group, but has no obvious meaning. If you saw it hanging on a pole you'd have no idea of the symbolism
11/27/23 12:23	F2100	This is the best design. It is simple, colorful, and smooth. Pleasant to look at.
11/27/23 12:25	F2100	This simplistic version of the North Star flag make me wish the other one made it into the finals. The Star being top center makes for a horrible design when the flag is displayed vertically. The Star looks more like the star of Bethlehem rather than the North Star it would definitely need to be redone.
11/27/23 12:26	F2100	Yes
11/27/23 12:26	F2100	This is terrible. They are all just bad.
11/27/23 12:27	F2100	This is tacky and amateurish. It's the Boaty McBoatface of flags.
11/27/23 12:29	F2100	if you let me do ranked choice voting this would be my number 2
11/27/23 12:32	F2100	Start over, for god's sake.
11/27/23 12:35	F2100	This is the most dignified version out of the five. The others look cheesy.
11/27/23 12:36	F2100	Perfect. No religious or cultural associations, just representative of our state. The North Star State. And the slight wave at the bottom makes me think of the Mississippi River.
11/27/23 12:39	F2100	North Star along with the green of our forests and importance of nature here and the blue of our waters. This is my second choice
11/27/23 12:39	F2100	A color besides green would benefit this flag greatly!
11/27/23 12:39	F2100	#1 favorite
11/27/23 12:41	F2100	This one was my favorite-a good representation of minnedota
11/27/23 12:42	F2100	Isn't F2100 basically the duluth flag?
11/27/23 12:44	F2100	Not one flag is ok
11/27/23 12:46	F2100	Star kind of equals minnesota. Rest to me is just stylistic blah. Boring. Corporate feel.
11/27/23 12:46	F2100	I love this one. We are know for our likes so let's show it on our flag.
11/27/23 12:47	F2100	Sadly, I find this the most tolerable. Was this a contest for public school graphic arts students? Try using one the state seals. At least they better represent our state.

11/27/23 12:47	F2100	This has to be the only one that looks even remotely respectable.
11/27/23 12:48	F2100	I suggest you start over. There is nothing about any of the choices that represent Minnesota! Who appointed this commission?
11/27/23 12:51	F2100	Generally, this is the design I like the best. A couple of improvements would include incorporating a star design like that in entry F29 and vary the width of the white line slightly as it undulates from left to right (slightly wider on the left and thinner on the right).
11/27/23 12:51	F2100	No. Just No. Fire everyone on this Flag committee. You all have no idea what your doing.
11/27/23 12:51	F2100	No way, what does this show? Is this a new Christmas Seal?
11/27/23 12:51	F2100	Elegant design
11/27/23 12:51	F2100	NO, it says nothing about our state. What is with just geometric designs. They say nothing!!
11/27/23 12:52	F2100	I like a lot. None of the flags have the loon in them.
11/27/23 12:53	F2100	My favorite
11/27/23 12:53	F2100	<p>F29: I like this one. North star and snow are definitely MN descriptors. Yellow star with white snowflake makes me think of yellow snow which isn't great. I do wish it was a little more lively too. Kinda looks like clip art a bit.</p> <p>F944: This one is nice too. The swoops are water, air, land, sky, aurora, loons, trying to be a lot of things. Either give the loons some eyes or change the shape so its more solidly not representing an animal along with everything else. Maybe make the white green for land or multicolored for aurora?</p> <p>F1154: I don't like this one at all. I think its just too many shapes all at once.</p> <p>F1435: Is it a yellow snowflake over green flowers or a weird yellow sun over green flowers? rice plants? If its a sun, make it a circle. if it's a snowflake make it white. If the green part is a flower give it a second color for the bloom. if it is rice clean up the design and make it beige.</p> <p>F1953: I like it. No notes except the light blue color could be tweaked a shade or two.</p>
11/27/23 12:53	F2100	F2100: I like this one, wish the star was more like the one in F1953 though.
11/27/23 12:54	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalist designs. It is simple, elegant, and I believe visually represents the state well. Additionally, it is recognizable from a distance and can be drawn from memory, even by a child. One other consideration is that this design should be easier to produce on a large scale with more readily available fabrics. Some of the other finalists which would require silk printing, thus increasing overall costs.
11/27/23 12:56	F2100	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:57	F2100	No to any flag with a star that also looks like a cross, which is a beacon to the christofascist thugs we don't need.
11/27/23 12:57	F2100	I find this, and the other flag finalists so boring!
11/27/23 12:57	F2100	Three Rivers District needed more flags or symbols I see. Not the worst 1 of the bunch but definitely worse than many that were cut.
11/27/23 13:00	F2100	Back to the drawing board
11/27/23 13:00	F2100	This flag design looks very similar to the Duluth city flag. It almost looks like a Christmas card. It's just missing the little town of Bethlehem! The white stripe is too narrow. The star could be moved to the left closer to the canton. If this is a lapel pin the star would look like an asterisk. I give this flag a grade "B-".
11/27/23 13:02	F2100	When I look at this, I don't see or think Minnesota at all. Nothing that clearly represents us and our unique culture; things that make us Minnesotans that we are so proud of!
11/27/23 13:02	F2100	I like this one best!
11/27/23 13:02	F2100	best of truly boring bunch
11/27/23 13:03	F2100	I think this is the cleanest design - and though I like the idea of incorporating a snowflake, I find those designs a bit busy and believe this could represent both the North Star and a snowflake. I think the rolling wave represents the 10,000 (+) lakes our rivers and the green our fertile grounds and wilderness.
11/27/23 13:05	F2100	I believe that F2100 is the best design for the state flag. The colors are perfect, green forests and blue waters. The star is also perfect because it can do double duty as a snowflake.

11/27/23 13:07	F2100	The 6 final flag designs are ALL horrible!
11/27/23 13:08	F2100	My first favorite F2100. Second favorite F29.
11/27/23 13:08	F2100	I LOVE THIS.
11/27/23 13:08	F2100	This one looks like a credit union logo;sloppy work and not worthy of being our flag
11/27/23 13:09	F2100	Remove the star and place seal S224 on this flag for our new state flag.
11/27/23 13:12	F2100	Needs more notable Minnesota reference i.e. State Outline, Loon, etc.
11/27/23 13:12	F2100	None of them. Are you Serious?
11/27/23 13:12	F2100	This is the best one from the final selection IMO.
11/27/23 13:13	F2100	What exactly is this supposed to represent ? If our current flag does not represent Minnesota what pray tell does tnis represent ? Samolia.
11/27/23 13:14	F2100	I like this one best. I think it should have LeToile du Nord on it though.
11/27/23 13:14	F2100	My THIRD choice. It's inoffensive but identifiable enough. Great as a patch or button in merchandise. Can work well in clothing.
11/27/23 13:15	F2100	This one looks very much like the City of Duluth flag.
11/27/23 13:16	F2100	This one is ok, and I could live with it. I like the colors, but I strongly prefer the one with the river and northern lights (F944?)
11/27/23 13:17	F2100	Canâ€™t believe the level of entries! Disappointing!
11/27/23 13:18	F2100	I couldn't find the reasons why the designers chose the colors they did. The only suggestion I would like to make is that the thinner white line be changed to a lighter blue to represent our water. That way, green (for our land), lighter blue (all of our bodies of water), and the darker blue (our night sky) would be represented. I love the proportions and "flow" of the colors. Also, our "Star of the North" being a bit larger/stands out against the "night sky" background. In my opinion, that actually catches your attention first and establishes that this flag represents Minnesota/the literal L'etoile du Nord.
11/27/23 13:18	F2100	This is my favorite because It shows movement, has the central star and basic colors. Think it will look beautiful on a flagpole flapping in the wind.
11/27/23 13:18	F2100	This isnâ€™t bad but needs something more maybe a loon
11/27/23 13:21	F2100	2100: Sort of just a more boring version of the North Star flag? Which wasn't even a finalist? I prefer the North Star flag to this one, especially because of its prominent history!
11/27/23 13:21	F2100	Best looking star of them all
11/27/23 13:21	F2100	Middle East? Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L.!
11/27/23 13:24	F2100	This my favorite. Like the design, basic colors, shows movement. Think it will look great flapping in the wind.
11/27/23 13:24	F2100	Saufi Araiba. Whk are these people? NOT from Minnesota for sure. Boy if our vurrent design does mot follow/ comply with the rules of "flag desing :what does this one do?. L.O.L.!
11/27/23 13:25	F2100	The three bands of color are arranged in a fairly traditional way for a flag, but also show the seasons (green with white cover) and rhe deep blue sets off the star, while also harkening back to the deep blue color in the old flag.
11/27/23 13:28	F2100	North Star and grass and water. Uninspiring. Bland. Incomplete. Unrepresentative of the 7 distinct ecosystem regions existing in Minnesota. As some as you try to represent the land, you will risk offending someone. This is about as boring of an attempt to do so as possible.
11/27/23 13:29	F2100	This flag very closely resembles the Duluth City Flag.
11/27/23 13:31	F2100	Design has nothing to do with MN - What is it even supposed to be? All designs are extremely ugly
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11/27/23 13:31	F2100	This is the winner!  Was not a fan of any of the other finalists.
11/27/23 13:31	F2100	This matches our current branding which is simple, appealing and soft on the eyes, and timeless.
11/27/23 13:33	F2100	Yes on F2100



11/27/23 13:36	F2100	As a life long over 50 Minnesotan, i have to say i HATE the 6 new choices for our new flag design. They are not only unattractive but they DO NOT represent Minnesota in any way. I love the loon seal among the finalists for that. But really disgusting choices for the flag.
11/27/23 13:37	F2100	I like this one- it's classy, simple, and the colors are good. And it doesn't look quite so much like a Microsoft Paint creation which is huge
11/27/23 13:39	F2100	My top choice! I really like the simplicity - how it conveys the north star, green for agriculture / forests, the white line with blue above communicates lakes (afterall - aren't we the land of 10,000 lakes?!) )
11/27/23 13:39	F2100	Extra crappy!
11/27/23 13:40	F2100	Simple and well balanced.
11/27/23 13:41	F2100	This is similar to #1953. However I prefer the color balance of #1953. The curve could be adapted into #1953 nicely. Mainly I don't like the white area. It is not clear what that is. It represents sky, fields, North Star in the sky but a white curve does not suggest water. These #1953 and #2100 best speak to all ages as it reflects MN nature for all cultures and will stand the test of time. They are simple but do not appear digitalized or too abstract.
11/27/23 13:41	F2100	This looks like it's essentially a Christmas themed flag with the Star of Bethlehem. Not a great flag for Minnesota.
11/27/23 13:43	F2100	This is hideous and looks like it belongs to religious cult group
11/27/23 13:43	F2100	Like all the six finalists this design is dull and uninspiring. It does not indicate what state it represents.
11/27/23 13:44	F2100	Colorful and I like the North Star.
11/27/23 13:48	F2100	This just seems like the worse version of F1953. It's OK, but I dislike the curved green / blue divide.
11/27/23 13:49	F2100	Nice colors and simple
11/27/23 13:49	F2100	This is my second favorite
11/27/23 13:49	F2100	This is the best traditional flag look with good symbolism and great impact due to its simplicity.
11/27/23 13:50	F2100	Boring. Not as bad as the quilt looking one, but not good either.
11/27/23 13:51	F2100	Pretty good, the colors all work well together and the whole thing is well balanced and evokes a gentle rolling hill with the night sky above and the north star featured prominently. It's a bit basic, but that's not exactly a bad thing.
11/27/23 13:51	F2100	This one is okay, too, after F29.
11/27/23 13:53	F2100	F2100 is another great submission. Much like F1953, it is simple enough to reproduce at any size without being boring. The wavy line adds a distinctive element that is rarely seen but works well on a flag as well as clearly representing the waters of Minnesota.
11/27/23 13:53	F2100	Very boring. Nothing to do with Minnesota at all. Very very dull. Where are the flags that show what Minnesota is???? Lakes, loons, hockey even. All these are just generic. The colors look like a Ukraine Flag.
11/27/23 13:54	F2100	2nd favorite, but that doesn't mean I like it. All of these have swung the pendulum too far from too complex, to too simple.
11/27/23 13:55	F2100	Like the simplicity of this.
11/27/23 13:57	F2100	This is the BEST of the group. looks like a flag for a state
11/27/23 13:58	F2100	F2100 If I had to pick one of the six finalists, I would pick this one.
11/27/23 13:58	F2100	This one also is uncreative compared to so many others that were not chosen. At least the star is white and not yellow, and there is a sky and (land?) I can't tell if the lower greenish section is supposed to be depicting land or sea- (water) I say sea because I think of MN (water) lakes as blue. Or is it meant to depict green grass?
11/27/23 13:59	F2100	This is my favorite!
11/27/23 14:00	F2100	Simple and elegant
11/27/23 14:00	F2100	This would be my second choice, I don't understand the significance of the white stripe separating the blue and green. The North Star seems to work as a symbol, and blue and green for water and forests. None of the designs really symbolize the state as a whole.
11/27/23 14:01	F2100	This is my favorite of the 6. Changes I recommend would be moving the star to the canton of the flag and perhaps thickening the white line. If these changes were made, this would be a flag I would fly with pride.
11/27/23 14:02	F2100	This is the Seattle Mariners logo.
11/27/23 14:03	F2100	This is my choice for the new Minnesota flag.

11/27/23 14:07	F2100	Hate it! What happened to a flag with the state seal?
11/27/23 14:08	F2100	North Star with a couple wavy lines. The selection commission apparently decided the only universal symbol in Minnesota is the North Star. They made a lot of noise about representing all areas of the state but have reduced that to mean the least common denominator that being the north star.
11/27/23 14:09	F2100	Awesome design, good color combination. My first choice.
11/27/23 14:09	F2100	This one is the best looking flag of the group. The perfect state flag would be this one but the star being replaces by F29s star!
11/27/23 14:13	F2100	needs to have a loon or single color background and too similar to other redsigns that have been submitted
11/27/23 14:13	F2100	F2100 is my pick because it encompasses the North Star, the green of our agriculture and the blue of our beautiful lakes, rivers and streams along with the big blue sky we all enjoy.
11/27/23 14:13	F2100	this one!
11/27/23 14:14	F2100	this should just be the North Star Flag which has a longer history of community support, since this flag takes the same elements. There is value to incorporating that past support. This flag should be swapped for the North Star flag
11/27/23 14:14	F2100	I don't care for this but, of all of them I could stomach it.
		The North Star in the dark blue sky, the green open spaces, and the Mississippi River are all represented in this flag.
		This design is my pick for the new MN State flag.
11/27/23 14:15	F2100	Still, the 1 single star is more 'lone star state' than having a large/bright north star among a few other stars.
11/27/23 14:15	F2100	Horrible design! what does this have to do with Minnesota? Nothing special or unique about it. Doesn't represent our state, the northwoods, or the anything in the Great Lakes region.
11/27/23 14:15	F2100	Where are the symbols we are familiar with? I can't get behind this. This one is pretty bad.
11/27/23 14:17	F2100	It's ok, but I'm still not liking it.
11/27/23 14:19	F2100	Something wrong with the old flag?This has no tradition and no meaning at all. Looks like something out of Europe. Total lack of any character.
11/27/23 14:20	F2100	This looks like a foreign county flag
11/27/23 14:21	F2100	This is by far the best one. It speaks to Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:21	F2100	Amateurish and conveys no meaning. Put the new seal on a blue background and be done.
11/27/23 14:22	F2100	F2100 is a solid design and the colors are appealing. It may be a little too similar to the Farmland logo, but that seems like a minor problem.
11/27/23 14:24	F2100	This my favorite design of the final flag designs. I like the simplicity, the colors, the style of the star, and the wave across the middle that hints of water. I think the color of that wave should be a light blue to better signify water, but I like it as is too.
11/27/23 14:24	F2100	Still a big NO.
11/27/23 14:24	F2100	This looks like a foreign country
11/27/23 14:26	F2100	I LOVE this flag and i sincerely hope it's the chosen one -- none of my business really since I live in Massachusetts (another state with a hopelessly outdated flag). I commend Minnesota's courage and persistence in going through this process. I look forward to seeing the result.
11/27/23 14:26	F2100	I like the simplicity of this entry. To me the blue represents our lakes, the white line our cold winters, the green as our parks and forests and the star as the North star. That's my Minnesota!
11/27/23 14:26	F2100	Not interesting.
11/27/23 14:29	F2100	I like the north star, but I don't love the colors and the whole design is slightly boring.
11/27/23 14:30	F2100	The representation of land, water, and the North Star is quintessential Minnesota.
11/27/23 14:30	F2100	2nd favorite of the entries
11/27/23 14:31	F2100	This is a very attractive, simple design with meaningful symbolism. I would recommend changing the color of the star to yellow or gold to make the flag more identifiable at a distance. Some tweaking of the blue and green is probably needed to provide visual contrast, but the blue should remain a dark blue since the North Star is seen in the night sky.
11/27/23 14:33	F2100	None of the submissions are worthy to become our state flag, but this is my selection for first choice.
11/27/23 14:34	F2100	This one is my family's favorite. Plus, when my son is older, it'll be really easy for him to draw.
11/27/23 14:35	F2100	Not bad

11/27/23 14:37	F2100	Shouldn't the flag represent the State and not some cult like symbol? I am offended by all of the designs
11/27/23 14:39	F2100	Please consider mocking up an alternative version of this flag submission with the star moved to the left (with center point of the star aligned with the lowest point of the valley).
11/27/23 14:41	F2100	Interesting but a little boring. At least it has curves and the star is interesting without being a snowflake.
11/27/23 14:42	F2100	This is my second favorite. I would like it better if the North Star/Snowflake (F29) were on this flag.
11/27/23 14:43	F2100	This is a terrible design, keep what we have
11/27/23 14:44	F2100	I actually do not like any of the flag designs. They all look like something done on Canva. I do not understand why we are spending all this time on changing our flag when there are so many more important issues to take care of. The flag we have speaks of our history, where we've been. Right or wrong, good or bad, it's where we started. We can't erase our history.
11/27/23 14:45	F2100	This is my favorite. It is the only one with white for snow and green for the forests. And the wavy line suggests snow over forested land, so it is the clearest indication of snow and forests among the finalists. Water, of course, is the other defining feature of Minnesota, and this does a decent job of suggesting the water with the blue at the top of the flag, although I might prefer a clearer evocation of water.
11/27/23 14:47	F2100	If these were to top six the rest of them must have been monotones
11/27/23 14:48	F2100	I love this one! I would love for it to be the flag
11/27/23 14:48	F2100	This is the only flag design that I find decent. The others are not good.
11/27/23 14:49	F2100	Terrible. How would anyone know what state this represents?
11/27/23 14:50	F2100	Simple and elegant
11/27/23 14:54	F2100	It is sad that no flag finalist had our state bird on it, but of all the finalists this is the best one.
11/27/23 14:56	F2100	This is another elementary school project flag. Where's the artistic flair? It doesn't bring up good feelings about Minnesota and has no significance to Minnesota. Yes, a white river and grass and sky...if it looked better, then I could agree. Same comment as the other flag concepts: Can't we please have something with character, style, and some intelligence?
11/27/23 14:57	F2100	Best of all of the flags.
11/27/23 14:57	F2100	This one feels the most "like a flag" and less like a logo for a bank. But move the star to the upper left corner, make it more like the North Star flag of 1989.
11/27/23 14:59	F2100	Don't love it, not in my top three
11/27/23 14:59	F2100	I like the "flow" of the design and the representation of sky and land
11/27/23 15:02	F2100	Of the six choices, this one is the most pleasing.
11/27/23 15:04	F2100	Do not change the flag. History is important!
11/27/23 15:06	F2100	Best of the final choices.
11/27/23 15:07	F2100	Is there any meaning to any of these other than some strange form of the north star? They are all horrible and would immediately become the wierdest and worst state flag in the nation. Reopen the submissions and get someone with a sense of history to design a flag. Or leave it alone.
11/27/23 15:08	F2100	This is my preferred design, although I believe all finalists are too basic and look as though they were designed by an elementary student.
11/27/23 15:08	F2100	With this design I would prefer a 5-point star . . .
11/27/23 15:08	F2100	This flag gets closer to what I would assume a flag for Minnesota would look like, however, it lacks clean ideas. The star and white line are too thin, and the wave makes the flag unbalanced.
11/27/23 15:15	F2100	The finalists are pretty - but more for a beautiful Nordic inspired QUILT than a flag. One of the entries, F38, is more appropriate for the state flag. It represents the natural beauty and species most thought of when I think of Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:16	F2100	This one is a great 2nd choice. If #29 doesn't happen then this one is the one I would personally vote for. Just my 2¢
11/27/23 15:16	F2100	Simple.. relatively easy to draw. Would look similar when viewed from both sides. It doesn't scream "Minnesota" to me. If the white wave was a bit more angular, it might be a good submission for Vermont.
11/27/23 15:16	F2100	You don't have to draw the lines wavy to make them look wavy on a flag. All lines on any flag become wavy because they are made out of fabric.
11/27/23 15:16	F2100	I do appreciate how the flag resembles how Minnesota is uniquely the only place on earth with green hills, blue skies, and stars. Truly distinctive
11/27/23 15:20	F2100	Really don't like any of them. They are too cold and generic. They honestly look like projects done by high schoolers in a graphic arts class. We are the land of 10000 lakes - we should be able to look at our flag and see that represented. These choices have no soul. That being said, this one seems to be best out of a lot of bad choices.

11/27/23 15:24	F2100	Where is the Loon?
11/27/23 15:25	F2100	Yes vote for this brilliant design!
11/27/23 15:27	F2100	YES - This is the best of them all, I agree on this selection.
11/27/23 15:27	F2100	I like this one. Dignified and simple, with meaningful colors and the Star. Easily recognizable from a distance. Would look nice on a waving banner.
11/27/23 15:28	F2100	I like this best of the finalists. It would be better if the star were moved to the left and rendered in yellow or gold.
11/27/23 15:31	F2100	least bad. All are grade school level
		The best of a boring lot of uninspired designs. Who was on this commission?
11/27/23 15:34	F2100	Good work picking finalists that everyone will be very lukewarm on at best.
11/27/23 15:34	F2100	It's just okay, but like most of the others, it will be outdated in a few years. It really doesn't tell me much about this great State. I'm sure all the artists had nuances in their designs -- nuances don't work well in symbols. They should be clear and unequivocal.
11/27/23 15:39	F2100	This design is an excellent simplistic, timeless design that I believe does a really nice job of saying Minnesota. My vote definitely
11/27/23 15:39	F2100	I do not associate this image with Minnesota.
11/27/23 15:40	F2100	Ridiculous. Does not show anything about Minnesota. Socialist flag.
11/27/23 15:40	F2100	Of the finalists, this is my favorite. Most importantly, it looks like a flag design, not a quilt. I like that it's not too busy and is kept to only a couple colors. The colors really look like a minimalist nature scene. The green gives a clear feeling of land and trees, with a subtle contour that I think is probably reasonable for a state that is mostly flat, but with a little more natural variation than a lot of other midwestern states that are even more flat. The dark blue feels like a good representation of the sky. It's darker than daytime, but not just plain black for nighttime, which would probably be too dark. It feels like a nice balance between the two and makes a good home for the star figure in the flag. Of the finalists, I think this should be the winner.
11/27/23 15:40	F2100	NO
11/27/23 15:41	F2100	At least this one does not look like an African nation's knock-off flag. The colors also make sense if the idea here is green land and forests with blue sky above? It is surprising none of these have Purple? I also say like the others, it has that Christmas Card look to it too. Frankly, all of these are pretty boring and are quite similar with the same colors - and that generic corporate Christmas Card look. IMHO all 6 of these do not get at the essence of Minnesota and are far from interesting. This might be the best of the six but that is not saying much. --- I suggest starting over. Maybe start with this link to the Minnesota North Stars then add some loons, lakes, perhaps purple - but whatever. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_North_Stars">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_North_Stars</a>
11/27/23 15:49	F2100	Inclined to call it my preferred option! Seems to hit all vexillology requirements for a great flag (and it is aesthetically pleasing!)
11/27/23 15:51	F2100	First choice
11/27/23 15:51	F2100	I do not support this design. It's a weak version of the star over green wavy field concept used on many of the submissions. The star is too Christian in its appearance.
11/27/23 15:52	F2100	I like this one
11/27/23 15:56	F2100	Would be my 2nd choice after F944
11/27/23 16:01	F2100	This star looks like a nativity star representing Christianity. I'd rather our state stay away from that.
11/27/23 16:06	F2100	This is my first choice out of 6 flags. It is the best of the bunch presented.
11/27/23 16:08	F2100	This one is great if the star was shrunken a bit a placed off to the left
11/27/23 16:08	F2100	None of these flag designs represent Minnesota
11/27/23 16:09	F2100	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:10	F2100	THIS IS so abusive WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Keep the flag we have LEAVE IT ALONE!! Dr. Kate Beane Shelley Buck Luis Fitch Anita Gaul Michael Harralson Kim Jackson Robert 'Deuce Denise Mazone Lauren Bennett McGinty Philip McKenzie Steve Simon Kent Whitworth Aaron Wittnebel Listen up you all need to go down to lake street and take a good look around!! Figure out a way to help that area out clean up all the gang tags FIX that part of society!! Instead of redesigning the state flag/seal!!!
11/27/23 16:10	F2100	YES! This is my pick for our new flag design.

11/27/23 16:17	F2100	Other than copying the state government's color palate (which isn't all that great in my opinion), this lacks Minnesota symbolism other than the generic single star. It's also not a great execution of asymmetry. Don't pick it, please.
11/27/23 16:21	F2100	I do not live this, but I do see potential. If you made the star smaller, put it in the top left corner (I believe it is called a Canton) and widened the white wavy line, I think it would be much stronger.
11/27/23 16:23	F2100	Totally devoid of Minnesota history, GENERIC, non-sensical, and without any deep meaning. I would prefer updating and "cleaning up" our current MN State Flag by removal of the "gold fringe" and the "wreath of the state flower". Keep the state seal as it is.
11/27/23 16:23	F2100	According to the rules a submission is suppose to reflect Minnesotas history resources and cultural diversities. I don't see any of those in any of the finalists. What am I missing? How about state flowers, loons, northern lights, water etc?
11/27/23 16:23	F2100	This flag design is the most representative and easily identifiable as "Minnesota". The blue, white and green wave represents the 12,000+ lakes found in our state, yet it also evokes the green landscapes found here. Snow is represented in this design as well. Lakes and snow are the two most often first impressions Americans conjure up when asked about Minnesota. This flag design will be easily identifiable as our flag when viewed by non-Minnesotans. Finally, our heritage as the North Star state is also represented in this design. In summary, this is the best design of the finalists to represent a variety of Minnesota characteristics while still maintaining a simple, well design flag.
11/27/23 16:28	F2100	This would be my top pick if it didn't have the white wave in it. It would be a better design if the white line was omitted and the division between the blue and green was a straight line. Even though the white line may have some symbolic reason for being placed there by the designer, it does not look good.
11/27/23 16:30	F2100	Of the six finalists, this has to be the one. It's simple, but still gives me an immediate impression of a bright star (the Star of the North) illuminating a dark sky, and a white blanket of snow protecting the verdure underneath. It's tough to create a design that creates that evokes that kind of imagery while remaining elegantly simple and recognizable. I think this designer nailed it.
11/27/23 16:33	F2100	I feel that all of the flag designs, while created by talented artists, are too abstract. I suppose this would be my first choice. I really am not fond of any of the finalists.
11/27/23 16:41	F2100	This one is a little generic to me. I wish the white negative space was wider.
11/27/23 16:47	F2100	I love the simplicity of sky and earth, separated by winter snow and highlighted by the north str.
11/27/23 16:48	F2100	Terrible. Too generic. There needs to be a loon on the flag!
11/27/23 16:48	F2100	This would be my first choice although they all look like very elementary copy paste graphics. Seriously? No real artists in MN?
11/27/23 16:52	F2100	The North Star and waves coupled with the green and could easily be a forested hillside on the north shore
11/27/23 16:53	F2100	Not enough about Minnesota. We are the land of 10,000 lakes. Where are the lakes, trees, and farmland? What do the 8 points represent on the star?
11/27/23 16:54	F2100	This is my favorite design, but I'd make one tweak: the star should be a bit smaller and placed at the upper left corner as the flag is seen from this side. The change makes it look much better when the flag is hung vertically or displayed on a pole and hanging limp.
11/27/23 16:57	F2100	Keep the one we have now. This is not a symbolism of Minnesota
11/27/23 16:59	F2100	I was really disappointed to see the North Star Flag wasn't considered as a finalist, but I am seeing some strong similarities to this one. Consider different or more vibrant shades of green and blue more similar to the North Star design. The star shape is somewhat similar to Star of Bethlehem -- Would the committee instead consider an alternative star shape? Overall this feels like a strong design -- simplicity, strong contrasting colors, and the symbolism of the north star. (F2100)
11/27/23 17:00	F2100	Flag Submission F2100 has my vote! The representation of the North Star is my favorite of all the submissions. The star isn't gaudy, and it maintains its authenticity.
11/27/23 17:01	F2100	This makes me think of baby Jesus which is not a good thing.
11/27/23 17:05	F2100	The new flags are so Stupid, just like the people that are running our state are stupid. Leave the flag the way it is. Our flag is a nice flag. Don't need no stupid Democrat. People screw it up like they're doing with the state today
11/27/23 17:07	F2100	I like the simplicity and clean lines.
11/27/23 17:08	F2100	This is nice.
11/27/23 17:08	F2100	I appreciate that the Star on this one looks most like a star.
11/27/23 17:15	F2100	Only one I can choose
11/27/23 17:15	F2100	Test 2100

11/27/23 17:17	F2100	I like this one because it looks the least like a quilt or like the flag of a country. And why don't any of them say "Minnesota" on them? Too much emphasis is on the star in all of them and the others are all too similar to each other. This needs to be able to stand the test of time, which the swirly one definitely does not. Anyway, keep this one, but put our state's name somewhere so it is obvious to everyone not from MN that it is our flag.
11/27/23 17:18	F2100	The star is too close to the edges, but otherwise this one is ok.
11/27/23 17:21	F2100	This flag would be better with a STRAIGHT white line that was thicker. Flags don't need curvy lines. The curves happen when the wind blows it
11/27/23 17:22	F2100	Not offensive to the eyes, but I'm not really into it.
11/27/23 17:28	F2100	Golf greens with the Christmas Star not sure what that has to do with Minnesota but very seasonal. . Nice design but I would have no idea what State it represents and Iâ€™ve lived here my whole life. I do agree we need a new flag but in my opinion there needs to be something recognizable on it.
11/27/23 17:47	F2100	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:48	F2100	I like the colors on this one, but the Northstar should be gold, and the design is just OK.
11/27/23 17:48	F2100	Like it!!
11/27/23 17:49	F2100	No need for curve lines on flag
11/27/23 17:49	F2100	Has not a thing to do with Minnesota
11/27/23 17:51	F2100	This one's not good. I feel like the curved line is going to look extremely dated after just a few years. It looks like a corporate logo.
11/27/23 17:53	F2100	I don't care for having just a star. We need to incorporate more Minnesota things....loon, lady slipper, pine tree, water, and north star.
11/27/23 17:54	F2100	Perfect representation of Minnesota "The North Star State"!!
11/27/23 17:55	F2100	I like the simplicity , easy to identify at a very quick glance.
11/27/23 17:56	F2100	This is my favorite.
11/27/23 17:56	F2100	This design is my number one choice!
11/27/23 17:57	F2100	Right colors, right symbolism, right simplicity in design, this flag says Minnesota without saying Minnesota and will continue to say it for ages. This is our flag.
11/27/23 17:58	F2100	BLAH. This doesn't say much about the state I've lived in for 66 yrs. So disappointing...
11/27/23 17:59	F2100	Not bad, but it looks more like something a bank would use as a logo than it does a flag.
11/27/23 18:04	F2100	Nothing about this design says "Minnesota". It's a fail!! DO OVER!!
11/27/23 18:07	F2100	I love that it shows the north star and the blue symbolizes both sky and water and the green symbolizes the beautiful greenery of Minnesota
11/27/23 18:08	F2100	I would like this design more if it could show a sense of water. Since it currently doesn't I think F1953 is a stronger option
11/27/23 18:10	F2100	More ugly colors. The colors just don't go together. You people on crack or what?
11/27/23 18:11	F2100	They're all ridiculous! Do you people really not have anything better to do then change our flag which is FINE the way it is. Good grief there are so many more things this state should be focusing their time and our money on!!!!
11/27/23 18:13	F2100	Third world banana republic
11/27/23 18:15	F2100	I like the F2100 and the loon seal but need red eyes on it.
11/27/23 18:16	F2100	That would be embarrassing. I have seen some of the other submissions that were way better than any of these.
11/27/23 18:18	F2100	Who picked these colors? All the designs lack any creativity.
11/27/23 18:18	F2100	This is okay. I feel like a yellow-gold star would help.
11/27/23 18:18	F2100	Why use the Star of Bethlehem? This does not seem appropriate. A "star of the north" or "l'etoile du nord" would be more neutral than the stars in this set of selections. Neutral would be seven, or maybe eleven points, or even five points that were compressed so the star doesn't look like a military or wiccan star. I'm unhappy with the level of abstraction in the current selections. I realize it's sort of a vexillology requirement, but I disagree. A child can draw any flag. i distinctly recall drawing the current Minnesota flag many times throughout elementary school, I'm not sure if it was a requirement, but we did it (not that I agree with its outdated symbolism). We need a flag that's distinctive, not a flag that needs to be explained. I'm also disappointed that the final selections are so much the same and without distinction.
11/27/23 18:20	F2100	Yeah, that is so distinctive it almost looks different from the others. We're all these designs made from the same graphics program, 3 Colors and Stars (with curvy lines)

11/27/23 18:22	F2100	I am the granddaughter and daughter of native Minnesotans. I am excited that F2100 is being considered. This entry will definitely make a beautiful state flag!
11/27/23 18:22	F2100	Would be a good option, but change the style of star, maybe the star from F29, and widen/thicken the white wavy line.
11/27/23 18:23	F2100	Lame
11/27/23 18:27	F2100	All of these flags are way too generic and not Minnesota enough, try again
11/27/23 18:29	F2100	I think the all look like clip art. None of them scream Minnesota, that's for sure. It's sad that people sit around thinking about what others must feel offended by & so they say it's racist. Everyone trying to erase history is sad! But no stopping this, so I pick F2100.
11/27/23 18:36	F2100	I like this one
11/27/23 18:37	F2100	I think this flag most accurately depicts the State By just viewing it, I think anyone is able to understand each aspect of it.
11/27/23 18:42	F2100	This looks like a flag, but I'm not sure how it represents MN. Where is the water?
11/27/23 18:42	F2100	I like this one best. It looks like a North star. Not a snowflake. Also like how simple and clear the rest of the design is. Not to busy.
11/27/23 18:44	F2100	If I had to choose it would be this one, I was the State Carpenter for 37 years and framed and hung more state flags than anyone else.
11/27/23 18:44	F2100	This is the one! Love it!! Please pick this one!!
11/27/23 18:45	F2100	I am very disappointed in these choices, as I feel a loon is an important symbol for MN. If the have to pick from these I would pick this one.
11/27/23 18:46	F2100	F2100 is only "okay" and I don't want a "meh" flag to represent our state. Ted Kayes critique is valid, it would indeed be better with a wider white stripe and the star shifted left so it occupies the space of the trough of that wave. The blue and green symbolize sky and field, water and nature, but the star is thin and spiky, and looks like a Christmas star over Bethlehem rather than Polaris or the North Star, and it would be harder to read from a distance than stars in the other submissions. This design is also a watered down version of the 1989 North Star Flag, and both are very close to Duluth Minnesota's city flag adopted in 2019. Duluth shouldn't have taken Minnesota's long standing redesign possibility and tweaked it only slightly to make it their own...but they did, in 2019. F1154 is more original, bold, simple, striking from a distance, easier for children to draw once they're familiar with it, and F1154 would stand out as an A+ flag amongst other great flags like Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and Chicago. Thanks for all your hard work on the commission, and for reviewing all these comments.
11/27/23 18:48	F2100	Assuming a change is believed to be necessary (I do not believe this is the case) this design is my second choice. It's design of night sky over land or water is simple but informative.
11/27/23 18:49	F2100	This one looks and feels like MN. Definitely my favorite!
11/27/23 18:58	F2100	A river ?? Note NONE of the flags connect to Minnesota....very sterile..no warmth or connection...sorry..
11/27/23 18:58	F2100	No but second choice. But middle line should be light blue.
11/27/23 18:59	F2100	No but second choice. middle line should be light blue.
11/27/23 19:00	F2100	Where's the trees, where's the lakes, where's the farmland??
11/27/23 19:02	F2100	No. But second choice, middle line could be light blue. Needs a loon!
11/27/23 19:03	F2100	What identifies this design as Minnesota? Nothing
11/27/23 19:08	F2100	Great design!
11/27/23 19:08	F2100	This will be beautiful blowing in the wind.
11/27/23 19:09	F2100	Nice 2nd choice!
11/27/23 19:09	F2100	From the finalists, this is by far my favorite & will stand the test of time. My vote!!!
11/27/23 19:12	F2100	These are absolutely terrible!
11/27/23 19:15	F2100	this flag design is a very simple, clear and strong representation of the state of minnesota
11/27/23 19:16	F2100	This one is my 2nd favorite.
11/27/23 19:16	F2100	I like this one.
11/27/23 19:16	F2100	Not great, but the best among the bunch. Should have opened the top 20-25 for citizen voting
11/27/23 19:22	F2100	Of the finalists, this is my favorite
11/27/23 19:26	F2100	Please consider using the North Star flag if the design you're promoting here is derivative of it. If you'd like to change the star of the north star flag, I don't think people would mind. However, with the decades of grassroots support it has, I think it's a huge mistake not to use it. It's already a success throughout the state of Minnesota.

11/27/23 19:27	F2100	Try again looks like a child made it
11/27/23 19:27	F2100	F2100 - a little lacking in comparison to the others, but far from bad.
11/27/23 19:28	F2100	All the flag designs are horrible, nothing in it makes it identify as belonging to Minnesota
11/27/23 19:30	F2100	Doesn't represent anything about the true history of mn. Personally, they all don't and they are such terrible symbols and very poor choice of colors and so dull.
11/27/23 19:40	F2100	Too simple
11/27/23 19:40	F2100	It's the best flag in my opinion
11/27/23 19:40	F2100	2nd fav after 2100
11/27/23 19:41	F2100	I like the simple design. Doesn't look like it would get confused for another state. The star in the upper middle is unique and would stand out.
11/27/23 19:41	F2100	2100 as best
11/27/23 19:44	F2100	This is my second choice
11/27/23 19:49	F2100	Pick this one
11/27/23 19:53	F2100	Garbage
11/27/23 19:53	F2100	Garbage
11/27/23 19:55	F2100	This design is the one. It's elegant, soothing, easy to distinguish from others.
11/27/23 19:55	F2100	This flag concept flows the best for me, but it in no way compared to the other designs in the pile. With our rich history including the Kensington rune stone, I feel a more Nordic design would suit us better.
11/27/23 19:55	F2100	The best choice. Star may look nicer a little smaller and in the upper hoist corner
11/27/23 19:56	F2100	F2100 is by far the best option. I would have this all over my house. Please please please pick this one.
11/27/23 19:59	F2100	None of them. How do they show what this Wonderful state has to offer. They are just symbols. What's wrong with showing our ag industries. Tourist attractions. Business. Etc. they look boring to me.
11/27/23 20:00	F2100	Star of the north should be in the center just as the Star of Bethlehem was.
11/27/23 20:01	F2100	no - ugly
11/27/23 20:01	F2100	My favorite of the 6 finalists. Beautiful colors, attractive, good star, easy to recognize.
11/27/23 20:02	F2100	Like the colors and the white wave. I would tweak the star. Reminds me of the star over Bethlehem in books. Good start.
11/27/23 20:06	F2100	Please leave the current flag
11/27/23 20:07	F2100	This is my favorite of these 6 not-so-good final selections.
11/27/23 20:09	F2100	Nope, a star in the sky, snow? and grass?
11/27/23 20:10	F2100	This flag is racist!
11/27/23 20:11	F2100	F2100 - This is my favorite of these 6 not-so-good final selections.
11/27/23 20:12	F2100	This sucks
11/27/23 20:18	F2100	No thanks does not represent Minnesota in any way. I would not look at this and think Oh that's Minnesota. With all we have to offer to be put on a flag this is it.
11/27/23 20:19	F2100	Boring. Keep the current flag
11/27/23 20:19	F2100	This design is fine, if a little boring. The center white curve seems like it will date this flag quickly.
11/27/23 20:20	F2100	Design F2100, like many others placed in the first and final committee groupings, looks like an entirely unremarkable credit union or local golf course flag. This design is blah to an exponential degree, and will look silly among the family of US state flags that assume a serious role.
11/27/23 20:21	F2100	Too simplistic and not dignified . Says NOTHING about MN. Looks like out of a preschool coloring book. Elementary school art.
11/27/23 20:22	F2100	I like the simple design which captures North Star, sky, water and land of Minnesota
11/27/23 20:24	F2100	What are you trying to imply?? There is nothing Minnesota about this or any of the others!!!
11/27/23 20:24	F2100	This one is ok..and looks like a flag but beyond the star for the North Star state....what does it have to do with Minnesota?



11/27/23 20:26	F2100	They are all terrible. Keep the one we have.
11/27/23 20:27	F2100	this is 100% the best state flag for minnesota. itâ€™s very simple but captures minnesota perfectly! nice job
11/27/23 20:30	F2100	Not thrilled with any of them, but out of the 6, I could live with it. So, this is my first pick.
11/27/23 20:30	F2100	F2100 is the best of the six, but I think you could have chosen a better bunch out of the submissions. I could live with this, but I'd prefer star to be yellow, not white. We've already got a wavy white stripe in this design to represent snow.
11/27/23 20:31	F2100	Would like to see options with MORE... all so simple. Definitely one as the north star... what about our lakes, Loons, State flower, bird, the American Eagle... ???
11/27/23 20:32	F2100	I really like the star on F2100, but also like the design of F944. Both of those choices would be a good brand image for Minnesota. I'm a bit biased towards F2100 as it was designed by my brother. I too was born, raised and educated in Mankato and loved everything about Minnesota (except the winter and spring). I know this is not a voting process, but if it were, I'd cast my vote to adopt design F2100 as the new flag for the state of Minnesota. Second choice would be F944. Another great design would be to replace the star on F944 with the star on F2100. Good luck!
11/27/23 20:33	F2100	This submission comes in third for me. Not crazy about the shape of the star, but I like the depiction of what, in my mind, looks like hills and valleys. MN is not a flat state.
11/27/23 20:36	F2100	This one very much looks like the logo of a financial institution. Would not pick this one, personally.
11/27/23 20:42	F2100	Perfect representation of Minnesota "The North Star State"!!
11/27/23 20:43	F2100	Perfect representation of Minnesota "The North Star State"!!
11/27/23 20:44	F2100	This star looks too religious. Are we advertising the birth of Jesus???
11/27/23 20:47	F2100	I was going to say this flag is boring and forgettable, and it is. But to tell the whole truth. After flipping through them all I may have already clicked this one. They all look so similar in a bad way. Do better. Maybe a loon for starters. Or a lady slipper something that actually represents mn.
11/27/23 20:48	F2100	This design is smart, simple, and tells a good story.
11/27/23 20:49	F2100	I like how it boldly and simply represents the northern star of Minnesota. It also looks official.
11/27/23 20:54	F2100	Ugly. No representation of anything here.
11/27/23 20:55	F2100	I think that this one and all the rest of the flag designs are so ugly that they all need to be removed. I think that the flag we have now is much better than any of the new designs. Keep the old one!
11/27/23 20:56	F2100	Why? What is the point of this? This represents NOTHING!
11/27/23 20:56	F2100	Dislike. Looks like quilt pattern.
11/27/23 20:58	F2100	This says nothing about Minnesota and would actually make a nice Christmas card.
11/27/23 20:59	F2100	More like a flag but what do colors and star represent? Still no reference to history, state features, people, uniqueness
11/27/23 21:02	F2100	Our current flag is awesome, this is ridiculous!
11/27/23 21:03	F2100	This is a poor representation for a Minnesota state flag The judges have bad taste! WTH Unbelievable ðŸ˜µâ€œðŸ˜µ«
11/27/23 21:10	F2100	Leave the historic flag alone. Whatâ€™s the matter with you people? There is no legitimate reason to change it.
11/27/23 21:11	F2100	Not sure why it had to be changed. I like the old one.
11/27/23 21:18	F2100	My favorite of the finalists. Simple, elegant. Like the green swath.
11/27/23 21:21	F2100	By FAR the best option. Simple, clean, easily recognizable.
11/27/23 21:25	F2100	Best of all options. Why are we even changing it...?
11/27/23 21:27	F2100	I think this submission would look better with the star shifted to the left. The flag will be more legible in the wind.
11/27/23 21:28	F2100	This is my favorite.
11/27/23 21:30	F2100	These are all awful. Take a look at ths social media buzz on this topic. Go back to the drawing board

11/27/23 21:31	F2100	This is representative of water, forests, snow, and the North Star.
11/27/23 21:31	F2100	However I would like the star to be the star-snowflake design of other flags.
11/27/23 21:32	F2100	Best of all selections..sad to say..but legislature needs to refuse all..start the process all over...sad reps for the state who choose these
11/27/23 21:33	F2100	From what I have seen we have asked preschoolers to come up with a design. I'm sure they will all get participation awards but as a heavily taxed Minnesotan I find these possibilities a complete joke. Not one even remotely repents the people of MN. I'm sure who ever came up with these "flags" is laughing their ass off that they even got selected. Throw them out and get some real possibilities
11/27/23 21:36	F2100	Not a nice design. Bland is the best descriptor. Nice color blue. Star is very basic. "Waves" straight across are very dislocating. Does not draw the eye nicely.
11/27/23 21:36	F2100	Nothing. Evokes absolutely nothing.
11/27/23 21:46	F2100	Maybe. Prefer we start over.
11/27/23 21:46	F2100	Two suggested changes: Replace the green with blue to illustrate water. The white should be changed to green to indicate land.
11/27/23 21:47	F2100	Where's the Loons? These are all straight trash.
11/27/23 21:47	F2100	At least this star isn't ski-doo yellow
11/27/23 21:49	F2100	This one reminds me of the Christmas star. NOT Minnesota!
11/27/23 21:49	F2100	My favorite. Simple & clean.
11/27/23 21:49	F2100	dark sky, no water.....don't like it
11/27/23 21:53	F2100	Don't change the current one!
11/27/23 22:03	F2100	I like the simple lines with the compass North Star centered on the Minnesota shape formed by an arc.  I vote against any stylized crosses like the Nordic national flags and /or four pointed stars.[These were my comments for F99.] //
11/27/23 22:03	F2100	Of the six selected designs, I prefer F2100 . It lacks only the Minnesota shape.
11/27/23 22:03	F2100	Paul A. Egeland from New Ulm, Mn.
11/27/23 22:03	F2100	Best of the options
11/27/23 22:13	F2100	This flag design is tolerable, although it still does not really represent Minnesota - again Where's the Loon? The Minnesota Ladyslipper? This flag design does NOT represent Minnesota or me. Dr. Anita Gaul, vice-chair of the commission who is a history professor at a community college in Worthington explanation about why designs with loons or ladyslippers where chosen is as nonsensical as it is ill-judged.
11/27/23 22:16	F2100	Boring and dull.
11/27/23 22:24	F2100	This eight-point star is more attractive than F1953, but I think a five-point star would work better. The white stripe is too narrow. This feels like a less attractive version of the North Star flag design by Herold & Becker that didn't make the final six.
11/27/23 22:26	F2100	I like our current flag. It was altered years ago. I do not care for any of the other finalists flags.
11/27/23 22:29	F2100	I like this flag. It would be a solid choice.
11/27/23 22:29	F2100	This design is my favorite of the six. I like the color combination and the design of the white star.
11/27/23 22:36	F2100	Too much dark blue with another Christmas star. Another dumbed down submission that indicates nothing recognizable as uniquely representing Minnesota heritage or culture.
11/27/23 22:36	F2100	As a graphic designer, this is the one i dislike the most. To me, this looks like the first design I would come up with, and I would only make it to get it out of my head. Very simple, north star, green grass, blue sky. But MN in more than that.
11/27/23 22:37	F2100	This flag is really gut
11/27/23 22:41	F2100	Far and away the best of the bunch. Nice and clean as well. Meant to be our flag.
11/27/23 22:53	F2100	This is the cleanest and most recognizable design of the lot!

11/27/23 23:03	F2100	The design of this entry is bold, simple, and appealing - characteristic of a flag that will be immediately recognizable and memorable. There is symbolism in its star, colors and curved lines. It is by far my favorite.
11/27/23 23:05	F2100	Don't like
11/27/23 23:13	F2100	I don't mind this one, but prefer the older versions of this that started the movement.
11/27/23 23:14	F2100	Move the star to the top left corner and this flag is perfect
11/27/23 23:21	F2100	I prefer this design over the others for its simple geometry and colorway. The star is centered and highest on the flag which evokes the north star, our geographic position in the nation and our aspirations as a leading state. The simple colorway is reminiscent of the natural beauty of our state.
11/27/23 23:22	F2100	This looks like the logo for a company trying to sell me a time share in an island I have never heard of through internet spam.
11/27/23 23:23	F2100	It's simple enough that kids can draw it. Beautiful. I would prefer this flag flying in my front yard.
11/27/23 23:29	F2100	North Star reference is fine, blue for sky and green for being "green"? All the flags seem like sport logos. None are wow.
11/27/23 23:31	F2100	This would be great with a yellow/gold star!!!
11/27/23 23:32	F2100	This one is ok.
11/27/23 23:47	F2100	Good design, this would be a second place finisher.
11/27/23 23:54	F2100	The curved line should be straight. Looks like nursing home signage.
11/27/23 23:54	F2100	This one makes me feel happy and proud to be Minnesotan. The North Star is a symbol that unites all Minnesotans
11/28/23 0:04	F2100	Remove the star. Place S147 in the center of this flag. In S147 replace the center shape with a floating loon.
11/28/23 0:04	F2100	It's okay, I would like this design better if the star were gold or yellow rather than white. Thank you.
11/28/23 0:20	F2100	I kind of like this design. But it falls short. It has green for land, white for snow, the star, but the blue seems to depict the sky, not our lakes.
11/28/23 0:41	F2100	This is a reasonable design but would look best with the star off-center. There were several like this one with the star in the upper left, it's not too late to reconsider one of those.
11/28/23 1:10	F2100	Flag submission #F2100 is the most appealing of the selections by its captivating representations of the North Star and colors and topography of the North Star state.
11/28/23 1:37	F2100	Competent but I feel that F1953 has many of the same elements and colors yet is far more visually striking. A huge improvement over our current flag but a bit unremarkable in comparison to some of the other choices as well as other highly regarded state flags. Good, but in the lower half of my preferences.
11/28/23 1:39	F2100	Again ugly what do any of these have to do with our state. They all look very generic!
11/28/23 1:40	F2100	Again I understand the star but why does this look like a Christmas card?
11/28/23 1:51	F2100	This is the only one that is ok because there is a North Star (only because we know that's what it means) Why not represent what Minnesota is, farms, lakes and woodland.
11/28/23 1:51	F2100	This is my runner up from the finalists.
11/28/23 2:06	F2100	This is my #2 choice out of the 6 flags. I like that it's a variation on the alternate/new state flag design that's been around for a while. I like that the lines are less wavy. I like that the star is white instead of yellow. The 8-pointed star looks pretty cool but leans a little Christmas star/star of Bethlehem.
11/28/23 2:14	F2100	This looks like a logo for a community college.
11/28/23 4:30	F2100	First of all, I trust you'll clean this up? It looks like someone used their inkjet printer and THEN this image was a photocopy of that. Other than that, I dunno. The swoosh of the hill doesn't totally work for me, the star feels too big, and the concept just feels kind of blah, you know? Wonder how this would look with the star further toward the left, kind of like in the position where it would be if this was a stars and stripes type of flag but without reverting to that. Think that might be an improvement. Maybe line it up with the nadir of the swoosh to kind of give this a satisfying sense of geometry? I think that would drastically improve this flag for me.
11/28/23 4:47	F2100	Simple, elegant and uncluttered. Memorable.
11/28/23 4:54	F2100	Beautiful and my number 2 choice
11/28/23 5:07	F2100	This is nice but it would be my third choice? The first two on the list would be above this one!
11/28/23 5:07	F2100	By the way, why does everyone think a loon needs to be on the flag? I get that it is the state bird but it is a migratory bird that only spends a few months here. Unless you want to symbolize a snowbird?
11/28/23 5:36	F2100	Love this design

11/28/23 5:40	F2100	I don't like any of them. This is the best of the six if we have to have one of them.
11/28/23 5:53	F2100	Another terrible design. Maybe you should get some 2nd graders input.
11/28/23 5:58	F2100	This one is nice and the world would understand our landscape and meaning
11/28/23 6:15	F2100	Nothing MN. Very disappointing. Looks like it represents Bethlehem, not MN. Disappointing.
11/28/23 6:20	F2100	Again, uninspired. All 6 finalists are lackluster and unimpressive
11/28/23 6:21	F2100	Favorite of the poor choices that are finalists. Prefer to see one with a loon.
11/28/23 6:29	F2100	To me this is the least of the horrendous choices. But how disappointing to fly this flag which could be any state. Nothing here represents Minnesota's uniqueness. If this flag was set up and you asked ppl to guess which state it represented, I think you'd get 48 - 50 different answers. It stands for nothing. Every flag is the same. There are no choices here.
11/28/23 6:29	F2100	This one gets my vote.
11/28/23 6:32	F2100	All these flag submissions are so plain and ugly. PLEASE LEAVE OUR FLAG AS IS. If you must change it this one sucks the lease.
11/28/23 6:39	F2100	I would ask that you please do not use a north star that looks like a cross. Not all Minnesotans are Christian and that doesn't represent all of us. Thank you for your hard work on this
11/28/23 6:46	F2100	F2100 It shows our Scandinavian roots. Minnesota is known for its water and prairie lands. Beautiful!
11/28/23 6:51	F2100	This is the best of the 6. But I'm very disappointed there is no loon.
11/28/23 6:55	F2100	Don't like it, but of the finalists, this is better than all others. If white is Mississippi River, throughout the state, it flows north to south not east to west. This flag just seems okay, not inspired.
11/28/23 7:01	F2100	Another credit union?? Where is our loon!!!!
11/28/23 7:02	F2100	Top choice of the five by far!
11/28/23 7:02	F2100	This is simple, but elegant.
11/28/23 7:09	F2100	I like this one as choice #1
11/28/23 7:22	F2100	This is my first choice
11/28/23 7:25	F2100	I prefer this one.
11/28/23 7:25	F2100	Love this! Maaaybe the *mid-stripe could be light blue. ??? Then I see so much of Minnesota. Our land, forest, lakes (* rivers, especially the Mississippi) and the great north star
11/28/23 7:26	F2100	This one's okay. Not the best one, but top two or three.
11/28/23 7:27	F2100	I like this one
11/28/23 7:29	F2100	I really dislike this flag design.
11/28/23 7:30	F2100	Beautiful
11/28/23 7:32	F2100	I am simply going to copy and paste the same comment on all flags that made the Final Cut. Thoroughly underwhelming. Too abstract and minimalistic. Back to the drawing board, figuratively and literally.
11/28/23 7:34	F2100	YES! Has everything--lakes, green fields, north star.
11/28/23 7:35	F2100	simple, easily recognizable, green for growth of plants, trees, crops, blue for sky and water, north star connects with history and location on lower forty eight states.
11/28/23 7:35	F2100	This one is really nice too. Again - I DO think we should have our name on the flag and perhaps the year we joined the union? Or even L'Etoile Du Nord. Something that says who we are - not just a generic piece of fabric. Same comment I left on F29...
11/28/23 7:38	F2100	I like this one the best of the six. Celebrates the dark skies of northern MN, the north star, the white Mississippi River that runs through the state, the green of our land, both forests and agriculture.
11/28/23 7:45	F2100	Depicts nothing!
11/28/23 7:47	F2100	Sick, Ugly. Keep our current flag! Stop wasting tax dollars.
11/28/23 7:47	F2100	This is the most appealing second choice to me. I could live with it, but I think we can do better!
11/28/23 7:47	F2100	A 2 year old would see these designs as ridiculous, foolish, not a state flag, but a finger painting session. Minnesota wants to be " left " of all other states. We are a joke. Follow thru with this debacle , and thousands will abandon what's left behind of a wonderful place to live.
11/28/23 7:47	F2100	You should all be ridiculed for trotting this in front of people you're taking out of the state
11/28/23 7:48	F2100	Simple, flows well, True star design, Easily reproduced . Will fly very well.

11/28/23 7:51	F2100	While I'm very concerned with the full cost and waste it creates (paper products, patches, emblems on various vehicles, walls, buildings, etc...) to change the Flag & Seal, This is the number 1 choice for me. The Flag has visual movement with the curved line, it represents MN well with the green for fields and forests, white for snow and blue for our beautiful lakes and the North star state. Thank you.
11/28/23 7:54	F2100	this this is the best
11/28/23 7:55	F2100	None of these flags should represent our state! If it needs to be explained, it isn't doing its job.
11/28/23 7:55	F2100	Like this one!
11/28/23 7:57	F2100	Looks too religious. Looks like the star of Bethlehem. Like a banner I'd see on a church wall. Not appropriate for a state flag to have that feel.
11/28/23 8:02	F2100	doesn't work for me - again all these flags are the same - need variety! don't settle - start again
11/28/23 8:07	F2100	Best one. Put a loon on it.
11/28/23 8:09	F2100	I have concerns about our new flag design being either too aligned with specific race(s) and/or that it will not stand the test of time in terms of style. Please take the following comments with that context in mind. F2100 This flag is by far my favorite. It says it all - prairie, snow, water, and of course - our North Star. Its simplicity would be immediately recognizable in the same way that New Mexico's flag is. It is timeless and does not speak to a specific culture. It is a flag for all.
11/28/23 8:10	F2100	This is simple and effective. This is the best out of the group, not too excited about any of them...
11/28/23 8:11	F2100	Not my favorite but itâ€™s better than most of the others
11/28/23 8:13	F2100	This would be my pick for the new flag design. I appreciate the reference to L'Etoile du Nord with the star, and the flowing line in the lower third represents to me both the state's gentle, rolling farmland and its rivers/waterways. I appreciate that this design is simple but still invokes Minnesota.
11/28/23 8:13	F2100	This submission is my favorite because it looks like a flag. The others look like a state seal (except Flag Submission F1953). F1953 is my other favorite, but it reminds me of Texas's state flag.
11/28/23 8:14	F2100	Ugly and stupid Change is not good
11/28/23 8:16	F2100	this flag has nothing that represents Minnesota horrible
11/28/23 8:16	F2100	I like this one
11/28/23 8:16	F2100	This design is my favorite! It really stands out for me, with the simplicity of the North Star in a blue sky, above the green land. Nice! It gets my vote!
11/28/23 8:21	F2100	I am not happy with any of the flag choices but if we're limited to those given this one is my preference
11/28/23 8:26	F2100	Like this design.
11/28/23 8:26	F2100	This is my favorite
11/28/23 8:27	F2100	My first choice. Good star design, color, Will fly well.
11/28/23 8:27	F2100	Nothing about this flag screams MN besides the North Star. Looks like no effort was put into this flag as itâ€™s too simple and plain
11/28/23 8:31	F2100	if 1953 isnâ€™t chosen (not sure how it couldnâ€™t be) then this would be my next choice.
11/28/23 8:31	F2100	This is my second pick - I like the star and use of colors.
11/28/23 8:31	F2100	This is a nice design. I like the colors and that it includes the curved lines rather than just straight lines.
11/28/23 8:32	F2100	Tolerable
11/28/23 8:33	F2100	Awful. Nothing on this flag represents the state of Minnesota. Where is the state bird, where is the state flower or something to represent the Land of 10,000 lakes, hunting, fishing, the great outdoors?  It looks like the flag of a third world country.
11/28/23 8:41	F2100	I have no idea what that is supposed to represent.
11/28/23 8:41	F2100	This is too basic. It doesn't represent anything about the state.
11/28/23 8:42	F2100	Simple but captures the essence of MN
11/28/23 8:42	F2100	A very weak version of the North Star Flag. If this is something we are aiming for, we should swap the submissions out and just pick up the original.
11/28/23 8:44	F2100	I like this one as it feels simple and reflective of nature.

11/28/23 8:45	F2100	Looks like this was created by the same person that created 1953. This is the 2nd best design behind 1953. But none of these create any excitement. Can you honestly see any of these flying proudly above the state capitol??
11/28/23 8:47	F2100	Probably my favorite of the bunch. I'd change the color of the white "flow" to a blue to represent water/lakes/Mississippi River. I'd also reduce the size of the star and possibly alter the design slightly? Maybe a simple reduction in size will be enough though.
11/28/23 8:50	F2100	Best of all but, too simplistic. Add ripples to the water to give it more life. No pride in our heritage. No human feeling.
11/28/23 8:52	F2100	The star of Bethlehem. Perhaps the three wisemen will follow the star and design a better flag for us.
11/28/23 8:52	F2100	F2100 is probably my favorite among the finalist designs. Although simple in design, at least it doesn't have the ugly repetitive geometric patterns and has some fluid movement through it reminiscent of water.
11/28/23 8:53	F2100	Nice colors. Could the star be redesigned? And maybe two smaller stars could be added on either side of the North Star?
11/28/23 9:00	F2100	This one is lovely. The blue and green represent the water and nature present throughout the state. The white ribbon represents the great Mississippi, and the white star represents both snow and the north star.
11/28/23 9:01	F2100	This one also looks nice, but it just reminds me of the main flag that was proposed as a replacement before the commission to change the flag was even created. I wish that one was available because it was the obvious pick. I wouldn't be mad if this one was picked though
11/28/23 9:03	F2100	Of the 6 this is my favorite. It's simple, yet has some movement and style.
11/28/23 9:03	F2100	Right colors for lakes, forests and star. Will look good in wind or calm. Concise.
11/28/23 9:03	F2100	I think this whole idea is unnecessary and a waste of time and money Our flag is part of our States history oour state
11/28/23 9:04	F2100	I prefer this stylized North Star superimposed over wavy blue, white, & green color bands which represent the state's lakes, rivers, snow, and green spaces (farmland, forests, and yards).
11/28/23 9:05	F2100	F2100 is my favorite. It's simple, yet has some movement and style. The others need explanation and justification.
11/28/23 9:05	F2100	I like this one and and F1953.
11/28/23 9:05	F2100	Move the star to the left. Make the white line thinner or thicker â€¦.right now it feels odd.
11/28/23 9:05	F2100	This one is quite cool, though might not look great on a full sized flag
11/28/23 9:07	F2100	UGLY as 1,2, 3 and extremely PLAIN. Nothing on it to dipict our state like the original one you're trying to kill.
11/28/23 9:12	F2100	This is more of a wall paper design than a flag.
11/28/23 9:14	F2100	As a visitor to Minnesota, this clean design reminds me most of your state: the north star, clear skies, water, and the incredibly green fields in Spring and summer. And it stands out compared to most state flags.
11/28/23 9:15	F2100	Not on of the flags signify minnesota. shame on you all
11/28/23 9:15	F2100	A terrible choice but it's second place after the Texas rip off.
11/28/23 9:18	F2100	This is the one. Water, trees and the north star.
11/28/23 9:21	F2100	Third least favorite. Kinda boring but okay.
11/28/23 9:24	F2100	I like F2100 the best, with the North Star state represented well, and the green bottom representing our natural resources and agriculture.
11/28/23 9:24	F2100	This flag is a terrible pick. It looks more like a Christmas decoration with the star like that. As a minnesotian for my whole life, I do not identify with this flag in any way.
11/28/23 9:40	F2100	Meh.
11/28/23 9:42	F2100	F2100 I like the land and water of the green and blue, I think this is a nice innovation on The Northstar flag. The Northstar flag was a great starting point and a symbol to rally around, but this is cleaner, better balanced, less clunky
11/28/23 9:49	F2100	Least offensive, although I am dumbfounded as to what everything represents.
11/28/23 9:51	F2100	simply the best choice !
11/28/23 9:53	F2100	Pitifully bland !! I like the original flag better.
11/28/23 9:54	F2100	If the white horizontal line was straight, this one would be the perfect MN flag. The wavy line will quickly look dated.

11/28/23 9:59	F2100	I see no need to change either the State Flag or the State Seal, but of the 6 flag designs, the only one that simply depicts Minnesota is F2100. It has a nice North Star depiction and the white curvy line may depict the Mississippi River or any of the other rivers in the state that create county or township borders.
11/28/23 9:59	F2100	Design is trendy for the current times and will be outdated down the road. I prefer more of a state seal approach like S224
11/28/23 10:04	F2100	Not bad and shows our Star of the North and blue waters. Star is kinda Christmasy though.
11/28/23 10:05	F2100	My second favorite. Really like the wavy lines. Wish they could be incorporated into my favorite design 1953.
11/28/23 10:08	F2100	I prefer 2100. Will the name Minnesota be on the winner? If so, i would suggest it be added to all 6 semi finalists for people to see
11/28/23 10:12	F2100	F29 I don't feel it tells me anything about wonderful Minnesota. A snowflake is a guessing...that's not all Minnesota stands for. please find something with more meaning. F944 and F1154 These also does not represent Minnesota other than snow army much more than snow remanufacturing were wonderful Lake superior there's so many things to emphasize other than snow. F1435 No F1953 No, What does flowers represent?? I guess the blue represents water! F2100 No, no, no just how does this represent Minnesota's star-river-sky .
11/28/23 10:13	F2100	F1154 is ok. Looks like a credit union logo. Would make a good web page header.
11/28/23 10:14	F2100	This is ok...it has a nice star
11/28/23 10:19	F2100	This design is fantastic and I hope the commission picks it for the new state flag. The colors are beautiful, design is simple and elegant, easily recognizable. It will quickly become one of the best state flags in the country and as a lifelong Minnesotan I would be proud to have it be the standard emblem for our state and everyone who calls Minnesota home.
11/28/23 10:19	F2100	F1953 and F2100 are the best! The others are beautiful but I think it's really valuable for a flag to have simple enough shapes that a child can easily approximate it and that it lends itself to remixing for arts and communications.
11/28/23 10:22	F2100	This design is neat and clean but is not very memorable.
11/28/23 10:23	F2100	Out of the 6 options for MN flag, I vote for this flag. It is simple, reflects the things that stand out in MN- ie: North Star, sky tinted water, and lush green trees/land. The other designs either look like sports team logos, a reimagining of the Texas flag or a Lite-Brite toy design. Pick F2100!!
11/28/23 10:23	F2100	This would be my second choice.
11/28/23 10:25	F2100	Another one that resembles most foreign country flags that no one knows what country they belong to.
11/28/23 10:26	F2100	Dump the North Star, that belongs to Alaska, the hockey team left years ago. ND, MT, WA, MA, MI, ME are all northern states, is everyone on this committee geography challenged?
11/28/23 10:26	F2100	I like this one the best of the five finalists. I like the color choices. However, it is also minimalistic as all the other finalist choices. If there could be some minor additions to it, I think it would be an appropriate state flag. Maybe stars appearing in the distance or something in the green area?
11/28/23 10:28	F2100	My number one choice. The curved line gives the design a sense of movement and suggests the rivers and lakes that are such an important part of Minnesota. The star centers the design and the three colors are proportional.
11/28/23 10:29	F2100	Best of the finalist... seems to be the most popular one around social media and news outlets from what I can tell as well.
11/28/23 10:29	F2100	all theses flags are a waste of our time to review - the committee must have been on a bender to choose nothing that actually has the word Minnesota on it.
11/28/23 10:29	F2100	This design is both stately, simple, and well designed in its reflection of colors and the North Star. The design's inclusion of the wavy white line depicts well both rolling grass/farmland and water which is an excellent artistic addition to the flag. This should be strongly considered for our next flag.
11/28/23 10:29	F2100	The colors are awful. Looks retro, but not in a cool way. There's no art, beauty or anything Minnesotan about this.
11/28/23 10:30	F2100	F2100 is my number one choice. The curved line gives the design a sense of movement and suggests the rivers and lakes that are such an important part of Minnesota. The star centers the design and the three colors are proportional.
11/28/23 10:30	F2100	I like the star design, it is really strong and effective. I think the curve of the green is unbalanced and the star should not be centered over it. I also do not know what the green curves are meant to represent as Minnesota is not exactly known for its "hills" except in certain parts of the state.
11/28/23 10:33	F2100	2100 is my favorite flag design. Simplistic, easy to remember and draw for children. I prefer the use of navy blue to black
11/28/23 10:33	F2100	this is by far the nicest out of the options that are available.

11/28/23 10:34	F2100	It's definitely simple and would be identifiable from a flagpole, but too simple. It feels rather dull and uninspired.
11/28/23 10:36	F2100	Just okay. The best of a sorry lot.
11/28/23 10:36	F2100	This is my favorite. It is clean, professional, and represents the North Star and the water that our state is known for. None of the others even come close.
11/28/23 10:37	F2100	They all are terrible, but this one is the best. Keep the old one.
11/28/23 10:38	F2100	Are there no artists in MN? No color red!! These are very boring and look like they are produced by a robot.
11/28/23 10:38	F2100	Boring - Flag Submission F29 is a better choice as there is more color and represents Minnesota better.
11/28/23 10:39	F2100	Reminds me a bit too much of the Spire Bank logo.
11/28/23 10:41	F2100	This is the best one. Make white stripe wider and move star to the left
11/28/23 10:42	F2100	For a time, this was one of my favorites;but, it is too close to the Duluth City flag. Of all the comments I made on the flags, I hope you see this one because I didn't see it mentioned how close this is to the Duluth City flag and I don't want us to be ridiculed for being so generic.
11/28/23 10:43	F2100	This one is okay. I like the star and rolling prairie, but it might not represent our entire state as well.
11/28/23 10:44	F2100	This is my favorite flag design. Besides the star I like the gentle flow of the green land, white river, and blue sky. Most of the designs remind me of those quilt designs seen on barns...like them on barns but NOT for the state flag design. My 2nd choice is F944. Truthfully, the Committee scored zero points in the five finalist flag designs. A shame. Good luck with the final choice.
11/28/23 10:45	F2100	Like all the other submissions this is a step backwards. Simplistic with no obvious distinction to Minnesota
11/28/23 10:47	F2100	This says nothing and looks cartoonish. None of the designs look dignified or stately. They are trendy and will not stand the test of time. If anything, just use the new seal on a blue field like the original one.
11/28/23 10:48	F2100	This is my vote.
11/28/23 10:50	F2100	We like submission F2100 - the shape of the star, the land & rolling hills are all appealing!
11/28/23 10:50	F2100	I don't like the white stripe as it makes me think of beverage companies. But this one is the best of the bunch and would be improved upon if it had a loon in the middle like the one in the seal designs.
11/28/23 10:50	F2100	We should avoid a "Star of Bethlehem" look at all costs.
11/28/23 10:53	F2100	I was a big fan of the North Star Flag design that has been out there for years that did not make the final cut. This flag is reminiscent of that and has the opportunity to be unique and iconic. If the star from F29 were adorned here, it would be a slam dunk.
11/28/23 10:53	F2100	Mediocre!
11/28/23 10:53	F2100	Awful. Too plain
11/28/23 10:55	F2100	This is by far the most beautiful entry. MN is the star of the north and this is that! I love the green bottom with blue top - our state colors and also signifies green pastures and great blue skies and land of blue waters.
11/28/23 10:56	F2100	Too much like Duluth's flag. Blue, green, white. And again the 8 pointed thingamajig. Starflake? Why is this an improvement on what we already have.  I'm not opposed to novelty, but can't we try to have a flag that could be recognized as our own when someone sees it? This, like all submissions, says nothing specific about Minnesota. Nothing at all. I've lived here all my life. Now my flag will become an unrecognizable Rorschach test item. Thanks!  These don't even look like flags attempting to represent a real state. So bland! What will those who come after us make of this, other than that at some point in time the state of Minnesota went in whole hog for the insipid nothingness that is identity politics.  Like all of these submissions, the attempt to whitewash our history of courageous but also murderous settlers and the conflicts with courageous and murderous indigenous peoples, are shameful. Can we not handle the truth?! Leave the flag as it is.



11/28/23 10:58	F2100	A bad copy of the Minnesota North Star flag. This looks like a bank or credit union logo. The worst of the batch.
11/28/23 10:59	F2100	This is my husbands favorite, I can live with it.
11/28/23 10:59	F2100	I prefer this design. it is closes to the North Star Flag that many people have been advocating for 30 years. While it is a downright shame that design was eliminated (Why?) this design most closely represents what is great about the North Star Flag. It's second-best, to be sure, but superior to the other 5 designs you selected to consider.
11/28/23 11:00	F2100	This is also bad and looks like a banner hung in a church during lent (The star being the "Star of Bethlehem" from the bible). Very soulless, also very corporate. Will not stand the test of time.
11/28/23 11:01	F2100	I like this flag the best, I think the star should be changed to the one in F29 it will add depth and richness in color and feel. Currently that flags are a little flag over all, could even add red instead of white to the native star, the blue should be a rich blue and green
11/28/23 11:01	F2100	Remarkably boring. If the star wasn't centered it would be a little less boring, but still boring! Looks like a bank logo. Not as good as F29 or F1953!
11/28/23 11:02	F2100	This, of all the submissions, has the most potential. It would be nice if the green also had a light blue wave at the bottom, reflecting both land and water.
		Similar to my comments on F29, this is not my favorite nor my most-hated of the 6 you selected. It is acceptable, although no where near as superior as the North Star Flag that folks have advocated on behalf of for 30 year.s. This design is acceptable, but not exciting.
11/28/23 11:03	F2100	Suggestion for improving: Make the star yellow and make it the standard 5-pointed star;the 8-pointed star looks childish.
11/28/23 11:03	F2100	This flag is my favorite because itâ€™s simple yet has the elements that represent Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:05	F2100	None of the above please. Keep the existing flag just as it is. If you MUST change it (for whatever reason) please start over, these are bland and uninspiriing. Thank you.
11/28/23 11:05	F2100	I do like this, the rolling hill reminds me of the landscape, but it could use a layer of brown or beige in it, I think, to better represent the landscape.
11/28/23 11:07	F2100	I like this overall design, there is a very graceful flow to it. Personally, I think swapping green for a gold color would improve the visual appeal of this flag.
11/28/23 11:09	F2100	Least-worst finalist, because bland.
11/28/23 11:10	F2100	F2100. My second favorite design.
11/28/23 11:11	F2100	This is the one. North Star state. Prominent white star (clearly a star) against a dark background as stars are. The wave in the snow and ground (forest/crops) gives the design a friendly feel. I like it. I think it would look good flying on a flag pole and clearly connect with the qualities of the state.
11/28/23 11:12	F2100	This flag looks like some corporate logo and does not respresent Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:13	F2100	This is my favorite new flag design.
11/28/23 11:13	F2100	Unfortunately the best of the group, considering they all are awful. There is one winner among the state seals - the one with the loon. How about flushing all the flags, adopting the loon state seal, then starting over with the flags?
11/28/23 11:15	F2100	Bland, uninspired, uninspiring, Is the curved line suppleer to represent water? Too vague.
11/28/23 11:16	F2100	And again - Same comment - This is terrible. Nothing here screams Minnesota.
11/28/23 11:17	F2100	This one has grown on me. I can see it in a wave of wind on a flagpole. I must admit I was a bit stunned by how basic all the designs are - but this one seems to fit the "flag" bill.
11/28/23 11:19	F2100	I see nothing on there that reflects Minnesota. Where is the loon, trees, lakes etc. All your designs suck!!
11/28/23 11:19	F2100	This design is broadly appealing and rich in symbolism. Both practical and progressive. Befitting of our stateâ€™s finest attributes
11/28/23 11:20	F2100	The classic. I am undecided on whether I like the curvy nature of this flag. I don't think I would like it straightened out but I don't know if I am fully on board with it either. I wouldn't be mad with this choice but not thrilled either
11/28/23 11:24	F2100	Having a wavy line on a flag is very bad looking. This is almost okay as far as color/symbol goes, but this looks like the flag for a car wash.
11/28/23 11:24	F2100	8 pointed star on indigo sky with undulating horizon is the best of the presented alternatives
11/28/23 11:24	F2100	This is absolutely the best option. Simple but not too simplistic. Great colors. Actually looks like a flag. Perfect fit with the State Motto.
11/28/23 11:26	F2100	This is the best of the 6.
11/28/23 11:27	F2100	This design shows green, of our prairies or trees. I prefer prairie representation.
11/28/23 11:28	F2100	F2100 is my #1 favorite
11/28/23 11:29	F2100	awful
11/28/23 11:31	F2100	While I actually lean to 944, I think this one could be excellent, if only the star was moved more to the left rather than centered

11/28/23 11:34	F2100	Love the simplicity but snowflakes have 6 points not 8. This star looks like the star of Bethlehem.
11/28/23 11:37	F2100	None of the flag designs are very good or worthy to represent the state of Minnesota. I see the idea of the this flag and the North Star and Minnesota being the North Star state. But a little more couldâ€™ve been added to add interest .
11/28/23 11:37	F2100	I would love to see this design with the star of F29 as the center above. I think integrating both those designs would make a good flag.
11/28/23 11:38	F2100	Simple yet elegant and dignified.
11/28/23 11:38	F2100	Similar to the North Star Flag, but made too simplistic, and that star looks like a Christmas star. That is all anyone will see when they look at that star. I suggest reverting to the North Star Flag.
11/28/23 11:39	F2100	was there some sort of rule that dictated the number and choice of colors? This has zero connection to Minnesota
11/28/23 11:40	F2100	F2100 gets my vote for flag.
11/28/23 11:42	F2100	I donâ€™t like the wavy line through the middle. Flags donâ€™t need wavy lines on them if theyâ€™re already going to wave in the wind. This design also looks like a logo for a corporation, not a state flag.
11/28/23 11:44	F2100	There's only three colors in MN??? Boring. Plain. No creativity. Are we that boring of a state that we can't have finalists that are so unimaginative????
11/28/23 11:44	F2100	This one.
11/28/23 11:44	F2100	This is very similar to the city of Duluthâ€™s new flag. Maybe too similar?
11/28/23 11:44	F2100	F2100 is third best and a great distance behind F29 and F1953. It should not be considered further.
11/28/23 11:46	F2100	Looks like the Star of Bethlehem
11/28/23 11:46	F2100	Not thrilled by any. Maybe my second choice.
11/28/23 11:46	F2100	If the wavy white line were straight it would be easy for a child to draw which is the first requirement. That resolved it would be acceptable.
11/28/23 11:46	F2100	Love this one
11/28/23 11:47	F2100	I think this one sticks out among the finalists, in a good way. For me, it captures the essence of the "land of sky water". It represents where they meet and has a modern look. I love it!
11/28/23 11:48	F2100	Don't really care for any of the six finalists, but this is the best of the bunch.
11/28/23 11:49	F2100	My favorite of the six.
11/28/23 11:49	F2100	There was a much better version of this flag that for some reason got tossed. What is the white line separating the grass from the sky? Or is it upside down and there blue is a lake, with ice on the shore and then green grass for some reason? Like so many of the other finalists, the use of the north star has strong Christianity overtones and is unacceptable as a state flag for that reason alone.
11/28/23 11:50	F2100	Theyre all horrible!!! There is no meaning to this state at all!!! I don't get any feeling from those flags. Keep the flag what we have. They're gay as fuck!
11/28/23 11:50	F2100	I don't like the wavy lines on a flag. When it waves in a breeze, straight lines become wavy - it looks odd starting out with wavy lines. I prefer the North Star in gold.
11/28/23 11:50	F2100	Use this star on 944 or add a loon (even if it's is abstract like 944) and this one wins
11/28/23 11:52	F2100	I rank F2100 second of the 6 options. It's clear that the white feature is a star, not a snowflake, and the pattern of the white wave is not overdone.
11/28/23 11:54	F2100	This particular submission: F2100, is by far my favorite one over the others. Do not keep the blue light in color. Due to flags fading over the years and you want a flag to be bold and standout, the colors should be riveting in a sense. I supported the idea that loon should not be on the flag as it doesn't represent the entire state. Furthermore, if we don't do anything about fisherman using lead and shotguns from using lead, we're not going to have any loons.
11/28/23 11:54	F2100	My second choice.
11/28/23 11:56	F2100	star needs to be more simple
11/28/23 11:56	F2100	Best one.
11/28/23 11:58	F2100	F3, which didn't make the cut for the finalists, was the best design submitted. If we are stuck with one of those six, here are my thoughts: F2100 - Best of the final 6 F944 - Second best of the final 6 F29, F1154, F1435 - All awful, look like quilt patterns F1953 - Awful, looks like something from an obscure third world country we've never heard of.
11/28/23 11:58	F2100	Love this one

11/28/23 11:59	F2100	This design is my top choice for several reasons. I prefer the 8-point star because the 4-point is too close to a cross. I'm Lutheran and I believe in representing all of our people, not putting Christian symbols above others. The design is clean, showing a beautiful blue evening sky and verdant green land. The reason I came to Minnesota in 1982 and stayed is because of the clean air, land, and water.
11/28/23 12:00	F2100	Displays the North Star well
11/28/23 12:04	F2100	An emptiness that struggles to justify its complexity;pretty but meaningless.
11/28/23 12:05	F2100	Nope
11/28/23 12:06	F2100	I am holding my nose and voting for this oneâ€¦, in protest. I love the current Minnesota State Flag. Total bullshit it has to be changed. Put it to the citizens to vote: Yes to change. NO TO LEAVE IT AS IS!!!!
11/28/23 12:06	F2100	F2100 captures the correct recommended colors, the water (wavy line) and the star - the other flag candidates, while nice are either not the correct color recommendation, are confusing (I couldn't tell the green triangles were meant as "trees", or not fully communicative of our state.
11/28/23 12:07	F2100	F2100 would be my pick for a flag. The seal with the Loon was my favorite.
11/28/23 12:08	F2100	This should be our state flag. It captures the essence of Minnesota from the beauty of the clear dark nights and bright north star, to the grand rolling landscape of southern Minnesota. The blue also reminds of the "land of lakes".
11/28/23 12:09	F2100	Actually, this one is my favorite, it has the north star, blue for the sky and water and green. Go with it! Thank you
11/28/23 12:10	F2100	Good design clearly represents who we are
11/28/23 12:11	F2100	This one reflects the woods water and North Star.
11/28/23 12:12	F2100	good, like the curve
11/28/23 12:13	F2100	Probably the best of choices
11/28/23 12:14	F2100	This design is my favorite by far. It represents all aspects on Minnesota: the green grass and pines throughout our state, the blue for our many lakes and rivers, the wavy line representing snowbanks and the north star representing our northern-most spot on the map. Love this one!
11/28/23 12:14	F2100	i do think that this number F2100 is a good option. it has great qualities that make it simple but identifiable. i would feel this a good flag
11/28/23 12:15	F2100	yes, a contender
11/28/23 12:15	F2100	I don't like curved lines on flags.
11/28/23 12:16	F2100	Best flag option for Minnesota :)
11/28/23 12:19	F2100	i voted
11/28/23 12:20	F2100	Love this! Blue symbolizes water, green agriculture and trees, north star symbol and white line in the middle symbolizes the Mississippi River. Winner!
11/28/23 12:20	F2100	Simple yet elegant. I vote for this flag.
11/28/23 12:23	F2100	I'm sounding like a broke record, I know, but what is it about this design that depicts shared history and culture? It has a visually pleasing symmetry, but beyond symbolic reference to Etoile du Nord, this "flag" could represent Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine (Ontario, for that matter). Shouldn't a state flag have something more to do with the state than offer vague symbolism?
11/28/23 12:23	F2100	This is the best one. Make the white bar wider and move the star to the left.
11/28/23 12:24	F2100	These corporate-looking logos say nothing about good government or the citizenry.
11/28/23 12:26	F2100	Snore.
11/28/23 12:27	F2100	Another simple design. At least the sky isn't green like the similar design.
11/28/23 12:27	F2100	Elegant and crisp, but a tad on the boring side. We are different and we are proud of it. Let our flag reflect that.
11/28/23 12:29	F2100	Where are the wisemen? Start over. There are actual artists available for this work. Invite people with talent (e.g., that you'd actually have pay) rather than just opening it up to anyone who has access to a computer graphics app.
11/28/23 12:29	F2100	This one looks a flag and the not like a quilt. This is one of my favorites.
11/28/23 12:29	F2100	When the six were first chosen, this was my favorite, but have moved it to the second or third. One, I feel the star is too narrow, and will get lost flying in the distance to, the reminds me of a Coke product, and I feel that they really aren't rolling hills in Minnesota.

11/28/23 12:30	F2100	I love the simple design, the dark blue and green, and the subtle representation of a river in the curved white line. My second favorite, I think.
11/28/23 12:30	F2100	I prefer F1953 but, this design with a traditional 5 pointed star is my second favorite
11/28/23 12:31	F2100	YOU GUYS MUST HAVE BEEN DRUNK TO THINK THIS IS A GOOD OPTION.
11/28/23 12:31	F2100	Not so bad.
11/28/23 12:32	F2100	My number one pick. This looks dignified. It is simple yet includes important aspects of our state. It is timeless. It does not look like a graphic design for a company logo like some others do. It has an elegant beauty.
11/28/23 12:32	F2100	My 2nd favorite
11/28/23 12:33	F2100	The change in direction to a simple symbolic design that is distinct from other states' flags is positive. This one's North Star, green for fields and forests, white for snow, and blue for northern sky is a good design. But no lakes!
11/28/23 12:33	F2100	None of these flags are acceptable to me. They are too blank and boring and dull. Doesn't convey who we are. I believe we need the word MINNESOTA , a loon, 1858 and the Le Toile Du Nord on the flag someplace. Let's start over on the flag. These are not good in my humble opinion. Yuck!
11/28/23 12:35	F2100	Selection for Flag
11/28/23 12:35	F2100	Boring, poor color choice and why does the word Minnesota not appear on the flag? How would anyone from another state identify this as our state flag? Need a redo!
11/28/23 12:35	F2100	This flag is ok but feels like it doesn't reflect an important part of Minnesota: lakes and streams.
11/28/23 12:35	F2100	F2100. I like the star being white and centered. Probably my 3rd choice
11/28/23 12:36	F2100	this entry includes most of the elements that make up our beautiful state - the north star, water, snow and forest.
11/28/23 12:37	F2100	This is the best by a long shot. The l'etoile du nord is prominently centered against the blue background. The curve looks clean, simple and classic and is not ostentatious wavy and awkward looking like I have seen in other versions. Finally the blue and green is classic and nicely presented and very evocative of MN. Please select this flag.
11/28/23 12:38	F2100	Simple and nice.
11/28/23 12:38	F2100	Excellent. Great design.
11/28/23 12:38	F2100	First choice for flag.
11/28/23 12:41	F2100	This flag is pretty good, but feels off for some reason. Many compare it to spire credit union and I think that might be why I don't like it as much as #29.
11/28/23 12:41	F2100	Like this one best
11/28/23 12:42	F2100	This is a simple, easily-recognizable design. It's my second-favorite of the finalists. However, I just want to say that all these flags look the same, and look like they were designed by a computer to be as inoffensive as possible. Many of the loon designs would have been better (and it's not true that loons don't represent all of Minnesota--I live in SW MN, and people here have an emotional connection to Up North, which includes the loon!)
11/28/23 12:42	F2100	Among the finalists, this is my favorite. It has bold clarity that will be easily interpreted no matter the flags presentation, wind conditions, etc ... It is neither staid nor 'trendy'. Several other entries seem to want to include snow (ambiguously?) as an eight-sides/pointed design (rather than six), which if so is just embarrassing. On this one the symbol more clearly emphasizes the North Star, pure and simple.
11/28/23 12:42	F2100	This one SCREAMS Minnesota to me!
11/28/23 12:43	F2100	I really like this one! The tones of the colors are great and I like that land, sky, water, and movement are captured by it. I like that the star is central!
11/28/23 12:43	F2100	More meaningless.
11/28/23 12:43	F2100	All of these flag submissions shouldn't have made it to the final selection. WE ARE NOT NAMED THE NORTH STAR STATE!!!!!! We are the land of 10,000 lakes!!!! I don't understand why our state flag had to be switched in the first place it was beautiful just the way it is. All of these flags and seal mean nothing and all look like an elementary student made them. There's nothing special about them. The current flag has history behind it and should stay how it is!!! Me and a million other people agree!!!!
11/28/23 12:44	F2100	I am a huge fan of the green color, I think that Minnesota's lakes and scenery overall has green and navy as it's predominant characteristics (it also has consistency with mn state websites and such) - all in all, green, yellows, and navy are the preferred color scheme for the new flag. What is off putting here is the asymmetry - it's a bit top heavy. The star pierces far too low. Perhaps if the star were in the corner, rather than the middle, it would be less jarring.
11/28/23 12:44	F2100	This is by far the most elegant, classy, and timeless of all the finalist designs. Not cluttered. Beautiful colors. Simple and symbolic at the same time. I highly approve.

11/28/23 12:46	F2100	This would be my 3rd favorite. A great simple design, but still lacking in all the representation of snow (is that supposed to be in the white line maybe? I do like the rolling hills of green with the north star in the night sky. Almost too simple for my taste though.
11/28/23 12:47	F2100	This is my second pick after 1593. It's simple amd memorable. Anyone can draw it.
11/28/23 12:48	F2100	I could live with this one. It's clean and contemporary and should be able to stand the test of time. I would note that it appears to use the same shades of blue, green and white that are used in the State's current online branding, which wouldn't have to change.
11/28/23 12:50	F2100	the star feels like it was stretched a bit too big in photoshop.
11/28/23 12:50	F2100	I appreciate how timeless this design is and how it can be widely recognized as the minnesotan flag.
11/28/23 12:51	F2100	Clean and classy.
11/28/23 12:51	F2100	This pattern is perfect. Change the star color to yellow, and it's the ideal flag. The other samples are either too abstract, too derivative, or confusing
11/28/23 12:51	F2100	NO
11/28/23 12:51	F2100	This is a terrible color and design. Very boring! Not a good representation of the state. How would people know it is even Minnesota?
11/28/23 12:51	F2100	This one is hideous. Where is our loon? Where is the lady slipper? Why this?
11/28/23 12:53	F2100	This design and F1953 are the ones that I think are the most "timeless" and will hold up best through the decades to come. I also appreciate that they both represent our water, snow, green land and the North Star.
11/28/23 12:54	F2100	Again, the clash of green and blue shades, as well as choosing colors that will go out of fashion, is a theme.
11/28/23 12:54	F2100	This is the strongest image of the selection of Flags. Easily identifiable amongst other state flags, strong presence of the North Star.
11/28/23 12:54	F2100	An elementary design from the computer. All finalists need to go back to the drawing board and use some God-given creativity.
11/28/23 12:55	F2100	Brought to you by Spire Credit Union
11/28/23 12:56	F2100	Not bad, not great. This would be improved with a gold star, and could easily be combined with the North Star flag to create something updated and appealing that satisfies all parties. The shades of blue and green also feel a bit off, and could use a tweak. The star is too large and too dominate in this design and should probably be moved to the left canton to better balance it, while also being shrunk. Of course, making it gold and a 5 pointed star or a better designed compass star would also improve it.
11/28/23 12:57	F2100	I am not really sure that we need a new flag design, but I do believe that any decision on a new flag design should be made by the of all people of the state of Minnesota. Put it to a vote and include the old design, if the new designs do not receive a majority, then go back to the drawing board.
11/28/23 12:58	F2100	this is the one
11/28/23 13:00	F2100	Love this one!!
11/28/23 13:00	F2100	This one is OK. third choice.
11/28/23 13:03	F2100	Love it!!
11/28/23 13:03	F2100	Please start over. Or leave the old flag alone.
11/28/23 13:05	F2100	This is the best of the lot. Simple, as a flag should be, and evocative of the north star, the Mississippi and the three colors in our landscape. Most of the others look like origami gone wild.
11/28/23 13:06	F2100	This flag is a much clearer representation of the state known for its elements of water and clean air. The star works as it does not evoke so much of a religious tone as do some of the other stars.
11/28/23 13:06	F2100	Since this is to be a representation of the state, I believe this flag represents the state well and keeps a clearer line without confusing the issue of separation of church and state.
11/28/23 13:09	F2100	Leave flag the way it is! No new flag!!!
11/28/23 13:10	F2100	Best of the group but greatly prefer the loon design on the state seal submissions. No loon or other images associated with MN other than the star and colors.
11/28/23 13:12	F2100	This is my favorite of them all! But I think moving the star to the left corner would add interest and depth that the symmetry of the current design lacks.
11/28/23 13:13	F2100	dumb, leave the flag as it is please
11/28/23 13:13	F2100	Would I put this as a bumper sticker in my car? Sure. So yes this one
11/28/23 13:15	F2100	Is there supposed to be some significance with the eight points of the star? It's certainly plain and simple. I'm assuming the slight white arc in the center is supposed to represent water?
11/28/23 13:16	F2100	This one is my favorite! I like the simplicity of it along with the color choices.

		Last, but again. Whimpy design. No ties to the States history or pretty much anything. A really disappointing bunch of "finalists". Please. Try harder. Despite comments that a seal on solid background is boring and overdone, I like it. It's elegant, has a nod to our historic flag and the seal designs at least show a degree or two of sophisticated thought/imagination/respect for the importance of the project.
11/28/23 13:21	F2100	Listen to the choral song "Our North Star". It's highly emotive, with buckets of state pride. The flag should be even more evocative the pride we have in being Minnesotans.
11/28/23 13:21	F2100	Is this a logo for a Credit Union?
11/28/23 13:24	F2100	This is my second favorite of the group, but it has a bit of a "cold" feel.
11/28/23 13:24	F2100	Of the finalists, I like this one the best. It has a flow to it, that reflects the Minnesota essence. It's not too flashy, not confusing, and is sufficiently different to other state flags to stand out.
11/28/23 13:24	F2100	This is OK!
11/28/23 13:24	F2100	Horrible! Wtf is this!!? You all lost your damn minds
11/28/23 13:25	F2100	F2100 this is a decent flag. I don't feel strongly one way or another, but it's not my favorite and not my least favorite. Middle of the ground flag
11/28/23 13:25	F2100	Beautiful flag design.
11/28/23 13:26	F2100	F2100...the winner !!
11/28/23 13:26	F2100	White River?? White ???
11/28/23 13:27	F2100	This one I also like is it also shows with Northstar shining brightly really look like, not with I believe it's a snowflake over it.
11/28/23 13:29	F2100	None of these options incorporate anything Minnesota - history, people, diversity, nothing but generic north star images. Be better of using the old North Stars logo/flag
11/28/23 13:30	F2100	where is the loon. Start the process over, as none of these really represent Minnesota
11/28/23 13:31	F2100	I like the simple design. Easy to remember and recognize. This has my vote.
11/28/23 13:32	F2100	This design (F2100) looks like a logo for a bank or a credit union.
11/28/23 13:32	F2100	Not thrilled with any of the choices but this one is the least bad choice.
11/28/23 13:33	F2100	Just NO. Looks like a condo community ad banner. Colors are off, and star isnt right.
11/28/23 13:34	F2100	I really do not like any of these designs. I like the current flag much better than any of these. How about something with the outline of Minnesota on it and depicting our 10,000 lakes. Or another suggestion is making it the same as the state seal, specifically S 224 in the alternate design.
11/28/23 13:34	F2100	Nice. Between this one and F1953.
11/28/23 13:34	F2100	This is the only design that I "get" as maybe representing MN..
11/28/23 13:35	F2100	This one is my favorite!
11/28/23 13:35	F2100	This flag alone among the finalists is worthy of representing the state. Its elements capture the distinctive, lasting features of Minnesota.
11/28/23 13:37	F2100	This is my favorite. It captures our natural wealth.
11/28/23 13:38	F2100	This feels too much like a corporate logo (Spire Credit Union, in particular). Also with the gentle curve of white, it's harder to extract a smaller printable emblem from this flag like you could with F29. Overall, I think it's okay as a flag, just not my top choice
11/28/23 13:40	F2100	Possibility
11/28/23 13:41	F2100	This one is ok, but the wavy line is a little weird. There was another similar one with a wavy line that dipped in the middle - that was better. More symmetrical and kind of gives a hidden M. This one isn't the best
11/28/23 13:42	F2100	my choice
11/28/23 13:42	F2100	I really like this one!
11/28/23 13:42	F2100	This is a super straightforward, nice flag. Maybe my top choice.
11/28/23 13:43	F2100	This doesn't look like a flag to me. It looks like a graphic design project for a brand. I don't like the asymmetrical-ness. It bothers my OCD.
11/28/23 13:44	F2100	this is another of my favorites. The star looks like a star and not a snowflake. the 3 colors represent snow, land and sky
11/28/23 13:44	F2100	very similar to another finalist (traditional flag layout, same colors and star), but is less flag like. has more movement which I like but feels sort of corporate.

11/28/23 13:46	F2100	F2100 is by far the best option. The graceful flow has a sense of natural beauty as does the star. It is distinctive and simple enough that a schoolchild could draw it. It will set MN apart. Adjust the design by moving the star to the upper left and widening the white band for color contrast.
11/28/23 13:49	F2100	This is it
11/28/23 13:50	F2100	My preferred design, appreciate the simplicity
11/28/23 13:50	F2100	This is the best option as it incorporated the North star, the blue od skies and lakes, the white or snow and the green of fields, forests and crops. It will look best undulating in the wind! However I would move the north star to the opportunity left and make the white stripe twice as wide.
11/28/23 13:52	F2100	This is my pick for the state flag. This is the best of the bunch
11/28/23 13:52	F2100	This flag is the worst of all the finalists. not only is the star awkwardly placed, but the white line going through the flag is as well. I believe the North Star, while you can sort of see it during the day, is better represented in a night time setting. The grass being green, gives the flag the look of the setting being during the daytime.
11/28/23 13:56	F2100	best of the finalists
11/28/23 13:56	F2100	Pretty good design. Maybe make the white line a little thicker, I would almost have it just be a straight white stripe. If it stayed curved maybe shift the star left so it sits comfortably in the dip and doesn't feel cramped. I wouldn't be mad at this design.
11/28/23 13:59	F2100	This is ok but not unique enough.
11/28/23 13:59	F2100	The L'etoile du Nord is very strong in this design. The color blocking just isn't as bold as Design F1953.
11/28/23 14:00	F2100	It's my least favorite of the finalists. It's okay but the others were much stronger graphically.
11/28/23 14:00	F2100	Overall, the finalists were beyond disappointing. Minnesota has a change to put forward an iconic state symbol like Chicago or Texas or California, but instead is putting forwarding flag designs that look like an outdated logo for a mid-2000s environmental group. This flag in particular, F2100, if chosen, would make me lose complete faith in the state's ability to have any common sense when it comes to progressing the state and unifying its constituents.
11/28/23 14:01	F2100	Another great design! The colors are cool, the stripe is cool, and the star is cool. This flag and F1953 are clearly the best.
11/28/23 14:02	F2100	This is essentially the Duluth city flag
11/28/23 14:05	F2100	Angular star contrasts well with curvilinear landscape. White on green suggests the snow cover and expansive landscape. Some symbolic reference to lake or river might make this more effective.
11/28/23 14:05	F2100	Gorgeous. The colors and the star are representative of Minnesota's beautiful outdoors! Clean lines, understated, yet classy. This is an excellent representation of Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:05	F2100	We are hoping this one wins!!
11/28/23 14:05	F2100	Is it possible to vote No to all the finalists? F3 shouldn't have even had any competition and it didn't even make the finalist? F29 and S6 matching sure look like a big coincidence as the only ones to match if they happen to win. Chalk it up to another case of pretending to let people feel involved.
11/28/23 14:06	F2100	I like Flag F2100 the best of the Finalists. the image is very clean and simple, but beautiful, and it fits our state.
11/28/23 14:08	F2100	None of these are good choices. They feel like corporate minimalism designs with lack of character, and they don't reflect MN well. Please reconsider and have a new selection for finalists.
11/28/23 14:08	F2100	It's all there. The Star of the North, the waves of blue lakes and the green of the prairie.
11/28/23 14:08	F2100	Stunning simplistic design for Minnesota!
11/28/23 14:08	F2100	Could the Star be yellow so it looks less like a snowflake? Add a light blue line under the white for water.
11/28/23 14:10	F2100	I would love this as our state flag!
11/28/23 14:13	F2100	I guess this is the best option for a flag or 1935.
11/28/23 14:14	F2100	Clearly the best design! Pulls in water, green fields, North star. Timeless. Hope this design is picked!
11/28/23 14:14	F2100	The design is okay. would prefer the color of the start to be yellow/golden. Still awfully basic.
11/28/23 14:14	F2100	Please no. Sideways Pepsi?
11/28/23 14:14	F2100	Looks like a third world country flag blah!
11/28/23 14:15	F2100	Iconic color scheme, simple, but would be better balanced with the star centered vertically on the flag
11/28/23 14:15	F2100	I meant 1953 or this one, but don't really care for any of them.
11/28/23 14:20	F2100	Simple and clean deaign

11/28/23 14:21	F2100	I am amazed at how little art and imagination has gone into the flag designs. All computer with little evidence of human input. Given that overall critique I think the best ones are those with at least curved lines. F944 and F2100
11/28/23 14:21	F2100	This is nothing more than computer clip art. Nothing original!
11/28/23 14:25	F2100	This is my favorite. It is not boxy. It represents the state's water, forests, and Star of the North. It would look great on a flag waving in the breeze or just hanging.
11/28/23 14:25	F2100	This coupled with the Loon Seal could work well I think!
11/28/23 14:25	F2100	This is a clean, simple design.
11/28/23 14:25	F2100	This leaves me wondering which bank this is a logo for. Is Minnesota merging with a bank?
11/28/23 14:26	F2100	As a transplant from AZ and now a proud Minnesotan, I love this one. It has the blue water representing our gorgeous lakes and rivers, including the origin of the Great Mississippi River. It has the lush greens of our farmlands and beautiful green spaces throughout our state. And it has the North Star representing a guiding light that leads the way, and Minnesota is that guiding light of leadership for our country. This would be a lovely choice.
11/28/23 14:26	F2100	THIS IS SOOO UNORIGINAL AND BORING HOOOOLY FUCK THIS IS NOT MINNESOTA PLEASE GOD
11/28/23 14:26	F2100	This is my first choice. Simple design - shows flowing connection between the land and the sky or water. Includes the north star. Good colors.
11/28/23 14:29	F2100	As a non-binary Latinx transgender Black Lesbian who uses the Mx. honorific and they/them pronouns, I prefer the original North Star flag. Thank you. Sincerely, Karl Olson, St. Louis Park, Minnesota.
11/28/23 14:30	F2100	Any star on a flag should be a 5 pointed star as seem on the US flag.
11/28/23 14:30	F2100	This one is fine, but I hate the wave. If it was a straight line instead of a wave separating the blue and the green, I could maybe get behind this flag, but as of now it's off putting. It's trying way too hard to be fancy. If the wave wasn't there, it would be boring, but acceptable.
11/28/23 14:30	F2100	None of the flags give the slightest hint they are a Minnesota flag. None give even the slightest hint that the Star is the North Star. You had one attractive submission that solved both of those problems explicitly;itâ€™s a shame you didnâ€™t select it.
11/28/23 14:30	F2100	Of the finalist flags, this flag is the least insulting.
11/28/23 14:35	F2100	F2100 is my fav. I like the idea of something that is attractive, memorable, and simple enough for children to draw, remember, and get excited about!
11/28/23 14:39	F2100	Boring and drab
11/28/23 14:40	F2100	Best one!!!
11/28/23 14:40	F2100	Might be the best of a bunch of bad options. What do the colors represent? Why the wavy line?
11/28/23 14:40	F2100	NO, looks like another country's flag
11/28/23 14:43	F2100	This design feels a bit off to me. Following the rules of good flag design, it does well, but I think subtle choices in the design ought to be tweaked. The curved white line feels a little strange, perhaps it should be thicker to be more visible? The star also feels too close to the line but also thin and can't afford to get smaller without becoming visually complex. I think a slight redesign in the Northstar would be ideal and perhaps it would be better to be moved to the top left of the flag. Overall the design is fine, but I don't know what it is that I dislike about the flag.
11/28/23 14:43	F2100	I think F2100 is my favorite.
11/28/23 14:44	F2100	Better then the others... Still doesnt say minnesota.
11/28/23 14:46	F2100	This is by far the best flag submission. Iâ€™m a curler and when we play out of state we hang the MN flag by the scoreboard. Would be proud to hang this one on the next tournament
11/28/23 14:47	F2100	No
11/28/23 14:48	F2100	I don't think any of the 6 finalist choices for Minnesota's State Flag represent how diverse Minnesota is. Just COLD! Ya, that's the reputation we want.....NOT!
11/28/23 14:50	F2100	This flag is slept on in my opinion and it's quite good. It symbolizes Minnesota's natural landscapes pretty well, though I wish there was a callout symbolically to our abundant lakes either via colors or otherwise. I prefer F29 and F1953 to it but it's a close third.
11/28/23 14:58	F2100	Looks like foreign nation's flag.
11/28/23 14:58	F2100	Iâ€™d like to see the original North Star flag as an option
11/28/23 14:59	F2100	I feel this is a very strong design because the wavy line implies motion as well as water. The design is simple yet striking and memorable. Strong color contrast, implied motion, and balance make it the best entry, in my opinion.



11/28/23 14:59	F2100	F2100 is my third favorite after F29 and the tricolor. The star is disturbing in the middle and should be moved to the left.
11/28/23 15:00	F2100	Very good, the best of the finalists in my opinion. However, the star feels unbalanced at the center, shifted left to the 1/3 mark or so would feel less jarring.
11/28/23 15:02	F2100	This is the best one.
11/28/23 15:02	F2100	Again, boring. It would be more appropriate for a municipal government. I don't even have that much to say about it other than it literally will not make an impression and no one will care about it. So if that's what you're going for then I guess you're right on track with this one.
11/28/23 15:02	F2100	I think this is the best one.
11/28/23 15:03	F2100	This is the only one of the flag design finalists that seems to me remotely acceptable. It actually looks like a state flag, rather than a grade school classroom decoration. It also SIGNIFIES something; maybe that's a part of what makes it look like a real flag.
11/28/23 15:04	F2100	All of these flags are missing our loon. Not happy with any of them.
11/28/23 15:05	F2100	All six designs are horrible. They do not evoke Minnesota at all. They're very generic, and look like they were made with the most basic free graphics program. Embarrassingly bad choices for finalists. I would use the same image as one of the finalists for the state seal - the one with the loon, lakes, north star, pine trees and wild rice on it!
11/28/23 15:07	F2100	The clear and obvious winner. Though still worse than the Northstar Flag that inspired it.
11/28/23 15:08	F2100	Like this one- simple with symbolism that translates.
11/28/23 15:11	F2100	Top 3 for me with no other comments. It's simple but not too generic
11/28/23 15:11	F2100	It's ok. Simple but gets the job done. Safe choice.
11/28/23 15:15	F2100	These flags appear as though they were selected from computer clip art. They are very boring and unimaginative. A flag should have unique symbols that immediately invoke thoughts of Minnesota. These are very uninspiring.
11/28/23 15:15	F2100	My preferences for the MN State Flag would be, in order: F1953, F2100, F29, F944, F1154, and then F1435. My preferences for the MN State Seal would be, in order: S224, S147, S6, S27, and then S2.
11/28/23 15:15	F2100	I believe that these choices could best represent the place and people of this great state.
11/28/23 15:16	F2100	I like this one. It has the North Star for the North Star State, the blue for sky or Sky Blue Waters, the snow (or river). Very Minnesotan.
11/28/23 15:17	F2100	BORING, no character, no historical value!!!
11/28/23 15:18	F2100	I like this one. The curvy line is a pretty unique design element for a flag but it's nice and simple, still. This would definitely be recognizable at rest. Nice design
11/28/23 15:18	F2100	This is a simple flag that anyone could draw themselves and for that reason I like it best. The colors reflect nature and we need to remember how connected we are to nature and how threatened it is these days. This is the only flag that has anything but straight lines and I believe this curve, or wave, is very important because it shows the variation and possibility of change in life.
11/28/23 15:26	F2100	This is truly the worst one out of a batch of six really boring flags. This looks like a health insurance logo or a credit union. The fact that this made it to the finals makes me think that the flag redesign commission is more interested in checking off boxes of what NAVA thinks is good than selecting a design that actually represents Minnesota. I wish we could get six new finalists and a new commission.
11/28/23 15:26	F2100	I really wish any of these designs had loons on them because Minnesota has a uniquely large loon population and Minnesotans take pride in loons. Loons also migrate through the southern part of the state. The north star is famous for being visible anywhere in the northern hemisphere. It doesn't do a good job representing Minnesota and most people don't care about it as a state symbol.
11/28/23 15:28	F2100	My second choice, but it does look WAY too much like the Spire Credit Union logo.
11/28/23 15:30	F2100	Of the submissions this is just OK. Rest are terrible. Need trees, loons or a lake.
11/28/23 15:33	F2100	This is the second best option. Simple, attractive, distinctive. Got the Green for forests, and the snow and north star/snowflake. Crisp, but once again not representational enough, this could be a flag of any northern state. this isn't the middle ages where people are experts on heraldry and vexillology. The flag should be immediately connectable to Minnesota.
11/28/23 15:39	F2100	I like the flags that feature green and blue because it gives a nod to water and land (forests and farms). While the majority of the population lives in the 7 county metro and a few of the micro-metro areas...the majority of the state is made up of land and water from the rural ends of the state. The blue and green allow rural to see themselves in the new flag.
11/28/23 15:47	F2100	Soooooo, this is for Northstar Oil Company? Certainly doesn't say anything about Minnesota. Looks like generic clip art, what about it couldn't be generated by AI? Where is the human perspective? Where is Minnesota? It would be improved by adding more elements, like a loon, lady slipper, lake, woods, prairie. It currently says nothing about how unique and beautiful the state of Minnesota is. It's perfect for a sports jersey, but horrible for a state flag.

11/28/23 15:49	F2100	This is ugly!
11/28/23 15:49	F2100	Now I see who has sway- this looks a lot like the AFSCME flag ! Or some random small country? Why the heavy selection of that green, and blue, and those funky stars? NONE are satisfactory, and it makes this group look bad.
11/28/23 15:56	F2100	Although I wouldn't mind seeing a loon in there - this is a really good option. Simple. I like the basic elements it captures. Definitely this one or submission # F944.
11/28/23 15:58	F2100	# F2100. OK, my second fav... I has a water feel to it. It feels modern.
11/28/23 15:58	F2100	It's...okay. It's giving butter packaging though. Frankly, there seems to be an obsession with the northern star. I do wish the gray duck flag would have been a finalist-would have been a no brainer which state's flag it was. Or even a flag with a loon...but some people in Southern MN don't want us to have nice things. If someone would have submitted a flag with a soy bean, the Southern MN peeps on the council would have been salivating.
11/28/23 15:59	F2100	What's most disappointing about f2100 is that it is close enough to Rev William Beckers design that the exclusion of the latter is all the more of an apparent slight. I can understand the optics of selecting a favorite from before the request for submissions but just forego that style completely then if that's a concern . It's a shame though because the Becker design is great.
11/28/23 16:03	F2100	The commission left the best flag design off the list of finalists. Revisit F777 - this was the best option submitted to the commission. Try to incorporate some of F777 features into the final selection or pick another round of finalists. I think you are rushing this decision and need to take more time regardless of the legislative deadline to get it right. You should open it back up to voting on all the submissions to the public - then pick the top 20 and go from there. Do you think the commission members can really represent the preferences of the entire state? I've seen nothing but complaints about the finalists that the commission selected. A lot of design elements people liked were totally ruled out due to some arbitrary opinion of a commission member. People really like Stars, LOONS, the state TREE incorporated into their flag. All the commission did was filter our anything that was creative/original - all the options are way too similar to each other. A star and some block coloring. Do better. F29 looks like a quilting pattern. I don't like the design of the star/snowflake which is too busy and needs to be simplified. Also maybe ad the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F944 is okay but I don't like the wavy lines and really don't like the design of the star, it is too stylized. Can we have a simple five point star instead please? Change the wavy lines to a more uniform rectangular block pattern across the entire file of the flag. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. F1154 also looks like a quilting pattern. I like that it mixes the colors up a bit compared to the other submissions. The star design is okay too but could use some improvement. Add the word "Minnesota" to the flag. These options aren't so memorable people will be able to tell the flag from site like New Mexico, California, & South Carolina - those are the gold standards in my opinion. I also like Mississippi & Utah state flags. F1435 - I don't get it or like it really. What are the geometric shapes supposed to represent? Should I have to ask? Looks like a quilting pattern. Add "Minnesota". F1953 - this is the second best of the six flag options. The star needs some work though, I don't like the design of the star, try something more traditional. Add "Minnesota" and a picture of the state tree and then we'll have something. F2100 - I think this is my favorite of the six finalists, but I really don't like the star that much honestly. Simplify the star (5 points) make it smaller and put it in the upper left corner, add the work "Minnesota"
11/28/23 16:08	F2100	The criteria is simple. The designs must accurately and respectfully reflect Minnesota's shared history, resources, and diverse cultural communities. Not very creative except it has more than just a star. Who voted on this terrible selection of flags? I hope we didn't waste more of our taxpayers money on this fiasco.
11/28/23 16:08	F2100	This says NOTHING about our wonderful state. No imagination or creativity to reflect our state's beauty or diverse culture. Total example of clip art.
11/28/23 16:10	F2100	I like the simplicity, style and colors.
11/28/23 16:11	F2100	All six look like clip art from some free website. We need a new flag but these are not it.
11/28/23 16:12	F2100	This is very classy.
11/28/23 16:13	F2100	This is a variant on the popular flag design that has been circulating for more than a decade. The composition on this onr is simpler and more balanced. My favorite of the finalists.
11/28/23 16:21	F2100	Whichever one of these is selected, Minnesota will be a standout for the most blah state flag in the USA.
11/28/23 16:22	F2100	This is so close to the original north star flag. But worse. The comission couldn't even respect the public by presenting an option that hasn't been through the copier a dozen times. This is trash.
11/28/23 16:22	F2100	needs a logo saying MINNESOTA
11/28/23 16:33	F2100	I like the wavy line... But would prefer this F2100 star with the wavy design of F216 or F1782 or F1973.
11/28/23 16:39	F2100	If push came to shove, this might take third place.
11/28/23 16:42	F2100	This has a nicely designed north star. However, the remainder of it is very simple.

11/28/23 16:43	F2100	Another strong contender for this competition. It hits all of the major iconography that is important to Minnesotans but it is lacking in some degree of uniqueness. It almost looks like the flag of a credit union.
11/28/23 16:43	F2100	On Flag F2100:  PROS -- Nice simple design -- Incorporates elements of strong North Star Flag (flag F3) design  CONS -- Lacks cleaner design of North Star Flag (flag F3) that it emulates -- Religious symbol: star looks like Christian Star/Star of Bethlehem ***NOTE: this problem has been noted repeatedly in public comments on media websites.
11/28/23 16:43	F2100	Disclosure: I am the designer of flag F278.
11/28/23 16:47	F2100	This design, F2100, gets my vote. But I would make the white wave (symbolizing lakes and rivers, in my view) sky-and-lake light blue (not a blue-green). And the distance between the star and the wave/river should be somewhat greater. With global warming, snow symbolism could become irrelevant in the future.
11/28/23 16:48	F2100	This design, like all other finalists does not represent Minnesota. It appears to represent some foreign country. There is nothing Minnesotan in these designs. This one looks like Turkey - except for the color
11/28/23 16:49	F2100	I would like to suggest a tweak for this design, and that would be to take the star from F1435, and place it in place of the star on this design, and move it to the left hand side of the field. The white rolling wave, should also be thickened a little bit as well. I had brought forth this idea on X/Twitter, and I did also see that Aaron Wittenbel placed this in the gallery of tweaks that has been posted.  I think that this design is probably the best to represent Minnesota, but would be made even better with the tweaks that I am suggesting. It would be a much more striking symbol with the Dakota star from F1435, and it would also mimic the very popular North Star Flag. I am glad that the committee is very open to suggestions for tweaking the top 6, as they all are not perfect designs. I do also think that not including the North Star Flag was a major let-down, due to its solid design and popularity.  I believe that if you were to take these tweaks for F2100 into consideration, then it would end up being an amazing flag that represents all Minnesotans very well. The Dakota star, representing the people here first, would also represent the Star of the North, our state's motto. It will also represent the name of Minnesota, the land where the water reflects the sky, with the wave at the bottom of the design. These tweaks will also make it a better designed flag, and one that will still follow the NAVA guidelines very well. It would still be a simple flag for all children to draw, and what a cool thing to think about, that children in Minnesota might grow up drawing the Dakota star that adorns their home state flag!
11/28/23 16:49	F2100	I ask that you would take my comments and suggestions into consideration for the new Minnesota State Flag!
11/28/23 16:58	F2100	This gets my vote. I like the 8 point star for both the North Star and apparently is what Dakota and Ojibwe use. Snow/winter, lakes, green forests and curve for Mississippi River represented. It will be recognizable whether out straight in the wind or hanging limp. It is simple and in time will be easily recognizable as the Minnesota flag. Just like the Texas, AZ and New Mexico flags. Thanks!
11/28/23 17:00	F2100	All of these images feel forced and dated. Will they still be relevant when fashions change? Please give us something less abstract and more concrete to be proud of.
11/28/23 17:02	F2100	don't change our current flag , this is a waste of tax money and looks like children did them.
11/28/23 17:09	F2100	Longtime resident. Love the simplicity without the trendy zig zags or copying flags like Texas. It shows off the start and conjurers up memories of the wilderness.
11/28/23 17:16	F2100	This is my favorite of the options.
11/28/23 17:22	F2100	All of the flag designs are meh. I like spring, summer, and fall. I dislike winter - so hard pass!
11/28/23 17:28	F2100	This is the only one I like, but just barely.
11/28/23 17:29	F2100	This one has my vote.
11/28/23 17:29	F2100	I like this one.

11/28/23 17:30	F2100	Brilliant design;best semi-"traditional" flag design while modernizing overall (some others look like bad graphic design / too cartoony to represent our great state). Meaningful symbolism about MN without being exclusive of those who haven't lived here their whole lives.
11/28/23 17:30	F2100	By far the cleanest design.
11/28/23 17:30	F2100	This is MY favorite
11/28/23 17:31	F2100	I like this one the best and the meaning stated is Minnesota.
11/28/23 17:31	F2100	I don't like any of the flags. They don't represent Minnesota in my opinion. There is no sense of tradition or representative of our state. The "stars" do not look like stars. They are very representative of other countries.
11/28/23 17:31	F2100	I like design F2100 the best, however I think the star should be a traditional five-pointed star, which would symbolically link our flag to the American flag. In any of the designs with stars, I would prefer the five-pointed star.
11/28/23 17:32	F2100	First choice
11/28/23 17:32	F2100	I hate all these flage ideas but I hate this one the least.
11/28/23 17:33	F2100	This is my number one pick. I would have liked to have seen one with a loon.
11/28/23 17:33	F2100	Looks like a fairly meaningless representation. Looks like an effort that is representative of "trying to hard." High schoolish.
11/28/23 17:33	F2100	Don't think it needs to change
11/28/23 17:33	F2100	Nothing about this flag or any of the other finalists capture the essence of Minnesota. Where are the loons? Where are the lakes? Where is the great art that comes from our state? All of these choices are very disappointing, look the same and I sincerely hope will be reconsidered.
11/28/23 17:33	F2100	This is my favorite of all the final designs.
11/28/23 17:34	F2100	Don't like this one. It's boring graphic art. How about getting an artist to do the flag
11/28/23 17:35	F2100	Start over. ðŸ™ª
11/28/23 17:35	F2100	Very boring. Does not represent our state's varied history in any manner
11/28/23 17:35	F2100	I really like the slender nature of the North Star. This flag will age well.
11/28/23 17:36	F2100	Yuck, like the ones with Loons
11/28/23 17:36	F2100	Plain , says nothing about Minnesota. NO!!
11/28/23 17:37	F2100	Nope. Not at all
11/28/23 17:38	F2100	Ugly, the one we currently have is beautiful! Why Change?
11/28/23 17:38	F2100	I like it the most.
11/28/23 17:38	F2100	Don't see anything representing MN Don't see much of anything
11/28/23 17:38	F2100	Plain but identifiable without needing an explanation.
11/28/23 17:40	F2100	No
11/28/23 17:41	F2100	I want my state's flag to show it is Minnesota, 19th state admitted to the union in 1858 and honor our heritage.
11/28/23 17:43	F2100	This design is simple and represents the land and water.
11/28/23 17:45	F2100	please do not pick this flag or any of the six finalists. I am a lifelong Minnesotan, proud of the beauty of our state and the strength and perseverance of our citizens from the range to the farmlands to the bluff country. None of these selections represents the richness of our State. Please reopen this process to allow input from ALL of us, not from a small group of appointed officials.
11/28/23 17:46	F2100	F1953 This is my favorite design, especially because the dark blue shape at the left represents abstractly the shape of the state. The colors of the 3 stripes represent important aspects of our state: snow, fields/trees, and the lakes. It's simple enough to be recreated easily.
11/28/23 17:47	F2100	This green flag is one I like. Maybe because the green is obviously the land under a blue sky. I like the prominent star, emphasizing our motto. I wouldn't be unhappy with this choice but not a top pick.

11/28/23 17:48	F2100	It's the one that most of my friends & family say they could live with... but honestly, nobody so far has really been excited about any of the choices that were made, especially with so many good choices amongst the thousands that were provided. Also, the white strip should be a bit wider to fit good design/balanced design elements. Of all the choices, I think this one would probably be the best... the most easily recognizable and enduring over a long period of time...
11/28/23 17:49	F2100	This one looks nice and has a nice flow.
11/28/23 17:50	F2100	F2100 is my second favorite, after F1953. The dark blue at the top looks like sky, not water... It could be a lighter blue. Or there could be a lighter blue curve above or below the white curve.
11/28/23 17:50	F2100	Love the simplicity of the flag and the symbolism. In addition blue and green are the colors of the world. Minnesota is a state filled with the beauty of diverse cultures and peoples. Love this design and hope that it is chosen as Minnesota's flag.
11/28/23 17:51	F2100	For me it is a toss up for flag design between F29 and F2100
11/28/23 17:56	F2100	I vote for this one.
11/28/23 17:56	F2100	Unfortunately, this looks like the branding of a local bank or dentist office.
11/28/23 17:57	F2100	This is my second choice. Like the design but feel a different shaped star is needed to feel more inclusive.
11/28/23 17:58	F2100	The star looks like the Christmas Star of David. I love the rest. Iâ€™d like a bright blue.
11/28/23 18:00	F2100	all of the designs are uninspired and overly simple. I dislike this one less than most others
11/28/23 18:04	F2100	F2100 just seems way too much like a credit union logo from 2005 and feels kind of amateurish. The symbolism is nice but there are other finalists that do the same thing in a much better way.
11/28/23 18:05	F2100	This is my number two pick for our state flag
11/28/23 18:08	F2100	I think it's a shame this derivative design was chosen over the North Star Flag (submission F3) which has decades of history and exposure to the public at this point, something no other flag can claim. Almost every difference between this and the North Star Flag is for the worse. The thin white line looks awful and should be widened significantly as in the North Star Flag. The star in this flag absolutely should not be centered -- it looks significantly better in the upper left corner (I know a committee member wanted to get really technical about the placement of Polaris in the sky, but accommodating technicalities while making the flag look significantly worse is a huge mistake). Finally, the North Star Flag's tighter wave pattern looks much better on a flag -- this gentle wave makes this particular flag look like the logo of some big petroleum or agriculture conglomerate attempting to greenwash their activities.  I seriously hope the committee reads the numerous public comments either on this platform or on Twitter that are asking for the North Star Flag to be reconsidered. It has stood the test of time in the way no other flag submitted can claim, and frankly it's disrespectful to the creator of that flag to whom we owe a lot for this flag redesign process happening in the first place. I wish the committee would show some humility on their part as relative newcomers to this process and not wave away his decades of advocacy on this issue.
11/28/23 18:08	F2100	Pick this one!! This is the best one. Doesnâ€™t look like a quilt or sports team logo
11/28/23 18:11	F2100	This is the least objectionable of the choices. However, that is not the North Star! The North Star is a six pointed star.
11/28/23 18:12	F2100	This is my second choice.
11/28/23 18:12	F2100	Is this designer the same as Duluths new flag? Way too similar
11/28/23 18:13	F2100	Like the seal. They compliment each other.
11/28/23 18:13	F2100	Prefer another
11/28/23 18:14	F2100	This is the best of the 6, but the star should be gold or yellow.
11/28/23 18:15	F2100	2100 is one of my favorite two flags. It says Minnesota to me. I like the simplicity and the colors
11/28/23 18:15	F2100	I vote for this one. Crisp and clean. Star of the north. Navy color or night sky, waters. Green color or prairie and white flowing line, which to me represents the flowing g water or winter hills. It's a BIG YES!
11/28/23 18:15	F2100	Where is a Loon flag? I do not like any of the North Star flag designs.
11/28/23 18:16	F2100	2nd place finisher.
11/28/23 18:17	F2100	The best of the bunch but it feels like we can do better
11/28/23 18:19	F2100	Looks like a sports logo. Definite NO.
11/28/23 18:19	F2100	I like this one. Clean design and the colors make more sense than some of the others.

11/28/23 18:20	F2100	I don't like any of them. Love the flag we have now. Just take the Indian off and replace it with something else!
11/28/23 18:20	F2100	This one is OK.
11/28/23 18:21	F2100	This design, like the others that have been chosen as top choices, have absolutely no character to them. The stars on all of them look like the OnStar design. They all appear to have been all done by 1 artist. Out of all of the designs submitted, these are the top ones? Very disappointed in this process. This does not represent My Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:22	F2100	This is my favorite of the flags.
11/28/23 18:22	F2100	North Star. Check. Water. Check. Green fields. Check. I like it.
11/28/23 18:22	F2100	The curves are pleasant to soften the start Good symbolism. Quite simple. I think others are better.
11/28/23 18:23	F2100	The state flag should really have the name of the state on it and have the state symbol on it
11/28/23 18:23	F2100	This is my second choice
		most artistic and alluring unique, not like any other state water, snow, North Star - we love our 4 seasons and embrace Winter in the North Star state - navy background - northern sky this is only one of finalists that makes me MN proud I would embellish the North Star to be more multi s
11/28/23 18:25	F2100	my 2nd favorite - artistically stylish with good use of blue, green, and white  nice North Str
11/28/23 18:25	F2100	Add our State Name, or at least the outline shape. Add our state tree (Norway pine), flower (lady slipper), grain (wild rice), and year of Statehood (1858). This F2100 submission omits all historical symbolism.
11/28/23 18:25	F2100	Add a Loon and I might consider it. What's with the all the green, rolling hills of Nebraska or the Dakotas?
11/28/23 18:25	F2100	None of the flag designs are that great. But if this all we can choose from then this is the one that I dislike the least.
11/28/23 18:26	F2100	This is the one I like the best. The others are good, but this oneâ€™s the best.
11/28/23 18:26	F2100	If they absolutely must change it, start over and let the people vote on this. If you see the comments on all of social media, this "commission" is in over their heads and absolutely does NOT represent the citizens thoughts on what a new flag should look like.
11/28/23 18:27	F2100	I vote for this flag. It is simple and self explanatory. Some of the others make you wonder what they mean. I love the shape of the north star too.
11/28/23 18:27	F2100	I think the story says it all and is simplistic
11/28/23 18:27	F2100	Hate it!
11/28/23 18:28	F2100	I don't lake any of them. They look like the cheap flags of many countries. What is wrong with the existing flag? Nothing. The cost to change all the flags, stationary, business cards, etc. is a total waste of our dollars. LEAVE WHAT WE HAVE ALONE!
		Still my hands down favorite. Like the BOLD of the blue and green colors (vs the lighter colors on other flags).  ***This, I think, is IMPORTANT: ALL 6 options could belong to any other state. Whichever you choose, I believe itâ€™s IMPERATIVE to make it belong to MN ONLY. ALL IT WOULD TAKE IS TO ADD an MN to any of the existing flag designs, preferably in WHITE - so as not to add an additional color and to keep it simple. THANK YOU FOR GIVING RESIDENTS A CHANCE TO SHARE INPUT. Itâ€™s more important to me than I thought, and to others as well! Would buy sweatshirt and tee shirts etc. with this design in a heartbeat.
11/28/23 18:28	F2100	looks childish, like the blue for the sky and the green for the grass, North Star is ok. Better than the others
11/28/23 18:28	F2100	I vote for this flag. It is simple and self explanatory. Some of the others make you wonder what they mean. I love the shape of the north star too.

11/28/23 18:29	F2100	Terrible idea! Leave the current flag the way it is.
11/28/23 18:29	F2100	This is the best of the six
11/28/23 18:30	F2100	This is my favorite flag
11/28/23 18:30	F2100	+6 not shows nothing about our state, van do much better
11/28/23 18:31	F2100	This one also makes me think of a corporate design rather than a flag. It's not that it's bad - rather it just doesn't represent the state in my mind. I can't quite put my finger on what type of company, unlike the other that made me feel like I was looking at a clean energy company logo.
11/28/23 18:31	F2100	Love this F2100 and F1953. Pick either and make no change to the one you chose.
11/28/23 18:31	F2100	Leave the flad alone. The current designs look like a kindergarten kid drew them. If it's not broken. Do not fix it
11/28/23 18:33	F2100	Again, what the heck are you telling me with this flag. All the flags that we are going to choose from tell you nothing, so all this nonsense is going to end up costing us more money than if you just leave the state flag alone. Now youâ€™re going to have to spend millions on educating the citizens of the state and the public. Ohâ€™! I just figured out the real reason you guys are doing this. Itâ€™s just another way to spend our tax money on stupid, wasteful crap. It tells you nothing, about the state. At least our flag now has picture information on it. Everyone needs to stop with the someoneâ€™s feelings are going to be hurt BS.
11/28/23 18:34	F2100	F2100: This is my favorite design. I like the simplicity and meanings of the colors. I think about kids being able to duplicate this flag and not getting overwhelmed. I think people will see this flag and quickly equate it to MN.
11/28/23 18:34	F2100	What about urban, civilization and cultural diversity?
11/28/23 18:35	F2100	Congratulations to the grade schools who submitted all of the new flag designs. None of them are very symbolic or give any tribute to the state's history. To simplify the flag was not a bad idea. To simplify it this much is embarrassing!
11/28/23 18:36	F2100	Doesn't represent MN
11/28/23 18:36	F2100	I like this design as well. Its simple and easy to understand!
11/28/23 18:37	F2100	All these abstract flags are not very appealing. They donâ€™t represent Minnesota. I would take our current flag any day over any of these. Sorry, none bring to mind what Minnesota is and what truly is Minnesota land of lakes, loons, deer, forests and native culture and settler heritage
11/28/23 18:40	F2100	My number #1 choice
11/28/23 18:40	F2100	I like flag F2100. Thank you
11/28/23 18:42	F2100	I dislike all the flag options. They do not represent our state.
11/28/23 18:43	F2100	None of the flags are classy at all: in fact they are quite drab. If I have to choose, I would pick this one.
11/28/23 18:44	F2100	This is the least objectionable for my taste.
11/28/23 18:45	F2100	Too plain and simple. Very Dull.
11/28/23 18:45	F2100	They are all boring. No imagination. No emotional connection to current flag. They look like a sports team insignia. The colors will not last the test of time;they appear to be from the 1980s. Your seriously considering a flag that does not say Minnesota??
11/28/23 18:47	F2100	I like the North Star, blue skies and water and the green of trees, farm land and outdoors!
11/28/23 18:47	F2100	Seriously? These are the best you have for finalists? They are all too simple and boring. I do like the green and blue color schemes, but they all look like either a quilt or a communist flag. Can we please get some realistic beauty in this flag and not so much blocky, abstract art? I think you should take the state seal finalist that had the loon and place that seal on the new flag. It covers everything that represents Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:47	F2100	I really like this design. The simplicity and intuitive nature of the imagery and symbols used is great. It's a well done visually appealing design.
11/28/23 18:47	F2100	My favorite was F22. This is the closest one to that, so this one would be my choice. Simple, easy to recognize and reproduce. I hope you choose this one.

11/28/23 18:48	F2100	Seriously? These are the best you have for finalists? They are all too simple and boring. I do like the green and blue color schemes, but they all look like either a quilt or a communist flag. Can we please get some realistic beauty in this flag and not so much blocky, abstract art? I think you should take the state seal finalist S224 (with the loon) and place that seal on the new flag. It covers everything that represents Minnesota.
11/28/23 18:48	F2100	Looks like the Christmas Star leading the wise men to see Baby Jesus. It's weird for that shape star to be on a Minnesota flag. I don't like this design
11/28/23 18:49	F2100	Looks like the logo for a seed mill, too commercial
11/28/23 18:50	F2100	Only one is F2100. And seal S224. Other flags are too religious looking
11/28/23 18:54	F2100	Only one is F2100. And seal S224 look like Minnesota. Others stars look like other country religious stars
11/28/23 18:55	F2100	This design is the best. Simple and emblematic of our state.
11/28/23 18:59	F2100	meaningless, bad colors and yet again another star.
11/28/23 19:02	F2100	Keep current State Flag. No changes.
11/28/23 19:07	F2100	No. I like our flag that we have. I don't want our State flag turned into a throw pillow.
11/28/23 19:07	F2100	Wow. Awesome. 'Nuff said. A kid could draw this from memory.
11/28/23 19:08	F2100	Classy. Star is a traditional "North Star" not a crappy block cartoon. Back ground lends to sky, land and lakes.
11/28/23 19:11	F2100	This is my favorite.
11/28/23 19:13	F2100	Personally I am not a fan of any of the choices. If you need to be informed of the meanings of the colors and design what is the point of a redesign?! I don't see MN in the designs! I would not wave these flags!
11/28/23 19:14	F2100	I liked this one right away. It represents what MN is and how we love nature in this state. It's colorful...simple...meaningful!
11/28/23 19:21	F2100	F2100 - love it's simplicity and yet meaningful.
11/28/23 19:22	F2100	My favorite
11/28/23 19:24	F2100	This is the least ugly finalist. I tolerate it the most.
11/28/23 19:28	F2100	This is OK
11/28/23 19:28	F2100	looks like you made pre kindergarten kids come up with these while learning shapes
11/28/23 19:29	F2100	This one seems the best out of these narrowed-down choices but they all seem so bland. Not at all what I was expecting for our state flag. They seem more cartoonish and not the most professional.
11/28/23 19:29	F2100	Recommend this one if the star were redesigned in the Dakota   Ojibway style found on some of the other submissions, and then shifted to the left, which aligns location-wise where stars are on the US flag are found. The current star shape evokes too much of Christmas-related stars and Christian-related symbolism.
11/28/23 19:30	F2100	Too plain, not enough representation of our beautiful state.
11/28/23 19:42	F2100	There is nothing about this design that the majority of Minnesotans will know what it represents. Another design that is a real yawner. You all could have done better picking final designs! As a lifelong Minnesotan I'm extremely disappointed in all the flag designs you have chosen.
11/28/23 19:47	F2100	Can anyone just draw a Star? Maybe add the 1858. Sorry, but these do nothing to represent the state as a whole. Quit focusing on one culture/tribe. You can't include the variety of people and culture in Minnesota on a flag... Norwegians, Germans, Hmong, Native Americans, etc. so just focus on what the land provides for us. We are what feeds the mighty Mississippi.
11/28/23 19:50	F2100	Back to the drawing board! No! No! No! That's not Minnesota!
11/28/23 19:54	F2100	Proposal One with the star to the left, but with the star from F944
11/28/23 19:57	F2100	This seems to be the best of all the options. I vote for this one.
11/28/23 19:57	F2100	This is my 2nd favorite design. I like the colors that reference our natural resources as well as the North Star.
11/28/23 20:07	F2100	None of my top 12 designs were chosen as a finalist, so I don't really like any of the finalists. But I prefer this one and design 1953 to the other choices.
11/28/23 20:09	F2100	Please pick this one! Its design is simple elegance, and thematically relatable to all Minnesotans!
11/28/23 20:09	F2100	Isn't this the mn state logo?
11/28/23 20:15	F2100	The North Star State, trees, lakes, and snow - this flag is simple perfection. Please choose it as the winner.



11/28/23 20:15	F2100	This flag design should be the winner. It is beautiful, simple but still represents what is Minnesota. The north star is and should be the star of the show.
11/28/23 20:16	F2100	The North Star State, trees, lakes, and snow - this flag is simple perfection. Please choose F2100 as the winner.
11/28/23 20:21	F2100	Like the wavy white line and star. Nice flag design.
11/28/23 20:27	F2100	I like the variation of the star's points, but wish there was more emphasis in this design choice to communicate a star that's twinkling. The star symbol needs work somehow. It feels stiff compared to the other submissions with stars which seem to communicate greater symbolic character. I also wish the green color was darker, more of a hunter green.
11/28/23 20:27	F2100	This flag is not nearly good enough to replace the current one
11/28/23 20:28	F2100	This would be my second choice for the state flag. It is simple, elegant, and does not co-opt American Indian symbolism in an attempt to make amends, that actually feels a bit patronizing (speaking as someone of Native American ancestry). The symbols are pretty easy to understand, though I prefer the shape of MN showing up in the other flag, and I prefer the larger white band in the other flag, since snow is a huge part of our identity. I didn't realize the white band on this flag was anything more than a decoration until it was explained to me. Sometimes 50% of our year is winter, so the flag really needs to reflect that better. The flag with the larger white band does a better job of that.
11/28/23 20:29	F2100	I really like the simplicity and colors of this design. Easy to understand the blue represents Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams, green for forests, the North Star. I like the thin white line reminding us of all the snowy weather activities Minnesotans enjoy.
11/28/23 20:30	F2100	#1 F3 #2 F2100
11/28/23 20:30	F2100	The most easily remembered
11/28/23 20:31	F2100	I would F1953 be changed to use the star from F29 and the 3 equal sized stripes to instead be unequal sizes and wavy like F2100. I don't like the other 3 designs.
11/28/23 20:32	F2100	Meh. Just okay. Hard to copy a squiggly line and do so accurately.
11/28/23 20:40	F2100	This one doesn't have enough indigenous representation
11/28/23 20:45	F2100	I hate it. What are you people smoking?
11/28/23 20:45	F2100	This one is fine. It's kind of plain but nice
11/28/23 20:47	F2100	Stupid „GOT NO IMAGINATION???? Where's a loon? A pine tree? Lakes, fish? And you people govern our great state???
11/28/23 20:53	F2100	I like this one
11/28/23 20:54	F2100	I feel the real winner for the flag is F2100. It's the only one I think will look great flying high in our state
11/28/23 20:58	F2100	this is my favorite . I like the color And nice simple design .
11/28/23 20:59	F2100	This is the one!
11/28/23 21:00	F2100	I liked the current state flag, but if we have to change I would vote for this one or the one with the swirl of water and the north star. I would have liked a loon on the flag. I heard that a loon flag wasn't chosen because they aren't all over Mn. We don't have typically have loons in southern Mn but we do see them in spring and fall during their migration. I really dislike the other flags in this group other than the other previously mentioned.
11/28/23 21:05	F2100	There is no reasoning provided in the enabling legislation for the commission for a redesign to be created. Further, I have a degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota and have studied the history of Minnesota and the history of the state flag and seal and find no adverse interpretations or harmful intent in the designs. Please see the linked design that shows flag submission F2100 was clearly derived by the design of the reddit user named BoldNorthMN in the "Vexillology" subreddit <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/crbk61/new_flag_of_duluth_minnesota/">https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/crbk61/new_flag_of_duluth_minnesota/</a>
11/28/23 21:10	F2100	Wavy lines dont really make sense because a straight line becomes wavy flapping in the wind on a flagpole. This would not look good vertically, and also looks like a credit union logo. Besides with the green, it's not really a "Minnesota" color. Other states have green things too. Like trees, grass, and other such plants.
11/28/23 21:11	F2100	Nothing says Minnesota about this so it's a no.

11/28/23 21:17	F2100	Simple but includes the elements that identify MN
11/28/23 21:26	F2100	thumbs up. A flag MN kids can recreate in their own drawings.
11/28/23 21:26	F2100	I like the colors and that it has the northern star.
11/28/23 21:34	F2100	My favorite design !
11/28/23 21:35	F2100	This is the best of the choices BUT none are acceptable. All are abstract and an insult to my beautiful state. START OVER
11/28/23 21:38	F2100	They are really awful to look at. Keep the original flag you dipshits. Fml for stupid.
11/28/23 21:39	F2100	This is my favorite design for the new state flag as it truly does include all the elements and resources that make our state unique;clear blue water and crisp, clear nights, abundant green spaces of forests, grasslands and agricultural crops and the wonderful opportunity we have to celebrate all four seasons of the year.
11/28/23 21:42	F2100	I like the colors in this submission, and the big bold North star. But this version seems a bit too simple.It could be for many states, or countries.
11/28/23 21:44	F2100	Maybe, but how is anyone supposed to figure out this is the state flag of Minnesota?
11/28/23 21:44	F2100	This flag feels right for the state.Simply stated and powerful in that simplicity.
11/28/23 21:46	F2100	Shows no Minnesota history. Very similar to Middle East Islamic flags.
11/28/23 21:48	F2100	I like this one if a fancier star were moved to the left and a pine tree, loon and lake added to the right.
11/28/23 21:48	F2100	Boring. Signifies nothing.
11/28/23 21:49	F2100	I prefer F1953 with its additional and calming colors, but this is also a good choice...perhaps the elements could be combined.
11/28/23 21:50	F2100	This one is great!
11/28/23 21:52	F2100	I support this flag with the diverse three colors and what they represent. Thank you.
11/28/23 21:52	F2100	This might be the best submission but this one and the others are really lacking the best elements of MN. It should look more like the loon seal design in my opinion. No one looking at these designs will know that itâ€™s the flag of MN.
11/28/23 21:54	F2100	I like the more traditional look of this seal.
11/28/23 21:58	F2100	I love flags. I have talked for ages about how terrible the MN state flag is, and was over the moon to hear that we were redoing it. There were so many amazing submissions, and these finalists areâ€™ not great. This one is alright. It fits all the things I look for in a state flag, but itâ€™m not sold. It doesnâ€™t catch my eye like submission F1953. Itâ€™s pretty, but the dark green and dark blue need something brighter (other than white) to break it up. With such dark, cool-toned colors, there needs to be a pop of warm to catch the eye. An example of this would be the popular North Star Flag by Lee Harold. The yellow in the star breaks up the blue and green, making the flag look appealing rather than a dark mass. Solid flag, but not great.
11/28/23 22:05	F2100	Simple and elegant design. This choice would make our new flag easily identifiable in any setting.
11/28/23 22:05	F2100	It's ok. Where's the loon?
11/28/23 22:07	F2100	F2100 is the best of the available choices, but you need to move the star to the upper left corner.
11/28/23 22:07	F2100	I thought Texas was the lone star state
11/28/23 22:11	F2100	F2100 is my favorite, but I would switch out the white star with gold.
11/28/23 22:11	F2100	I think this one is the best, instantly recognizable.
11/28/23 22:11	F2100	Blue reads as night sky, not a reference to 10,000 lakes as the description has it. Simplicity, proportions, and colors are all attractive.
11/28/23 22:12	F2100	The star is cool on blue. The waves line though doesnâ€™t seem like a feature common in flags and will eventually looks dated.
11/28/23 22:13	F2100	This is my vote
11/28/23 22:15	F2100	Nice symbolism. It reminds me of Spire Bank, I canâ€™t not see that.
11/28/23 22:17	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalists, but my comment is really meant for whichever one you choose. I hope you don't plan to use the digitally-created version, but rather hire an artist to do a more pleasant, softer version of the inspiration.
11/28/23 22:22	F2100	I believe this flag best depicts Minnesota by showcasing the North Star and the importance of the states natural resources.
11/28/23 22:26	F2100	I like this flag the best
11/28/23 22:26	F2100	One of my favorites- Simple, modern, just feels right.

11/28/23 22:26	F2100	To me this one is just kind of preppy and not modern enough.
11/28/23 22:28	F2100	My favorite but would still like the loon.
11/28/23 22:30	F2100	This is probably the second best of the finalists and that's not saying much. There was a much better variation of this design that was previously tossed around for a state flag design. This is an uninspired version of that. Even making it a yellow-colored star offset to the left and adding a second wavy line to look a little like water might help this design.
11/28/23 22:33	F2100	Well, am not crazy about any of the flag designs but this one would be my choice if I had to choose.
11/28/23 22:36	F2100	Love this for hills and plains with and without snow!
11/28/23 22:37	F2100	This is my favorite flag design.
11/28/23 22:38	F2100	Can we get a do over? I like the loon star seal but the flag designs do not appeal to me.
11/28/23 22:41	F2100	Hate it
11/28/23 22:47	F2100	My favorite based on design. I really like the Northstar and reference to water, snow, trees, farming -- all large parts of MN. I like the simplicity of the flag and colors.
11/28/23 22:51	F2100	Looked at them all. Very disappointed. All alike, too simple. No loons. These do not represent our beautiful state.
11/28/23 22:52	F2100	the last two submissions (this and f1953) are the best. Like the star shapes the best. Nice, simple but not too simple. Solid as is. No changes.
11/28/23 22:52	F2100	Ug... who voted for these 6 finalist. I sure hope they can make better decisions for the welfare of MN residents because they sure flunked selecting a flag.
11/28/23 22:54	F2100	I like F2100 best of the options provided, however, one thing I did as part of my evaluation was to look at the state flags from all 50 states and territories. One thing that jumped out to me was that very few of the flags were easy for me to identify which state they were associated with. The one's that jumped out to me as easy to associate with a particular state were those that called out the states name. Of those that didn't have the state name, I was able to associate flag with the state (AK, CO, MD, SC, & TX). It would be interesting to see how many people could associate state flags with the correct state. There were other flags that I could probably get in the correct region (AZ, MS, WY). My final thought is that goal should be for anyone to easily associate the flag with our state. I don't believe you are there yet.
11/28/23 22:56	F2100	Both SC and CO have achieved this without spelling out the full name.
11/28/23 22:56	F2100	The least offensive of these awful finalists.
11/28/23 22:56	F2100	F2100's stars appear as if the should be over a Christianity manger. F29 looks like a Christmas ornament. F944 kooks like MN. Unites soccer. F1124 looks like a teacher's "breath" ball. F1435 looks like MN is land of people from Holland. F953 has. F1953 has the wrong colors. F2100 - has no spirit. Alfl are uonoriginnal and uninspiiring.
11/28/23 23:02	F2100	F29 is my favorite design. I like the field of dark blue. I like the simplicity. I like the combination of a compass points star and snowflake star as a graphic representation of the state motto. The design strikes me as unique and easy to associate with Minnesota, versus other state flags.
11/28/23 23:10	F2100	F2100 is my 2nd favorite. I like the prominent star with a dark blue (sky) and green (land) field. But it's less special than F29.
11/28/23 23:10	F2100	Like this flag . It is simple yet telling of our state . With thr blue and green and North Star I think this represents our state well .
11/28/23 23:38	F2100	This has possibilities, but again the design issomewhat well crafted but the color used are bland and lackluster. It looks like an Easter Seal stamp.
11/28/23 23:40	F2100	Ugly
11/28/23 23:40	F2100	Looks like a bank logo
11/28/23 23:50	F2100	One of the two of the six selected that I don't hate. (Meanwhile there were at least 20 of the submissions that I loved)  Ideas from a discussion on nextdoor that I liked: make the white stripe wider, or make two of them and put light blue between them to represent our water move the star to the left to be in the valley of the line
11/28/23 23:52	F2100	This is very appealing to the eye, not so abstract and â€œbusyâ€ like many of the other designs. Itâ€™s inclusive to the Dakota and Ojibwe, the Land of 10,000 lakes, winter and the green forests of MN. More importantly it recognizes that 26 million acres of agricultural land comprise more than 51% of the stateâ€™s land area. This should be noted and recognized !
11/29/23 0:27	F2100	Unacceptable, No sun, no rivers, no lakes, no loons. no pine trees, no lady slipper. No history and or any thing of substenance.
11/29/23 0:43	F2100	3rd place. Could live with it.

		<p>A Note on the Scientific Accuracy of Constellations</p> <p>-----</p> <p>In the Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 meetings Aaron Wittnebel had voiced some concerns about technical/scientific accuracy of orientation/placement of Polaris on some flags/seals. Unfortunately, there was some inaccuracy in his statements with regard to what constitutes a "proper" orientation of the stars (of the Little Dipper for example) that I would like to correct.</p> <p>He was absolutely correct that stars have set positional arrangements relative to one another. (i.e. Polaris MUST BE one particular star when shown as part of a constellation like Ursa Minor.) However, he was mistaken about some details relating to rotational orientation of constellations in the night sky (and how that does or doesn't limit the placement of Polaris on a flag).</p> <p>Over a 24-hour cycle the Earth makes a full daily rotation about it's axis under the stationary night sky. In effect, this rotates all the constellations in the sky around the stationary point of Polaris (from the point-of-view of a person standing and facing North). This means, that both the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper rotate through the full 360 degree range of orientations: going from "holding water" through "dumping water" orientations and back again roughly every 12 hours. Because daylight will wash-out the light of the stars from roughly dawn to dusk, this means that you can only watch the stars traverse through the nighttime "half" of that 360 degree rotational journey.</p> <p>But that doesn't mean that The Big Dipper will be "holding water" at the same time each and every night (nor the Little Dipper). The Earth's yearly rotation about the Sun changes which leg of the 24-hour rotational journey gets washed-out by sunlight, and so a winter sky is effectively 180 degrees rotated compared to a summer sky.</p> <p>These details can be quickly fact-checked by a couple quick internet searches:</p> <p>Firstly, searching for "Night Sky Time Lapse" images will clearly illustrate this "arc" trajectory behavior that occurs over every few-hours time frame.</p> <p>Secondly, searching for "Telling Time By Stars" will give instructions for imagining Polaris as the center of a clock-face, finding an "hour-hand" that points to the Big Dipper, and then doing some small calculations subtracting off some number of hours depending on the month. If you look at that math closely you'll see that a 6-month shift corresponds to a 180 degree rotation on the clock-face.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The scientific reason why Alaska must place Polaris on the upper right "fly side" of their flag is because their choice of having The Big Dipper in a classic "holding water" orientation physically locked-in where Polaris must be relative to those other stars.</p> <p>Rotating their flag 180 degrees such that Polaris is at the bottom-left (with a "pouring water" Big Dipper orientation) would also have been a scientifically-correct choice.</p> <p>In fact, any imaginable 0-360 rotation would be scientifically plausible (though each choice may correspond to a different time-of-night and time-of-year).</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The "Polaris at Top Left" choice of many "North Star Flag" variants is therefore not necessarily a science-gaffe in need of correction.</p> <p>I mention this all so that the committee knows the fuller range of allowed possibilities with regards to their design choices. (Especially considering how a flag's canton is prime real estate from a flag-design perspective.)</p>
<p>11/29/23 1:16</p>	<p>F2100</p>	
<p>11/29/23 1:37</p>	<p>F2100</p>	<p>Of the finalists, this one sticks in my head as (1) memorableâ€”I could draw a simplified version of it by memory, and (2) meaningfulâ€”I can confidently interpret what each element means.</p>

11/29/23 1:57	F2100	This I think is the best of the 6 but I'm sorry, I really don't like any of these finalists. They are not being very well received on any of the social media sites I visit. I know your stance on the loon but it already represents the whole state as our state bird and is a beloved symbol by Minnesotans. Maybe consider putting seal S224 on as our flag as well. It has everything that represents MN and is well liked. Thank you
11/29/23 2:29	F2100	I love our Flag the way it is and do not like any of the new designs at all! I liked our seal as well. I do not see a need to waste time and tax monies on a flag change when I do not feel it is necessary. My native American Veteran brother-in-law feels the same way as I do! He is old school and will not go on line to tell you, though!
11/29/23 4:22	F2100	Terrible, remind me of communism not state pride. Throw it out.
11/29/23 5:33	F2100	Just an overall beautiful design
11/29/23 5:40	F2100	Good luck with the decision!
11/29/23 5:54	F2100	Simple, elegant, and sophisticated all at once. Does not steal from other states' designs.
11/29/23 6:17	F2100	Like this simplicity but the farms of Mn are missing from this design.
11/29/23 6:18	F2100	Somewhat plain, but definitely better than F1154 & F1435.
11/29/23 6:27	F2100	This design is my absolute favorite because of it's simplicity and grace. The North Star is featured front and center which lets everyone know where we are.
11/29/23 6:30	F2100	This design has the right icons and the only criticism is that green should up on top and blue on the bottom.
11/29/23 6:32	F2100	I am so sorry to agree with much of the negative criticism about the flag designs chosen as finalists. If I had to choose one, this would be it. All of the finalists are so simplistic and generic, and do little to portray our great state, it's people and it's landscape and heritage
11/29/23 6:33	F2100	Flag Submission number: F2100 represents to me the North Star centered as a navigational guide straight ahead to our great state of Minnesota. I find the simplicity of the design to be very attractive.
11/29/23 6:33	F2100	F2100 is my favorite. I like the simplicity and the nod to the North Star. Having just moved from New Mexico that has the best flag ever, I am thrilled that many others were thinking that Minnesota needed a new look. It would be great to hear how the artist came up with the idea. The story of the seventh grader who designed the Alaska flag is heartwarming, "How Alaska Got Its Flag."
11/29/23 6:33	F2100	Elegant and clear. A really good choice.
11/29/23 6:35	F2100	My favorite! Simple and meaningful.
11/29/23 6:38	F2100	This simple design is pleasing to look at and easy to replicate and to recognize. I like the meaning of the green, that covers the forests of the north, and the agricultural land as well.
11/29/23 6:43	F2100	This is the Second of the Two Choices for Design that I like. So please either this one or the other I had commented on.
11/29/23 6:48	F2100	This is a terrific design. It would allow Minnesota to have a flag brand similar to Texas, Colorado and Arizona.
11/29/23 6:48	F2100	Simple yet including land, water, sky, north star
11/29/23 6:59	F2100	Predictably banal, as are all of these finalists. The competition began with a faulty premise so, of course, it produced faulty results. Blame the legislators, not the designers. None of these finalists deserve to be made Minnesita's flag.
11/29/23 7:02	F2100	This design is the most expressive of the entire state - water, agriculture, north star. This would be my choice.
11/29/23 7:05	F2100	Not only is this a clear and memorable flag design that doesn't look like a corporate logo, but it also does not have a snowflake, which would be a huge mistake! (1) "snowflake" is an insulting term used liberally online by bullies at people they deem too delicate or sensitive;(2) it's a transient icon that will change and disappear depending on climate and season;(3) many adults don't like the snow because it means shoveling and other gripes.
11/29/23 7:07	F2100	this is such a peaceful design :)
11/29/23 7:11	F2100	I like it! The star above rolling fields of green- reminiscent of MN.country.
11/29/23 7:14	F2100	This is by far the best flag design, not only for its clarity and inclusiveness (we can all gaze at the North Star) but also for its artistic value.
11/29/23 7:16	F2100	I think this flag resembles the star of Bethlehem and could be perceived as Christian and therefore not inclusive.
11/29/23 7:19	F2100	This is my favorite of all of them
11/29/23 7:20	F2100	It's design is simple, elegant and inclusive.

11/29/23 7:23	F2100	I don't really like any of the flags submissions very well, but I find this one the least objectionable. I would have liked to see something with a loon or evergreens, or acknowledgment of our native American roots.
11/29/23 7:26	F2100	This one is my favorite.
11/29/23 7:27	F2100	Clean, simple lines. Represents the state well. My favorite
11/29/23 7:33	F2100	This is number one in my opinion. Classy and representative of the state.
11/29/23 7:35	F2100	I like the designers statement for colors and design. It your looking for simplicity this may be your answer.
11/29/23 7:36	F2100	F2100 is my favorite, wavy line reminds me of river. Does remind of seasons and natural beauty.
11/29/23 7:42	F2100	Feels too simple to me. I'm not sure that it represents Minnesota as much as I would like.
11/29/23 7:42	F2100	The slender white line is too thin. Add more equalizing breadth to this. Integrate the star better.
11/29/23 7:43	F2100	Not the best - but acceptable
11/29/23 7:47	F2100	There are so many artists in Minnesota -- why are ALL these designs computer graphics?! And very uninspiring. Need to make these designs less computer generated graphics.... please! Add a Loon or something. Please. Just because the Loon doesn't nest in my back yard, doesn't mean it shouldn't be on the flag. The argument it doesn't represent every area seems a bit odd.
11/29/23 7:47	F2100	This could make a great flag for a fascist dictatorship. What were you thinking of? I urge you to reject all of the flag "finalists" and start over.
11/29/23 7:47	F2100	Of the finalists, i like this graphically.. wish it had tree and feather of one of the other submissions. To include reference to native peoples..
11/29/23 7:48	F2100	It also has an indigenous vibe, like a warm blanket. Nice proportions. One of my favorites.
11/29/23 7:49	F2100	F2100 is my favorite. I did think these finalists were very good, I would be proud to have any of them representing Minnesota
11/29/23 7:50	F2100	This is my second favorite. I think it is a god representation of the state, easily reproduced, and recognizable from a distance.
11/29/23 7:50	F2100	Nice written description. Nice movement. Does this represent our past and future?
11/29/23 7:50	F2100	This one is my favorite!
11/29/23 7:51	F2100	This simple design encompasses core features of Minnesota and will be easily identified as our state flag.
11/29/23 7:51	F2100	I like the wavy line, it softens it some and looks like it's flying. This one's my favorite.
11/29/23 7:52	F2100	My 2nd favorite.
11/29/23 7:53	F2100	Best of the finalist, but why are they so simple and lack words? I presume the final version will have similar words to what is on the current flag?
11/29/23 7:53	F2100	Thank you for acknowledging the agriculture of the mid and southern part of our state. Very important. Love it.
11/29/23 7:54	F2100	I agree with some vexillologists that this is a fantastic option. It could take some notes from similar flags though: move the star to the left, and widen the white stripe.
11/29/23 7:55	F2100	Ugly! The original flag is personal and depicts our great state! This is cold and impersonal
11/29/23 7:58	F2100	Love this one! It represents everything I want represented in our state flag, and it has a truly timeless design.
11/29/23 7:59	F2100	This design gets my vote! It has simple graphics with universal recognition of sky, green grass and trees, white for snow and the North Star, all symbolizing the Natural environment of Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:59	F2100	I liked this one because it was a simple clear representation of Minnesota.
11/29/23 7:59	F2100	2nd choice
11/29/23 7:59	F2100	This is an ok design (F2100). But something just feels a little off about it.
11/29/23 7:59	F2100	F2100 has my vote
11/29/23 8:03	F2100	Horrible. No state identification.
11/29/23 8:03	F2100	Good design
11/29/23 8:03	F2100	Prefer F2100 over all others.
11/29/23 8:05	F2100	This is attractive, it makes me think of the North star over farmland.

11/29/23 8:12	F2100	Just plain ugly! Ugly again and colorless
11/29/23 8:12	F2100	I would change the 8 point star to a 4 point, reduce the size by about a third, and keep it centered in the blue field. Otherwise this design is superior in all aspects to the other finalists.
11/29/23 8:13	F2100	This is my 2nd favorite - I get the symbolism and can "feel" Minnesota when I look at it
11/29/23 8:17	F2100	I like this one the best!
11/29/23 8:18	F2100	A little too plain? Not a favorite.
11/29/23 8:23	F2100	#2 for me.
11/29/23 8:25	F2100	I guess its fitting this flag is now representative of all the woke snowflake lefties that took over the state and turned it into an overtaxed cespool of criminals and communists.
11/29/23 8:26	F2100	My choice IF we really need a new one
11/29/23 8:27	F2100	Too many points on the star. Stick with 5 points or it gets too busy. The MN State flag should have a star, a loon,and water. Why not let the people vote on which design will be our new flag? Who are these people doing the choosing? Nobody I know likes the 5 finalists chosen. Itâ€™s ridiculous
11/29/23 8:29	F2100	Reject this. It is not as good as our current flag.
11/29/23 8:30	F2100	My number 1 choice out of the finalists flags. One of my favorites
11/29/23 8:30	F2100	Nice, clean & simple and will look good on any type of state merchandise.
11/29/23 8:32	F2100	This is my second favorite design. The North Star is represented nicely in this design.
11/29/23 8:34	F2100	Third choice. I get it. It's pleasant enough.
11/29/23 8:36	F2100	This one is okay. There's something about its design though that feels wrong somehow for a state flag design and better suited to an advertisement for a bank or some corporation. I'm not sure exactly why, so this isn't the most helpful comment. Maybe the simple wave pattern, I don't know.
11/29/23 8:37	F2100	IF2100 This is the design I like. The star with wavy green and blue colors. This design has the the best looking star.
11/29/23 8:37	F2100	Where are the lakes, loons, lady slippers, moose, and other things MN is known for?
11/29/23 8:38	F2100	My 1st choice of all the entries. The North Star ! Simple but good design.
11/29/23 8:39	F2100	This is perhaps my favorite. It immediately struck me as unique;flowing in beautiful symmetry offering simplicity, and simultaneously, depth and even wisdom.
11/29/23 8:41	F2100	Looks like a Christmas decoration. NOT state flag material
11/29/23 8:42	F2100	Not one person I have spoken with wants to redesign the State Flag of Minnesota. Put it to a State Vote and you will see. Thank you.
11/29/23 8:42	F2100	This is my favorite, but the star might be more effective if it was smaller and off to the top right.
11/29/23 8:42	F2100	This is the best one.
11/29/23 8:43	F2100	I love the simplicity of this flag. Easy to remember and recognize as Minnesota. I like the wavy line, would be fine as is or with more waviness added.
11/29/23 8:44	F2100	The star looks a lot like the Scientology cross. Also this star design is very similar to most depictions of the star of Bethlehem. These similarities are not a good thing if the goal is to rid the flag of potentially offensive or biased depictions. If a star is incorporated, please make sure it is unique, without baggage.
11/29/23 8:45	F2100	Of all the designs, this is the best because it incorporates the northstar and water, as well as the green agricultural and forest aspects of the State. It would look the best when waving, too.
11/29/23 8:45	F2100	Not recognizable as Minnesota. Could be any state in the upper Midwest. Could be Canada. Try again.
11/29/23 8:47	F2100	This would be my second choice because the simplistic design requires no explanation.
11/29/23 8:48	F2100	All are not good - leave the flag alone
11/29/23 8:56	F2100	love this one!!!
11/29/23 8:57	F2100	This is my favorite of the flag options. Itâ€™s simplicity tells the story of our state in a memorable way. While I like the other options, this one seems easiest to remember and for kids to draw. The only tweak I would make is use a star design from a Native American designer for the North Star, that complements the overall flag design.
11/29/23 8:57	F2100	This one has potential, but as a graphic designer I feel it needs more â€œZairâ€œ around the star as it is almost touching the top and the curved white line. Would also like to see another shade of blue chosen to help our flag stand out from all the dark blue flags from other states.
11/29/23 8:58	F2100	love this one!!

11/29/23 8:58	F2100	not thrilled with any of these, and while I'd still like an indian on the flag (especially given the unfettered zeal by the powers to be to rename Lake Calhoun), this simple design is done decently well.
11/29/23 8:58	F2100	Are we trying for a minimalist flag? So basic it is a sad representation of our state. Boring!!! Go back to the drawing board. You failed.
11/29/23 9:00	F2100	Captures the essence of the topography of our state and I like that it suggests movement in the design but is simple to recreate.
11/29/23 9:00	F2100	This is a travesty, all these flags are ugly. I am not sure who ever decided that we needed a new flag but this is such a waste of time and MONEY. I'm tired of the state of MN wasting our tax payers money. They will have to make flags and display them all over, waste our tax payers money!
11/29/23 9:01	F2100	The design is simple & clean, while expressing the most visually. This is the best flag design, in my opinion.
11/29/23 9:01	F2100	Favorite
11/29/23 9:01	F2100	Very generic - has no individualism
11/29/23 9:02	F2100	My favorite. It's simple and fluid.
11/29/23 9:02	F2100	This is my second choice. Again the simplicity appeals to me.
11/29/23 9:03	F2100	I do not like this flag. Too abstract. Need state bird, flower, tree. It's Minnesota.
11/29/23 9:03	F2100	These are all ugly, unnecessary and a waste of our tax money including the formation of this commission. We already have a perfectly fine state flag that I will continue to fly with pride.
11/29/23 9:04	F2100	Simple flowing design
11/29/23 9:05	F2100	3rd choice
11/29/23 9:05	F2100	This design seems to embody MN. From an artistic standpoint, the star should be shifted to the left, so it is at a third point of the composition. It could also stand to be slightly smaller in size.
11/29/23 9:05	F2100	This is my number one vote. I like the fields/forests with the green. The Blue waters and sky at top and the Star of the North. It is visually engaging and simple. Immediately recognizable.
11/29/23 9:05	F2100	Very nice design because it evokes a peaceful water and flowing abundance of clean land and sky. My choice #2
11/29/23 9:05	F2100	BORING
11/29/23 9:06	F2100	Using ranked choice voting, I cast my primary vote to #F2100 and my second vote to #F944. Both are very elegant yet simple designs that are eye catching. Like many Minnesotans, we boat around our lake and try to figure out what the flags on docks represent. These flags would be easy to recognize. Flag #F1953 is a poor option because it looks it represents a foreign country and these flags would just get "do you know what country that flag is for?".
11/29/23 9:06	F2100	F2100 I like best. Simple, North Star-focused (projects leadership, ethic/purpose guidance) and has feel of green vegetation and water with the wave.
11/29/23 9:06	F2100	This is my favorite flag - it will look nice while flying in the wind - also nice clean lines
11/29/23 9:07	F2100	Definitely the winner from Miss Stacey's kindergarten class.
11/29/23 9:07	F2100	Of the 6, this is the best design. However, the star could be thicker and smaller.
11/29/23 9:08	F2100	The flag and seal should have been out to bid by professional Minnesota graphic designers. Why was this cheapened by having anyone design these 2 important pieces for the state?
11/29/23 9:08	F2100	It's fine? More water, nature, etc.
11/29/23 9:08	F2100	This is the best slay
11/29/23 9:10	F2100	This is my favorite of the six finalists. I wish we could have voted before this point, though.
11/29/23 9:10	F2100	Make star yellow and a little smaller. White stripe needs to be a bit wider
11/29/23 9:11	F2100	I like this design
11/29/23 9:12	F2100	Would be better with a five-pointed gold star and a wider white band.
11/29/23 9:15	F2100	Bank Logo, will not age well
11/29/23 9:16	F2100	F2100: Is this a flag or a bank logo? Hard to tell the difference. I also hope the ink-jet level quality isn't inherent to the design. I suppose it could be worse, but it definitely could be better (see F1953).
11/29/23 9:21	F2100	This is my second choice. (My first being F1953.) This one works for me, but not as strongly as F1953. I find the rest of the finalists either insipid or unattractive..
11/29/23 9:24	F2100	I like this one best because it has graceful movement and is not as static as the other designs. I like the way it represents water, the verdant forests and fields, and the snow cover of our famous winters. Please pick this one!
11/29/23 9:28	F2100	This one is nice. It looks Minnesotan.



11/29/23 9:28	F2100	This design and F944 are by far the 2 best designs! Please choose one of these two!!!
11/29/23 9:29	F2100	Each contain a curvy line which softens the designs to make them appear friendlier than the others. It's important to have a curve because nature has curves!!!!
11/29/23 9:29	F2100	This is beautiful!!
11/29/23 9:30	F2100	This is my favorite- it represents the green agriculture of MN, the blue represents not only the gorgeous sky but also the plentiful other water in MN, and I particularly love the line in the middle representing the MS River since it begins here. I don't know much about the star, but my husband was glad it was incorporated.
11/29/23 9:30	F2100	I don't really like changing the flag as I believe the current one still represents Minnesota past and present.
11/29/23 9:30	F2100	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive. Nothing to see here but empty space.
11/29/23 9:32	F2100	This one is acceptable, nice colors, simple with appropriate symbolism.
11/29/23 9:32	F2100	Cold, dead, hard look. No humanity. No warmth. Nothing inviting. Design flag with human, inviting warmth. The present flag has that and could be changed to be non-offensive.
11/29/23 9:34	F2100	ok, but looks like a quilt square.
11/29/23 9:34	F2100	While none of the submissions are particularly compelling, this perhaps symbolizes the state the most - with the star prominent over the green agriculture of the state.
11/29/23 9:35	F2100	This would be my 1st choice.
11/29/23 9:35	F2100	I like this design best of the six finalists.
11/29/23 9:36	F2100	This flag is especially representative of the state & activities plus children will be able to draw it.
11/29/23 9:36	F2100	Best looking. Will look nice blowing in the wind
11/29/23 9:37	F2100	Personally, I'm not a fan of any of the designs and believe we should go back to the drawing board. If I was forced to make a choice of the 6 finalists, this one would be it. Unfortunately, I think they all look like basic clip art.
11/29/23 9:38	F2100	I think this design is my choice for the flag. This was a harder decision for me though than the emblem. Maybe because it's so symmetrical?! But still simple and elegant.
11/29/23 9:38	F2100	An OK design. I can't believe that of the thousands of designs, these were the ones you picked? Where is the word Minnesota? Where is a symbol easily recognizable of the indigenous people in our state? This one is probably the most clear of the others picked, but why does every flag look like it was done on a basic graphics program?
11/29/23 9:39	F2100	Yes
11/29/23 9:40	F2100	This one is my second favorite
11/29/23 9:41	F2100	Yes
11/29/23 9:42	F2100	This one is good, straightforward. Probably my favorite of the group.
11/29/23 9:42	F2100	Christ has risen, good choice
11/29/23 9:43	F2100	Simple, but the blue evokes the night sky because it is on top and behind the star, not our water. No historical references or references to the people.
11/29/23 9:43	F2100	This flag reminds me of a 1990s regional credit union or bank logo.
11/29/23 9:43	F2100	If the white stripe was light blue and a bit wider including a loon, and the star a bit smaller and in the upper left corner---then this might be workable. Just a suggestion.
11/29/23 9:45	F2100	This is my favorite. Very easy to memorize.
11/29/23 9:46	F2100	I like this, but I would really want some blue in it because our state is so epitomized by the lakes and water. Without light blue it feels really blah.
11/29/23 9:47	F2100	This is the BEST option of the finalists. This flag would work well because it is unique - the shape of the swoosh signifies water, which is our state's most defining characteristic.  It should have two blues which reflect "land of sky blue waters/land where the sky meets the water", so the green should be swapped out for a pale blue.
11/29/23 9:47	F2100	Most importantly, this design could be drawn from memory by any Minnesotan, including school children.
11/29/23 9:48	F2100	voted another yes by me.
11/29/23 9:50	F2100	Like finalist F1953, this looks like a flag design. But just like F1953, the color scheme isn't great. This design and F1953 would have my vote but I'd look to different colors
11/29/23 9:50	F2100	Top choice. Per the designer statement - it addresses many key messages. Clean design. Would stand up well in any display of other state / national flags. Some of the other designs are too choppy or too narrowly focused on the star.

11/29/23 9:50	F2100	I got for F2100
11/29/23 9:50	F2100	Like this best
11/29/23 9:51	F2100	Not terrible. Again, too much focus on the star. What actually makes this SPECIFIC TO MN vs. any other northern state? Nothing. (ND also has the north star, water, snow, etc.) BORING.
11/29/23 9:51	F2100	Like the simplicity of this design. Not busy - the star and the colors of our state.
11/29/23 9:52	F2100	This design doesn't make any sense. No one will know what it means and doesn't depict MN at all. Do better.
11/29/23 9:54	F2100	My wife and I like this design the best for what its simplicity and what it represents. We do wonder how this flag and the others will look while they are actually flying.
11/29/23 9:57	F2100	This is beautiful!
11/29/23 9:58	F2100	I love this flag, but it would be even better with the star shifted left. That's the only change it needs.
11/29/23 9:58	F2100	No. I have seen Native American flags have better representation of the state than these AI looking flags.
11/29/23 9:58	F2100	This is the one: clean, simple, self-explanatory.
11/29/23 9:59	F2100	Terrible, we needed a new flag but we can do better.
11/29/23 10:00	F2100	Ugly
11/29/23 10:00	F2100	Does not clearly depict the basis on which the State of Minnesota was founded in 1858
11/29/23 10:01	F2100	NEEDS SOME MN SEANES IN IT TO BLAND NOT A GOOD FLAG
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11/29/23 10:01	F2100	None
11/29/23 10:04	F2100	This one is my second favorite. Also simple, represents the state but is more "basic" or similar to others- the design F944 is more unique which is cool but this one is great too.
11/29/23 10:05	F2100	The F2100 design is great overall but it could be even better by replacing the star with the star/snowflake combo from F29.
11/29/23 10:07	F2100	This is my second favorite. I think it's great!!
11/29/23 10:08	F2100	F2100 is my favorite one of the six flags.
11/29/23 10:09	F2100	Meh. Maybe with the yellow M/Dakota star, a brighter blue and a slightly wider white stripe, this could be good.
11/29/23 10:09	F2100	FINAL DECISION comment: Although I really don't care for any of your final selection's I feel the F2100 is the best. FIRST CHOICE comment: I don't think it should change but if it has to my choice would be F679. It shows what MN is - loon, lady slipper, north star, ag, & fishing
11/29/23 10:12	F2100	This is the one I like the most, but really I would not choose any of these. Disappointing. :(
11/29/23 10:14	F2100	I like the simplicity of this design. It is all inclusive of all the people of state.
11/29/23 10:14	F2100	I don't love it, but probably my favorite of the bunch. I have lived in states with great flags: Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Alaska. All of them much better than this, but I could live with it. Just seems like we could do better.
11/29/23 10:18	F2100	I was taught that Minnesota is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds and the people's roots here remain strong. I really regret not developing a flag and seal to enter the best flag practices make this design and all the others submitted look like corporate logos.. we need a State Bird that looks like a state bird and not a penguin as in The seal submission and for those that say loons don't represent all habitats in Minnesota they need to talk to an ornithologist. Loon have been observed in other lakes while in migration all across Minnesota Most people I've talked to can't relate to any of these designs, sorry. Go to the my Facebook page Ugly Daisy Studio and see more loon ideas and comments.. thanks for all your work on this even though it fails to produce a fun flag to support

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11/29/23 10:23	F2100	At least it has a curved line.....
11/29/23 10:25	F2100	I like the description of this one and the design. I like the representation and flow of the colors (not rigid lines). I would add this shows adaptability and flow as opposed to being stuck and rigid in our ways.
11/29/23 10:27	F2100	Several submissions include a star. But how do we know that it is the NORTH star (Polaris)? Its use for navigation is unique. I suggest that the star should be the 8-pointed star as seen in a compass rose, where the 4 cardinal points are longer than the other four ppints and the uppermost point (North) Is longer than all the others.
11/29/23 10:27	F2100	The best of a bad lot.
11/29/23 10:30	F2100	My 2nd choice. Simple symbolism is easily understood and it looks like a flag, it a logo as some of the others do.
11/29/23 10:31	F2100	this is the best of all the designs, simple, pretty & memorable
11/29/23 10:34	F2100	I like a wavy line... we are a state of many flows. However this one is much like a country flag and TOO boring. Use this star and go with the flow of F1427 or F1487.
11/29/23 10:35	F2100	This is my favorite flag design. Important elements are captured in this graceful, uncluttered, and eye-catching composition.
11/29/23 10:35	F2100	Favorite!
11/29/23 10:35	F2100	If I had to pick one of the six, it would be this one, but it certainly isn't great. I'm underwhelmed with the six designs that were chosen.
11/29/23 10:36	F2100	This looks like a corporate logo for a bank. Please do not choose this one. It's so soulless and yuck. Our state is gorgeous and full of vibrance. This flag is the opposite.
11/29/23 10:36	F2100	Pleasant to look at.
11/29/23 10:39	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalist because it symbolizes the beauty of Minnesota
11/29/23 10:42	F2100	My first choice from the remaining.
11/29/23 10:43	F2100	Horrible design, the original is vastly better. This looks like a kindergarten attempt or one for a Dictatorship.
11/29/23 10:46	F2100	This is my top choice. Clearly understood symbols without need for explanation. Easy to recreate (think children drawing the flag). Calmer design suits state.
11/29/23 10:46	F2100	This design is the best choice. I love the simplicity and the symbolism of water, land, and winter. This is the best north star shape of all six designs, it's not clear you're looking at a star in most of the others.
11/29/23 10:46	F2100	This is my top choice. Clearly understood symbols without need for explanation. Easy to recreate (think children drawing the flag). Calmer design suits state.
11/29/23 10:47	F2100	F1953 best represents what I think of when it comes to an updated state flag.
11/29/23 10:50	F2100	least objectionable of all the ugly designs
11/29/23 10:51	F2100	Yes vote for F2100
11/29/23 10:54	F2100	This is one of my top two. It's simple, pleasing to the eye, and looks to me like a clear abstraction of a Minnesota landscape. A strike against it is that the words "Star Tribune" pop into my head when I see it;I think there's a logo-esque aspect to it. I do really like this one, though.
11/29/23 10:57	F2100	Ok

11/29/23 11:00	F2100	it is simple and beautiful
11/29/23 11:00	F2100	Meh!!
11/29/23 11:01	F2100	I don't see how this represents Minnesota? To me, there is nothing that gives me an idea that this is Minnesota;a star, a snowflake? Could have asked a class of elementary students to draw what symbolizes Minnesota. Minnesota is known for pine trees, wild life - loons, wolves, moose, deer, the many lakes, the head waters of the Mississippi River;the early settler's;even the North Star. These are key components that help identify Minnesota, and yes, no easy way to illustrate;not to mention colorization - colors that capture, give complimentary vision. This does not give visionary justice to Minnesota!
11/29/23 11:02	F2100	This looks like another graphic design that is going to look dated in a few years. How does a slender line represent abundance?! An inverted, flattened sine wave for the rolling hills that MN is so well known for ::sarcasm:: ?? I think MN is well known for being flat despite the North Shore. At least the iconography and description mostly agree with each other. You should have gone with F247 or F248 and simplified the stars used in the "lakes", and changed the gold to brown there. Did any actual flag experts submit designs?? It looks like the graphic designers were out in force. ::SMH::
11/29/23 11:04	F2100	I like this one the best but I think some sort of M should be on it somewhere. Otherwise great job!
11/29/23 11:07	F2100	I DO NOT SEE ANYTHING THAT SAYS MN. MOST PEOPLE WILL NOT PUT THIS TOGETHER AND MN. MAKE IT SIMPLE BLUE FLAG WITH MINNESOTA ON IT
11/29/23 11:08	F2100	This is my favorite flag for its simplicity and the way the colors represent Minnesota's natural beauty--lakes, vegetation, and snow. I also like the inclusion of the north star on the center top part of the flag which represents Minnesota's location in the United States.
11/29/23 11:16	F2100	This has nothing to do with our great state, leave the original flag alone!
11/29/23 11:16	F2100	Sorry but these are all awful for a state flag. It doesn't have anything to show it's Minnesota or date they joined the US. I am guessing Minnesota has some nice things that could be put on the flag without offending anyone. These are all so abstract they mean nothing and most look like a flag for some random auto parts store. Being creative and even modern is one thing, being so abstract you have no ideas even what the flag represents is another.
11/29/23 11:18	F2100	This one doesn't acknowledge any of the native peoples in Minnesota. It's boring.
11/29/23 11:19	F2100	This is my top choice
11/29/23 11:21	F2100	This flag is very dignified
11/29/23 11:21	F2100	ok i give it 4 stars
11/29/23 11:22	F2100	My choice for new flag
11/29/23 11:22	F2100	I don't like any of these choices and think you're trying to deny the heritage that we have. None of these choices show agriculture, our State flower, or anything that represents our origins!
11/29/23 11:22	F2100	Out of all of these, this one says Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 11:23	F2100	I like this one the best as it is the most attractive. It would be better if the star was smaller and it could incorporate more of a river or lake feel.
11/29/23 11:23	F2100	This is my flag choice. Classically beautiful with perfect Minnesota colors. Would look great for many years and not trendy like other "quilt" designs.
11/29/23 11:23	F2100	Pick this one.
11/29/23 11:23	F2100	This represents MN. Blue skies and waters, green fertile land and forests. And we are the North Star state!!
11/29/23 11:24	F2100	Has some of the ingredients but not inspiring
11/29/23 11:29	F2100	This is my second favorite after 944:) BDS
11/29/23 11:32	F2100	This one is my favorite, It has the north star Blue for the lakes White for winter Green for the forest and farming It's simple, these are the colors of Minnesota. I would fly this flag on my own property
11/29/23 11:35	F2100	Not one of them represents Minnesota
11/29/23 11:36	F2100	Keep the current design.....
11/29/23 11:40	F2100	F2100: I'd prefer other choices.

11/29/23 11:41	F2100	F2100's design is simple, yet strong. It would've been my first choice visually, but I wish it contained more of a Native American presence.
11/29/23 11:44	F2100	I guess if you have to pick one, this is the least terrible design, but then again, there are more pressing needs to address outside of our flag and seal, but no one in office has a backbone to address them, so a snowflake flag is probably the best option.
11/29/23 11:44	F2100	If these are the only options or finalists, this is the only one that looks professional. The other 5 options were done by a 5th grader or a millennial and are unexceptable. They are all poor options overall and the committee should postpone the decision for another year.
11/29/23 11:46	F2100	F944 is my favorite of the six finalists. The swirly white and blue shapes softens the design, providing fluid movement when the flag blows in the wind;the other finalists have only hard sided designs. F29 is too simple (and just call it The North Star and skip the French translation). F1154 is not very appealing. I dislike F1435 because of the Ojibwe reference and no Dakota reference (the Dakota were in Minnesota before the Ojibwe, and should be recognized as Minnesota's first people). F1953 is my second favorite because it is the only finalist showing a stylized Minnesota shape. F2100 is also acceptable.
11/29/23 11:46	F2100	let's just stick to the origin flag.
11/29/23 11:47	F2100	Flag F2100 stands out to me as dynamic and less "busy" than the others. It's component parts are clear and large enough to be recognized from a distance.
11/29/23 11:47	F2100	It has my vote.
11/29/23 11:47	F2100	I vote for this flag design.
11/29/23 11:49	F2100	Again oversimplified. I know the old flag had a lot, but these are digital representations without much artistic representation of our whole state? Again, symbolic abstract things: why can't we have attractive pictures inviting people to enjoy our agriculture, fishing & lakes, trees, seasons, state: bird or flowers? With 500+ entries, why so many that only show 3 or 4 good things in our state and you didn't allow any as finalists?
11/29/23 11:49	F2100	Again, please eliminate winter as a defining focus of MN -- there are four beautiful seasons here and many, many people live here despite the frigid weather, not because of it. That said, I think this design could work by making the bottom section the darker blue (lakes), the wavy line thicker and green (forests/crops), and the top section slightly smaller and a lighter blue (sky/North Star). I would also try moving the star to the left if it's important to maintain its current size.
11/29/23 11:51	F2100	Lame
11/29/23 11:52	F2100	I'm really disappointed with all the finalists flags as they are all dark and don't have anything that says Minnesota. I don't see loons in downtown Mpls, but feel that they should be incorporated into the flag with a plain star (f2100) not the fancy ones shown. Also use colors a little brighter.
11/29/23 11:54	F2100	All of these representations are nothing but geometric blah. They show no imagination, no character, no heart, no soul. The old flag is much better than anything depicted here. You need to find an artist that comes not from the cubist genre. We would be better off with someone who does street art.
11/29/23 11:54	F2100	F 29-Pretty, but, too empty.;needs something else added, a loon or lady slipper maybe. F2100 is the only other one that is attractive. The other selections are unattractive, too childish looking, or meaning not clear. Overall, all finalist options are disappointing.
11/29/23 11:55	F2100	The other stars remind me of Christmas. I believe Minnesota needs an emblem that is good for the whole year!
11/29/23 12:01	F2100	The North Star for sure!
11/29/23 12:02	F2100	During Thanksgiving our family discussed the new flag and seal designs;we all agreed that this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money, which the surplus has already been wasted. We looked at the current flag and found nothing that is racist, bigoted, offensive. It was redone in 1983 to be more representative with the pioneers and native to be living more in harmony than the past flags. KEEP THE CURRENT FLAG. But IF the flag and seal must and only must change, which our family is against. Especially since there is no public vote on the people's flag. We choose F29 is the most favored of the 6 finalist flags. And S224 is most favored for the 6 finalist seals. Shame on the Democrats and their leftist activists.
11/29/23 12:03	F2100	It is modern without the stupid look of a quilt. BTW, I am a life long resident of MN and over sixty yrs old. No quilt designs please!
11/29/23 12:05	F2100	I do not like any of the submissions but out of the six this is the best one. I cannot believe we can't incorporate the year of our statehood and the name of our state. Can't we have some words on the flag. At least put the year and L'Åtoile du Nord on the flag.
11/29/23 12:06	F2100	Really, like all the other finalists this is not a good choice for Minnesota. You can tell that some highbrow artist had a hand in picking these choices, it might be a choice for lower-town.
11/29/23 12:13	F2100	This one should be considered but with a tweak and have the star towards the left side in my opinion.
11/29/23 12:14	F2100	Too boring! Doesn't say enough about Minnesota. All the flag finalists are dull and not worth looking at!
11/29/23 12:15	F2100	Legitimately awful. There were so many beautiful, artistic submissions that captured the essence of Minnesota and we've been reduced to 6 low quality submissions by a team with no taste. Poor choices.

11/29/23 12:18	F2100	This is my second place finisher but that's not saying much. You have to think of all 6 submissions as a trash heap. being second means you you were just the piece thrown out yesterday instead of today.
11/29/23 12:21	F2100	Ugly, does not say Minnesota. If a Minnesotan can't tell it says Minnesota how will anyone else?
11/29/23 12:21	F2100	This is probably the least offensive, but I don't like any of these options.
11/29/23 12:24	F2100	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:24	F2100	There is NOTHING Minnesota about this flag. Where's the Minnesota part of it;The Lady Slipper? The Pine? THE LOON? Really a disappointment!
11/29/23 12:26	F2100	The colors, and layout of this are amazing! Simple and to the point the green of the forests, and the blue of the lakes and rivers with a simple waved line showing movement. Then the North Star to center the eye!!! The only change I would suggest is that the Star from F29 instead, it's just better.
11/29/23 12:27	F2100	This flag should not be picked. The flag should have a loon and I am not happy with any of the options.
11/29/23 12:27	F2100	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag. These colors can be used for several states-- most states have grass and trees, water- a large popular lake in the state or bordered by an ocean. A white line means winter--?what?
11/29/23 12:29	F2100	My only suggestion - perhaps a little lighter shade of green on the bottom, and a dark blue instead of black on top - on a flagpole in bright sunlight, a touch of color is uplifting.
11/29/23 12:31	F2100	This flag design looks like Spire Credit Union's logo. Please don't choose this one.
11/29/23 12:33	F2100	Do not like any of the designs--geometric shapes are not appealing. You should not have to explain what the shapes mean on the flag.
11/29/23 12:35	F2100	the star is nice
11/29/23 12:35	F2100	Nothing Minnesota there. Way too abstract.
11/29/23 12:38	F2100	This would be my #1 choice
11/29/23 12:41	F2100	I think this is the most beautiful design of the options provided. The layout, design, and colors are attractive and meaningful.
11/29/23 12:41	F2100	This flag is fine..however it looks like the star of bethlehem. If we changed the star (perhaps the 4 pointed north star from the F944) it might be an improvement.
11/29/23 12:42	F2100	I like this submission for the flag redesign most. The colors and composition of the design elements work together well and symbolize the state of Minnesota the best out of the top submissions.
11/29/23 12:45	F2100	My second favorite, but it's so so close to number 1.
11/29/23 12:46	F2100	This is the perfect state flag, simple but every element has meaning. Clean look, not too busy, best of the options by far.
11/29/23 12:49	F2100	3rd favorite design. It feels too much like it is based off of the Spire Credit Union logo. The star would need to change as well as switching the curved line to a more classic flag pattern.
11/29/23 12:51	F2100	Best design!
11/29/23 12:52	F2100	This is the most pleasing looking flag of the six, in my opinion. The simple curved lines give it a feeling of calm and peace.
11/29/23 13:00	F2100	This is the best one .
11/29/23 13:05	F2100	This design fits the criteria of what modern flags have really turned to: simple colors and shapes. The color choices match what the state has already implemented in current branding, and the designer's description fits perfectly with the simple and clean design. It is the best choice among the flag finalists.
11/29/23 13:08	F2100	I love the f2100 design and HOPE it will be the winning flag design. It's simple, and of course, less is MORE. An incredible North Star, Green represents many things, including the default trees, white for a touch of snow, and the vast blue sky. Three significant solid colors provide a feeling of pride for Minnesota. It will also look great on a pole as it is unique, modern, and clean. It will look better and have a lot of dignity alongside the other state flags or the US flag. Please pick f2100. Sincerely, Mike Weigel St Paul, MN.
11/29/23 13:08	F2100	It's the best of the worst
11/29/23 13:08	F2100	My favorite
11/29/23 13:09	F2100	Of all the flags, I definitely like the star on this one the best. At first glance, I didn't care so much for this one as a whole, but it is growing on me. I'm glad the design explanations were included to help understand the meaning behind them better!

11/29/23 13:12	F2100	This one gets my vote! It covers everything Minnesotan.
11/29/23 13:13	F2100	I like the appearance of this flag and I easily understood its representation. I feel it embodies all of Minnesota's heritage.
11/29/23 13:17	F2100	This flag is beautiful and truly represents Minnesota. I was born and raised in Minnesota. Both of my children were born in Minnesota as well, however I now reside in California.
11/29/23 13:19	F2100	All of these look like they were a clip art project. I think you should extend the submissions and find something that truly represents the state of Minnesota!
11/29/23 13:19	F2100	Eloquent and aesthetically pleasing
11/29/23 13:21	F2100	Eyecatching, meaningful and beautiful.
11/29/23 13:27	F2100	Will stock up on current flag! This flag needs a stencil of definitions . Boring like many of the others! Creative blah galore!!
11/29/23 13:30	F2100	Can't believe that any of these are being considered.
11/29/23 13:34	F2100	Correction: F29 is my favorite by far! I really hope the committee chooses F29 :) F2100 and F944 really look like corporate logos to me, and I like F1435 but it is a bit busy.
11/29/23 13:35	F2100	Terrible
11/29/23 13:37	F2100	F2100: boring
11/29/23 13:37	F2100	Of the finalists, this one is my favorite by far.
11/29/23 13:37	F2100	Definitely my #1. Simple yet stylish. Each element is proportional to its contribution to the state with the North Star given prominent front and center location overlooking it all. Love it!
11/29/23 13:40	F2100	White line symbolizes undulating water of Minnesota lakes and Great Lakes.
11/29/23 13:45	F2100	OK.. best of the choices offered.
11/29/23 13:47	F2100	This in my opinion is a straight forward flag that will be easy reconiized and has a great flow that will fly well, gives a great representation of what Minnesota is.
11/29/23 13:48	F2100	I like our current flag way better. Everyone sure gets into changing old to newer.
11/29/23 13:53	F2100	I am a professional graphic designer and this sucks in my opinion.
11/29/23 13:57	F2100	This is my favorite
11/29/23 13:59	F2100	This is the only flag redesign that embodies the North Star, curvy wave representing water, and green representing our vast forests.
11/29/23 14:02	F2100	I wish I could take the yellow 4 point star from f29 and replace the star here , retaining the gentle water, sky, land pieces. but overall this is really strong.
11/29/23 14:03	F2100	This design is good, it also emphasizes land. Not as sharp as the first, but acceptable.
11/29/23 14:06	F2100	I like the current one all of these are ugly!! Donâ€™t like how everything is going woke just ridiculous!!
11/29/23 14:11	F2100	I LOVE THIS ONE!! This is how I always think of our state: as a blue and green paradise with the North Star. And, the snowy trail left by our winter activities. The colors are beautiful, the lines are simple and the message is clearly Minnesota! This is definitely THE ONE:)
11/29/23 14:14	F2100	F3100. This on is okay, but F944 visually expresses much more about Minnesota.
11/29/23 14:14	F2100	I like this design. Maybe it's my third favorite from the choices. I just don't like the norther star the most out of all of the choices.
11/29/23 14:15	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalists but it is missing the word "MINNESOTA" of the shape of the state or something like "the north star state."
11/29/23 14:16	F2100	Plain...bland...non-descriptive....this could be a campground logo...
11/29/23 14:19	F2100	I feel most people would be quite happy with this flag, and it isn't needlessly complicated. I would change the colors to look less saturated, giving the flag an authentically vintage feeling. This would probably contend for a #2 spot.
11/29/23 14:20	F2100	Oh, I thought the seal submissions would go on the flagâ€™; looking at all of the flag finalists is depressing. This is probably the best but theyâ€™re all kind of awful. I wish the state seal submission that I like best could go in the middle of the flag instead. On the blue field, like before.
11/29/23 14:26	F2100	My favorite one is F2100. Love the distinctive 8 point "North Star," and the rolling green looks like farm fields or forests, plus the deep blue representing water and open sky. A beautiful, simple design that even a kindergartener could draw and identify.
11/29/23 14:27	F2100	This design is one of my favorites but I believe that the star needs to be moved to the left for it to feel balanced. I would consider using a different, thicker star design to match the weight of the white line in the center.
11/29/23 14:30	F2100	F2100

11/29/23 14:31	F2100	Of all the flags, this is my favorite. I like the simple design that doesn't seem like it was made with clipart from Microsoft Word. It incorporates the North Star, blue and the wavy line for lakes, along with the green for the forests of the state. It has a little bit of a retro feel to it as well (and the curved white line reminds me of the Coffman Memorial Union logo that we redesigned when I was in college that incorporated a similar line to represent the Mississippi River).
11/29/23 14:31	F2100	Simple and clean.
11/29/23 14:34	F2100	Nope. Too blah. Too modern. No year, no loon, no lady slipper, no pine tree, no river/lake and no field.
11/29/23 14:37	F2100	Blue should be lighter. OK design.
11/29/23 14:44	F2100	I find this mundane and not especially interesting. Doesn't convey anything about Minnesota, really. Could be anyone's flag. The star is also too large.
11/29/23 14:44	F2100	Good one
11/29/23 14:45	F2100	I chose this one as first choice
11/29/23 14:51	F2100	This is my favorite.
11/29/23 14:51	F2100	This has no charm for me! I prefer the flag as it is.
11/29/23 14:52	F2100	All the designs look like an elementary coloring contest, my wife says the look like barn art and nothing to be proud of.
11/29/23 14:52	F2100	I prefer submission F2100 to any of the other submissions. It is simple, easily recognized and represents our state well and nothing about it stirs controversy!
11/29/23 14:53	F2100	A great flag for Minnesota
11/29/23 14:53	F2100	I would love to see the revival of the North Star Flag. This was a flag that I have personally had hanging in my apartment for several years and it just makes me think of home. None of the current 6 options evoke the same "Minnesota feeling" that the North Star flag evokes in me. It has both amazing symbolism and is a simple design that is instantly recognizable. Plus, it already has widespread use and acceptance. So please reconsider and add it to the finalists. Failing that, f2100 would be my favorite. Just move the star to the canton, widen the white line a bit, and perhaps use a lighter shade of blue.
11/29/23 14:55	F2100	I would make the white line a light blue, then you would have the night sky with the north star, and water, and green earth. Perhaps use the star from F29 since it has a snowflake in it too.
11/29/23 14:57	F2100	This flag is eye catching, yet simple. It is well-balanced while containing the key symbols of the state.
11/29/23 14:58	F2100	Best of the 6 finalists - a 9 on a scale of 10
11/29/23 15:01	F2100	This design truly captures the essence of our beautiful state.
11/29/23 15:02	F2100	F2100 Of these six, this would be my pick. I'd prefer to move the star to the left so it isn't so centered. Now, if it only had a loon! Seriously, Does it matter that the SW part of the state doesn't have loons? It is a beautiful, unique bird and a symbol of Minnesota. There is nothing that is representative of every part of the state. Most of us never see the northern lights. The others talk of the boundary waters, Lake Superior and rivers. Not everywhere in the state has those either! A loon on a lake with a star for L'etoile du nord. That is what I really want.
11/29/23 15:06	F2100	This is the best one out of the finalists. I do believe they all look very juvenile and cartoonish, and not very professional or governmental.
11/29/23 15:07	F2100	are you looking for a cub scout troop flag? These finalists are ALL lacking of character and appeal
11/29/23 15:08	F2100	This one Please!
11/29/23 15:09	F2100	This design works for it's simplicity but there is nothing unique or iconic about it.
11/29/23 15:09	F2100	3rd best of the finalists, its ok.
11/29/23 15:11	F2100	My husband and I like this one the best.
11/29/23 15:11	F2100	This is the one I like the best. It's simple and the north star is shown in the sky above the land.
11/29/23 15:14	F2100	This is beyond generic. I despise this so much.
11/29/23 15:14	F2100	I suggest putting the white snowflake and yellow star design from F29 in place of the white star on this flag. I think that would brighten this submission. I like the wavy water symbol.
11/29/23 15:14	F2100	F2100 Of these six, this would be my pick. I'd prefer to move the star to the left so it isn't so centered. Now, if it only had a loon! Seriously, Does it matter that the SW part of the state doesn't have loons? It is a beautiful, unique bird and a symbol of Minnesota. There is nothing that is representative of every part of the state. Most of us never see the northern lights. The others talk of the boundary waters, Lake Superior and rivers. Not everywhere in the state has those either! Does everywhere in Canada have maple trees? A loon on a lake with a star for L'Etoile du Nord. That is what I really want!
11/29/23 15:16	F2100	This is my favorite of the 6.
11/29/23 15:17	F2100	This would be my second choice



11/29/23 15:19	F2100	Please reconsider adoption of the famous North Star Flag. None of these finalists are nearly as good or widely recognized.
11/29/23 15:26	F2100	Okay, but very dull and plain again. Our flag used to tell a story, some parts not so great, but it was amazing how it was detailed. These designs are so cookie cutter. F2100
11/29/23 15:27	F2100	I like this one but would really like to see the star done in yellow or gold. I th8nk it would add another, much needed color, and help the star not be confused with a snowflake. And I'd like to see the same gold star on the state seal.
11/29/23 15:30	F2100	F29 is lovely, but an 8 point snowflake begs for ridicule. F944 and F1435 are too fussy for my taste. F1953 is OK, but staying with just 3 colors is better. I truly love F2100. It captures the whole state as the designer statement explains. Yet it is simple and lovely.
11/29/23 15:31	F2100	No!! Nothing there that connects to Minnesota - why are all the flags so childlike??!!
11/29/23 15:32	F2100	This is the best of the options left. Would look nice flying with national flag. NO loons, quilt square designs or non primary colors please. If you could widen the white strip on one side to represent snow it would be better. Say Minnesota and people say snow, not loons!
11/29/23 15:38	F2100	looks like Duluth's flag.
11/29/23 15:39	F2100	Boring, it doesnâ€™t make me think anything about Minnesota.
11/29/23 15:41	F2100	F2100: I am concerned that this white star signals a lack of diversity, and even, white supremacy. While I appreciate this flag, I do not think a white star is appropriate. This star should be gold or yellow. I also appreciate the stars in the other flags that are from Ojibwe and Dakota heritage more than this representation.
11/29/23 15:43	F2100	second fav design
11/29/23 15:44	F2100	Horrible submission #6. Can't believe this generic, lame, computer generated design even made it thru qualifying. This would be an embarrassment to the State of MN.
11/29/23 15:45	F2100	F2100. This is the sort of design that is so boring that you read the designerâ€™s statement to try to make it interesting. White stripe for â€œwinter activitiesâ€? Why?
11/29/23 15:47	F2100	My favorite option, simple, clean and it makes sense, easy to understand.
11/29/23 15:47	F2100	This is a fantastic flag. If it is selected to be the new MN Flag, please do not give in to online criticism and reverse the decision.
11/29/23 15:51	F2100	Wavy lines aren't it
11/29/23 15:52	F2100	Fail! Does not represent Minnesota at all.
11/29/23 15:55	F2100	The star on this one makes me think of the Star of Bethlehem. Someone is sure to be offended. Again the design as are the rest of them very "simple" and a lower elementary school child could make a similar effort. The explanation that goes along with it indicates what the colors are to represent but just the colors to me are not enough to make those representations. Need some actual images.
11/29/23 15:56	F2100	Bad idea. Thereâ€™s more to mn than a star blue mule sky and green land. Could be any state in the US
11/29/23 15:57	F2100	This one is the nicest one left. No offense, but this contest started so fun, and fizzled to a â€œmehâ€? when the committee chose these 6. They are all bland and very similar, not much different in the artwork. Meh!!!
11/29/23 16:02	F2100	If this change HAS to be made...I guess this design is one of the better submissions.
11/29/23 16:05	F2100	The basic idea makes sense, save for the recurring problem of a white star on a blue field being interpreted as a snowflakeâ€™which we all know have six points. I would again suggest the 12-point variant of a 6-point white star superimposed with a 6-point golden north star. However, even with that fix, this design is not as strong as either F944 or F1953 or several others that you rejected as finalists. The lack of a "water" representation is the biggest issue for me. That is why my version of this design, with the same sinusoid representing the cyclic nature of our seasons, was a better versionâ€™the "line" was white, green, and brown, representing the snow, forests, and agriculture, separating sky above and blue water reflecting the sky.
11/29/23 16:12	F2100	This flag submission, and all of the other flags submissions, look like pages removed from a child's coloring book. They are overly simplistic and lack detail that could add more historic and/or natural context. After reviewing the state seal submissions, the best flag would be one that incorporated a state seal design, and the best state seal design is the one color S224.
11/29/23 16:14	F2100	Someone told me this one looks like a logo from a textbook company, and I haven't been able to unsee that. Maybe making the line straight would help it look more flag-like. However, this is probably my favorite design. I really love the star!
11/29/23 16:14	F2100	Ellie
11/29/23 16:15	F2100	There is no good reason to change the state flag. Please STOP!!
11/29/23 16:16	F2100	The Minnesota symbolism in the colors is clear, but I feel the design is *too* simple, even though simplicity is one of the goals.
11/29/23 16:16	F2100	This is the second best option for the new flag. F1953 is still the best overall option

11/29/23 16:16	F2100	I feel there is more to Minnesota just a North Star
11/29/23 16:20	F2100	My favorite flag design. Simple, brings in the North Star state , water, snow and the beautiful lushness of summer
11/29/23 16:23	F2100	My favorite flag design. Beautiful North Star, water, snow and the beautiful lushness of summer and spring
		This might be the best of them all, which is a pretty damning statement, since none of the designs inspire pride or respect. If you modify this one by 50%, I might like it, but don't count on it.  This whole process is a sham. Your design guidelines basically restricted the final choices to bland, meaningless symbols of group think. A total disaster. I feel sorry for the Commission members who have had to waste their time on this useless use of your time. And to the designers who designed these flags, have you ever heard that "art is in the eye of the beholder?" these six designs do not communicate what you think they do.
11/29/23 16:29	F2100	Do the right thing. Dismiss the Commission without a recommendation, because this exercise was simply a result of someone being offended. Grow up, life isn't fair.
11/29/23 16:31	F2100	This one f2100
11/29/23 16:31	F2100	I like this one. It is simple, tells a story, and is easy on the eyes.
11/29/23 16:44	F2100	I want to love this Flag but it needs a few things to make it truly amazing. This North Star design is the best out of all six however it should shift to the top left making it known this is the North Star State! The Star could be yellow as a nod to the previous flag and it would add a pop of color to truly stand out. Lastly, the squiggly line is hard to understand. I believe it represents snow but also has a lake type of vibe going on. This flag is good but could be better.
11/29/23 16:45	F2100	F 1154 - I like the cultural symbolism of the eight pointed star. The colors are beautiful, but I would prefer to have the blue on the top of the flag and the green on the bottom.
11/29/23 16:49	F2100	F2100 - I love the color symbolism in this flag. However, I would prefer a lighter shade of blue - "sky blue" - for the blue portion of the flag.
11/29/23 16:49	F2100	This is the only one that pleases the eye...I like it
11/29/23 16:50	F2100	I don't love this design as is. It looks quite corporate, but could be improved significantly with some tweaks. Mainly, I think that the wavy green and white lines are far too tepid. I would prefer a wavy pattern similar to Lee Harold's North Star flag. Secondly, I think that repositioning the star to the upper left would help this flag feel less like a company logo and more like a flag.
11/29/23 16:50	F2100	F 1154 - I like the cultural symbolism of the eight pointed star. The colors are beautiful, but I would prefer to have the blue on the top of the flag and the green on the bottom.
11/29/23 16:50	F2100	F2100 - I love the color symbolism in this flag. However, I would prefer a lighter shade of blue - "sky blue" - for the blue portion of the flag.
11/29/23 16:59	F2100	Love it!!
11/29/23 17:02	F2100	Boring. Feels more like North Dakota.
11/29/23 17:05	F2100	This is my choice. It represents all of Minnesota: lakes, fields and snow and it is easy to understand.
11/29/23 17:05	F2100	2100. I like this but would color the river light blue.
11/29/23 17:09	F2100	I love this one;it's my #1 choice. It captures the essential elements of our State: the North Star, water, and earth/soil. It also feels more timeless than the others. Great job!
11/29/23 17:10	F2100	This is awful as a Minnesota flag. It lacks passion and meaning. I'd expect to see this in a quilt design, at best. So many great submittals and you picked this for the final six. Tough to comprehend.
11/29/23 17:11	F2100	This is the second strongest flag, in my opinion. I voted for F29, but this one is striking and fitting as well.
11/29/23 17:11	F2100	my favorite and most visually appealing with colors and simplicity. wonder if look better with star more toward upper left
11/29/23 17:11	F2100	I really like this design. It is clean and clear with only a few colors.
11/29/23 17:16	F2100	I vote for this flag design.
11/29/23 17:18	F2100	I think this one is the most thoughtful and original. I also think it is kinda Scandinavian looking, too, which is relevant to people who immigrated here from Europe. The stripes add a really nice touch, and I enjoy that it isn't totally symmetrical. I think F2100 is neat but not especially unique. If I had to change one thing here I would change the star - I'd prefer it not to have so many thin points.
11/29/23 17:20	F2100	I think I'd like this design better without the curved shape. I do like how the stripes are of unequal proportions.
11/29/23 17:23	F2100	This one is okay
11/29/23 17:24	F2100	I like this design best due to it being simple, yet elegant. It quickly identifies what makes Minnesota the great state it is.
11/29/23 17:27	F2100	This is the design I prefer among the finalists.
11/29/23 17:30	F2100	Would love to see this one with the gold 8 pointed star instead, offset towards the hoist.

11/29/23 17:30	F2100	Unbelievable this is a finalist! Itâ€™s ugly and does not represent our state. Keep the flag we have!
11/29/23 17:32	F2100	Looks like something you'd see above an ice rink it's just super generic.
		<p>Dear State Emblems Redesign Commission,</p> <p>I have been looking at the finalists for the new state flag over the past few days, and while I do like some of the designs (e.g., F1953, F944) I find it strange that the original North Star Flag (F3) is absent. I saw that it almost made the finalists but was rejected at the last minute. So, I am writing to reconsider bringing back F3 to the final vote, and I have a few reasons why.</p> <p>First off, many of the submissions are clearly inspired by F3, by its color palette, symbolism, and overall design. I think that shows how well-designed F3 is. Knowing it can create so many variations just from one flag is a testament to how iconic its design is. It represents the state perfectly even with its simplicity. It has a design that can be recognized far away, and it's easy to remember.</p> <p>Next, it's already stood the test of time, being over 30 years old and still being a very popular contender for the new state flag. And I feel it'll continue to be a great design even in the far future.</p> <p>My final reason I think it should be added back is that I feel like the main reason this whole new flag movement started is BECAUSE of this flag. I think that alone should be enough of a reason to have it be on the final vote. It has history behind it and a lot of fans, including myself. And if it loses the final vote, then that's okay;at least it had a chance to be chosen. I really, really hope you reconsider. But if that is absolutely not an option, then going over the current finalists,</p> <p>I would like to see F1953 with the star of F29. I feel like F29 alone looks way too much like the other state flags that have a dark blue background with a random symbol in the center. In the distance, you wouldn't be able to tell what state flag you're even looking at. I also like F944 a lot with the reflected water paying homage to Minnesota's name, but if I had to pick one, I would pick F1953. I like the Minnesota shape and the colors of it.</p>
11/29/23 17:32	F2100	Thank you for reading and taking this into consideration.
11/29/23 17:33	F2100	Maybeâ€¦!
11/29/23 17:34	F2100	The flag finalists are variations of boring and unimaginative. They all look as if they were submitted by the same person. Any of them that is chosen will be horribly dated in just a few years. I suggest you try the finalist selection process again.
11/29/23 17:37	F2100	Best overall, but the point of the star would fit better in the low point of the left curve/wave. Offsetting central symbol towards the hoist tends to look better 'on the fly' as well.
11/29/23 17:41	F2100	Doesnâ€™t speak to me. Doesnâ€™t bring the elegance and sophistication our state deserves.
11/29/23 17:42	F2100	I strongly support flag submission F2100. The designer's statement is spot on. The flag is clean and bold, and the colors highlight what distinguishes Minnesota from other states. Also, from a state branding perspective, the colors and curves match the new "mn" logo motif for state agency names. I am a Minnesota resident who has lived in two other states -- Arizona and New Mexico -- that feature eye-catching flag designs capturing the spirit of their respective states. F2100 accomplishes that for Minnesota.
11/29/23 17:45	F2100	Now that the middle school submissions are out of the way, let's get serious.
11/29/23 17:45	F2100	too simple, where's familiar state things (loon, north star, lady slipper) ?
11/29/23 17:46	F2100	<p>Not Good!</p> <p>All six are really bad choices for a new State Flag and not indicative or resembling anything Minnesota!</p> <p>Sorry, Start Over!</p>
11/29/23 17:46	F2100	All of these stars on every flag look like religious symbols. All the flags are cold feeling and if they have to be explained to people on what they represent - not good!
11/29/23 17:46	F2100	Lake, row boat, fish, loon - stop trying to be so different.
11/29/23 17:46	F2100	A new flag is not needed. Keep the original flag design.
11/29/23 17:47	F2100	Good color pallet. Overall, a solid design. I like it as a second or third choice. It is somehow uninspiring.
11/29/23 17:57	F2100	Not at all artistic! Computer generated and boring.
11/29/23 18:02	F2100	This is a clear winner in my opinion. Captures all of Minnesota. Well done!
11/29/23 18:03	F2100	This is an improvement on our current flag, but it really does not say "Minnesota" to me. It seems pretty random.

11/29/23 18:07	F2100	I don't like any of these, and I did not vote to change it like many. These are all degrading of our state and only represent the States inability to be more creative than those before.
11/29/23 18:09	F2100	Out of the 6 selected options, this is easily the best one. It's by no means the best flag the state could have as I do believe the loon should be represented in the flag. But this one does look professional enough. Better than the other selected options.
11/29/23 18:11	F2100	Tolerable design. I like the simplicity and flow. Wish it contained some yellow like a couple of the other submissions.
11/29/23 18:12	F2100	I feel the star and white line are too slender, not substantial enough in such a simple design. I think I would like this design if those elements were strengthened.
11/29/23 18:13	F2100	Itâ€™s not terrible.
11/29/23 18:13	F2100	I think this flag is unique but it is not my favorite of the bunch. The symbol is not immediately recognizable, as it should be for a state flag. However, it is simple enough to recreate in little time and can be easily drawn by children, which is a great bonus. Overall, Iâ€™d like to see F29, or F1953 come out on top, but I would not mind this one either.
11/29/23 18:24	F2100	A simple design that will represent Minnesotaâ€™s many lakes, trees, and the North Star.
11/29/23 18:31	F2100	Ugly!!!!
11/29/23 18:32	F2100	Ugly!!!!
11/29/23 18:43	F2100	Softer green and maybe lighter blue and could be cool
11/29/23 18:44	F2100	This is the best and most beautiful design! Simple, meaningful, and profound for the lovely state!
11/29/23 18:46	F2100	No. Looks like something from the Holy Land
11/29/23 18:48	F2100	#6
11/29/23 18:54	F2100	This is the best look for our new flag!
11/29/23 19:00	F2100	I choose this flag!
11/29/23 19:02	F2100	Second choice but it is really to generic. Boring
11/29/23 19:16	F2100	I really like this one. It seems to represent in such a simplified yet elegant way what Minnesota is known for.
11/29/23 19:17	F2100	My favorite. Changes needed: wider white stripe, move the star to the left over the tip in the white curve, maybe swap out the star with one that the commissioners like better.
11/29/23 19:19	F2100	Terrible, forget the winter fun. Nobody comes here to get cold. If they do they leave right away when they see Walz's tax rates and spending on useless things like a new train and a NEW FLAG!
11/29/23 19:20	F2100	Please read Mr Kayeâ€™s comments in the Star Tribune article and then change and then consider this one
11/29/23 19:27	F2100	F2100
11/29/23 19:34	F2100	I've left a comment elsewhere how this is my favorite. This additional comment is say how impressed I am watching the Commission do its work, especially the chair Luis Fitch. All of the members have a really good sense of what is needed, generally make astute comments and work together so well. I'd be fine with any of the 6 designs for our next flag and it looks like there's a good unanimity building on the loon seal, also my favorite.  I know many have criticized the 6 flag designs, but they don't fully know the rules of good graphic and flag design. (I'm a member of NAVA and a recent new vexillologist). Indeed the public has to be behind the new flag, but I think it is also incumbent on the Commission to not only choose a flag and seal but respectfullyâ€”and not condescendinglyâ€”educate the public about good flag design and why you selected (and maybe altered the original) as you did. Congratulations on getting this far so well. Please stick to it through the New Year to help us all understand and come to love our new flag.
11/29/23 19:36	F2100	I like this design the best as it incorporates the most unique/notable aspects of the state of Minnesota - North star, waters, forests/agriculture, and winter/snow. The design is both simple and aesthetically pleasing.
11/29/23 19:38	F2100	Don't like any of them. Leave it alone
11/29/23 19:43	F2100	I vote for Flag Submission number: F2100. It is a classic and perfectly embodies the North Star State.
11/29/23 19:44	F2100	I vote for F2100
11/29/23 19:45	F2100	It sucks. No character..
11/29/23 19:46	F2100	Again, NO! This design resembles the USDA letterhead. All of the submitted designs are terrible. The design of the flag should include something(s) that signifies and/or represents the great state of Minnesota. Perhaps have the loon in the design since it is the state bird and/or the lady slipper, the state flower. Have it be unique and meaningful to Minnesota. ðŸ˜ˆ
11/29/23 19:48	F2100	F2100 gets my vote for new state flag. Simple yet evocative of the state. Fertile land and sky and (north) star. The gently curved line calls to mind either gentle hills or rivers (water).

11/29/23 19:49	F2100	I don't think this should be accepted as the new state flag, at least not without making the curved white line straight. The curved line will be difficult to reproduce using hand tools, and looks very "online" -- designed on a computer. In time, it will look dated because of this also .
11/29/23 19:51	F2100	This is my pick. I like the ground and the sky.
11/29/23 20:01	F2100	One word, NO! Ugly and not significant to the great state of Minnesota!
11/29/23 20:01	F2100	This is my 1st choice
11/29/23 20:03	F2100	I think all of the six selected flag designs but this flag strikes me as a simple and beautiful way to represent our state.
11/29/23 20:03	F2100	I think this one would have more interest if the star were offset to the left.
11/29/23 20:04	F2100	I like this design a lot. I would change this by moving the star to the top left of the flag. I would also make the star gold and only a four-pointed star.
11/29/23 20:07	F2100	This submission is the best one in my opinion. Simple, uncluttered, and the symbolism is easy to grasp.
11/29/23 20:10	F2100	This would be my second choice but would like different colors.
11/29/23 20:10	F2100	This is my favorite - I like the white star and the white line signifying winter activities sets off and enhances the blue and green. Should be easy to identify when it is flying.
11/29/23 20:11	F2100	Flags are stupid. Looks like only Norwegian style. There was nothing wrong with the current flag. Get over yourselves and stop wasting tax payers money. The state seal. Also stupid. Except the one color loon. But, it looks like it belongs on a license plate. In fact, they all do. Stop with the keeping up with the Jones'
11/29/23 20:20	F2100	My favorite. It's simple and would be readily recognizable from a distance. It also conveys with simple graphic clarity the land (Green), the sky (Blue) and the rivers (Undulating white line). The star is simple yet graceful and powerful.
11/29/23 20:25	F2100	This one is second best. Symbology is relevant and unique.
11/29/23 20:26	F2100	It's a great flag, but I think it'd definitely look better if the squiggly line was straight, with a few more white lines to make it appear to have waves like a lake.
11/29/23 20:30	F2100	This is my favorite of the 6 finalists. Reminds me of the bold north!
11/29/23 20:36	F2100	Love the north star and the wavy lines which also represent Minnesota's many waterways.
11/29/23 20:38	F2100	I vote No keep the flag the same as itâ€™s been
11/29/23 20:39	F2100	They all suck! Nothing wrong with our current flag or seal.
11/29/23 20:42	F2100	I think I read a flag expert's thoughts on this one, and I agree wholeheartedly - the white band needs to be wider, and the start needs to shift over to the left. I also think that the spokes of the star should be broader maybe? To look less like the Star of Bethlehem. Overall I like this design - even more than the North Star flag. This star is much better.
11/29/23 20:43	F2100	No wavy lines please! This is not my favorite design.
11/29/23 20:46	F2100	This design spoke to me with simplistic symbolism that needs no explanation. This depiction represents our great State of Minnesota nourished by its "green" roots, refreshed with its clean blue waters than run deep in our blood and connected by Winter's ribbon of fresh fallen snow to rejuvenate a purpose guided by the North Star which shines a light on new beginnings for all Minnesotans.
11/29/23 20:47	F2100	HORRID JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS
11/29/23 20:55	F2100	8 pointed star: YES, but make it like the rotunda star Curved white line: NO, too stylized for a flag. Make it a Straight Wider Green stripe for our land resources Bottom should change to blue for water resources. Top and bottom blue should be lighter (not so Navy) and they should be the same blue (as sky reflected in water)
11/29/23 20:55	F2100	Another Terrible design. A big NO. What a waste of taxpayer money.
11/29/23 21:00	F2100	F2100 is simple yet elegant. The curved line softens the design and somehow feels very Minnesotan. Beautiful and unique -- a perfect flag for our state.
11/29/23 21:03	F2100	I feel like flag F2100 best represents Minnesota. I think the design is nice as well as the use of colors.
11/29/23 21:13	F2100	I think all these submissions are hideous. There is nothing about Minnesota, itâ€™s history, the Mississippi, wild rice, loons and wildlife, or people are reflected in any of these. Try again. This time, donâ€™t ask kindergarteners to submit the designs.
11/29/23 21:17	F2100	F2100 is the best one.
11/29/23 21:20	F2100	Just doesn't work for me!
11/29/23 21:26	F2100	This is my favorite. I love the juxtaposition of the sharp, brilliant star with the peaceful wave of the water, evoking a night at the lake. It's simple and elegant, and as a lifelong Minnesotan, I would be proud to have this as our flag. Thanks for letting us weigh in.

11/29/23 21:27	F2100	<p>These flag designs are too simple and stark. The meaning of the symbolism in each one of them is not at all obvious to the viewer;one has to read the artistsâ€™ statements in order to understand the meaning. The symbols and colors do not speak for themselves. Why is such a dark blue used to represent water? Why does the snowflake not look like a snowflake? How will people understand that a section of white on the flag represents snow? The only north star I like is the one on design F2100, but the blue on that flag is too dark, and it is lacking in any meaningful detail. Please go back to the drawing board! Look at the other submissions again after you read how unhappy most of us are with your choices for the six finalists. it almost appears that they were all done by the same artist, as they are so similar in their extremely stark style.</p> <p>Give us some variety and the choices Please</p>
11/29/23 21:27	F2100	<p>The design of F1435 looks unbalanced with the star and tree. The stripes on the edges also seem too small to be read flying from a flagpole. Please don't select this design.</p> <p>F944 looks like it would become dated within 10 years and doesn't feel like an enduring banner.</p> <p>F1154, F2100 and F1953 are perfectly cromulent flags.</p> <p>F29 is the best choice. The design is simple and timeless. Please select F29.</p>
11/29/23 21:31	F2100	<p>The green and blue with the white star is my favorite. I love the juxtaposition of the sharp, brilliant star with the peaceful wave of the water, evoking a night at the lake. It's simple and elegant, and as a lifelong Minnesotan, I would be proud to have this as our flag. Thanks for letting us weigh in.</p>
11/29/23 21:32	F2100	<p>The green and blue with the white star and wavy white line in the center is my favorite. I love the juxtaposition of the sharp, brilliant star with the peaceful wave of the water, evoking a night at the lake. It's simple and elegant, and as a lifelong Minnesotan, I would be proud to have this as our flag. Thanks for letting us weigh in.</p>
11/29/23 21:32	F2100	<p>This design, along with all of the others, does not represent ALL of MN, past or present. It is generic and erases our identity.</p> <p>The amount of effort to change the flag and seal on everything from courthouses to school posters is a large waste of money and time.</p> <p>The amount of time, money, and effort that have gone and will go into this process is absurd. There are plenty of other things in this state that need to change and need funds before a new flag/seal are approved.</p>
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11/29/23 21:35	F2100	<p>This flag is not great. If the weird textures of the green and blue areas were replaced with solid colors instead I might like it more, but I can only review it as it stands, and as it stands it looks like someone put this flag through an old dirty photocopier. Not the look I want people to associate with Minnesota.</p>
11/29/23 21:42	F2100	<p>Oh this is fascinating. My vote is serious, I think a combination of some of Most of the flags proposed would be best. I would take the white+blue water background graphic of F944, â€œMirror of The Sky,â€™ except I would put two lines of green on the bottom blue stripes, and one line of blue in the â€œSkyâ€™ with 2 cloud lines above it.</p> <p>For the star, I would place it in the top left like F944. HOWEVER, I would use the star graphic from F2100 in yellow, with the white snowflake atop like shown here in F29.</p> <p>So. Blue Background.</p> <p>Water and sky swirl but two green lines two blue, two white.</p> <p>A star in the top left corner, but yellow and the shape of the star in F2100.</p> <p>And, a snowflake, for sure like F29, in white.</p>
11/29/23 21:45	F2100	<p>I think of all the designs this is the closest to the best one. I think if was tweaked a bit to look more like the North Star design it would look a better. I'd make the white curved line a bit thicker and star a bit smaller.</p>

		<p>F2100 is my personal favorite of the flags. I would move the star to the upper left, similar to its placement in the original North Star flag that got a lot of news coverage at the outset of this effort. In addition to definitely moving the star, I would consider whether to make it less complex, less like the Star of Bethlehem, and possibly a bit smaller. Four or five equal points on the star probably would be better. The blue field could be deeper and darker, but overall I think the color palette here is right. The "river" definitely should be a little thicker.</p> <p>Overall, I think this is an improvement on the North Star flag, and I would be happiest with a final flag design that combined the best features of that one and this one: simpler star on the upper left and thicker curved line like the older flag, but overall richer colors and white rather than yellow for the star like in F2100. I think F2100 has the right elements for the flag, and not too many of them cluttered together. I hope this one is the basis for moving forward. You were absolutely right to focus on North Star themes rather than loons, pine trees, or other regional symbols. I would also eliminate any snowflakes I see in other designs. F2100 starts out with just the right iconography while keeping it simple.</p>
11/29/23 21:50	F2100	And thank you for all your hard work on this effort! It was long past time to make a change.
11/29/23 21:51	F2100	Very boring and dull. Meaningless.
11/29/23 21:56	F2100	Sky-blue waters should be the tiny if the color "Sky blue"; not that dark blue. If our waters are that color, we are in big trouble!
11/29/23 21:57	F2100	Otherwise it's not too bad.
11/29/23 21:57	F2100	Too plain!! We want to be proud of the MN flag and all the stripes that are in the final groups are so much like other striped flags. Back to the drawing board PLEASE!
11/29/23 22:04	F2100	Flag submissions are horrible. Reminds me of a Christmas star not the state of MN. Try again.
11/29/23 22:06	F2100	I have made comments on each one and now the comments are not with the correct flag. Too bad. This website is not working very well. I wrote this under the Very Swedish (blue and yellow and Tulips looking flag. . Like the sun but not the Tulips. Don't look like pine trees. Need to have a feather or something symbolic of Natives. This is nice but would be better to have traditional looking Pines I think. This one is boring and not alive. I have made comments under each one but now the comments are not with the correct flag.
11/29/23 22:07	F2100	This design is among one of my favorites. I love it's straightforward design, the symbols and above all else, that star. It's easily the best one out of all those other designs that has one. The only thing I would suggest would be to use a lighter shade of blue. If not, it's still a pretty solid design.
11/29/23 22:15	F2100	TOO GENERIC. NOTHING FOR THE AVERAGE MINNESOTAN TO RELATE TOOL SO SAD WE HAVE ABANDONED OUR FORMER FLAG.
11/29/23 22:22	F2100	This one also looks like a corporate logo. Good design, just not right for a flag.
11/29/23 22:23	F2100	I love this one! The sky and water and the North Star fits our State perfectly!
11/29/23 22:32	F2100	I feel like I'm looking at the flag of a credit union.
11/29/23 22:42	F2100	This would be my second favorite. Again I appreciate the simplicity of the design and the meaning behind each element.
11/29/23 22:50	F2100	I absolutely love this design for the new state flag
11/29/23 22:58	F2100	I liked the design by Lee Herold very much and for a long time. This is an improvement on that design in my estimation. I listened to and watched much of the meeting you had the other day. I agree completely with the reasons mentioned for the 8 point star and less busy field on this entry. Good job all.
11/29/23 23:14	F2100	Thoughtful design. Without the detailed description, this flag is very generic and could represent almost every state in the U.S.
11/29/23 23:30	F2100	I like this design: it's clear and simple and represents Minnesota well, and it was also the favorite finalist of some of my family members. I would support it as the new state flag, though I feel obliged to comment that it's basically a derivation of the 1989 North Star Flag design, and I find it odd that the original wasn't selected as a finalist. It had history, at least some measure of grassroots support, and has obviously been an influential design - inspiring this finalist along with many other submissions. Still, this variation of it looks nice and I'd be happy if it was chosen.
11/29/23 23:39	F2100	None of these designs grab me or say Minnesota to me.
11/29/23 23:48	F2100	I think this flag offers a relatable, refined and most importantly a timeless design.
11/30/23 0:03	F2100	In no way do I think of forests, wilderness areas, crops (ha, ha), or winter activities when I look at this flag option. Ugly.
11/30/23 0:37	F2100	Attractive, design is simple enough to recognize while it is flying,
11/30/23 0:45	F2100	The inclusion of the color green on the Minnesota flag seems inappropriate because Minnesota is not a very green state outside of summer. Maybe gray, brown, or yellow would be more appropriate colors than green. The star seems a tad too big and the white stripe seems a little too narrow. Maybe move the star to the left so that it looks more like the US flag.

11/30/23 1:04	F2100	<p>This flag has not enough contrast and undefined graphical elements.</p> <p>None of the committee members who selected this design would be able to accurately recreate it.</p> <p>To point out the obvious, this flag selected as finalist by SERC contradicts formal design parameters put forth by the SERC, namely:</p> <p>Simplicity and Recognizability: The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory and can be easily recognizable from a distance.</p> <p>Simple Iconography: The design should be simple enough to be easily reproduced and recognizable even when scaled down.</p> <p>Typical display: The Commission should consider the flag's visibility when it is displayed on a pole, without the full design visible, and the impact of weather elements when displayed (cloudiness, windiness, etc.)</p>
11/30/23 1:15	F2100	<p>When I look at this flag, I just wish it were the North Star Flag (F3). The energy of the wavy line on this flag is so meek compared to the North Star. It looks more corporate than anything. I like the colors a lot, though, and the overall design trend of star + wavy line + two larger blocks of color just looks so good to me.</p> <p>What I would love to see is if the white line were given a couple more waves to it, the star was made less pointy and moved to the left, and if the star were changed to yellow. I love the eight-pointed star, and I would keep it as eight points. Currently, the points of the star get too close to the white line. There should be more distance between them.</p> <p>I think this is a great flag to try to incorporate some elements of the others onto. Any of the star shapes from the other flags would be interesting to see on this.</p>
11/30/23 1:21	F2100	<p>Like other finalists, this flag would more appropriately represent a regional bank than the great state of Minnesota. Like other finalists, there is nothing distinctive about the design, the colors, or the shapes included on this flag. It takes no risks, it is intentionally boring, and the symbolism falls short.</p> <p>I understand that the committee decided against including the loon on the flag as it is not found in all parts of the state, but this reasoning falls short when looking at other great state flags. Mississippi's recent redesign was nearly a perfect state flag, and they built it around the state flower, the Magnolia, which is actually not found in the majority of Mississippi.</p> <p>California, for another example, has one of the best flags in the entire world. It breaks several vexillological rules and is built around the grizzly bear, which is not found anywhere in California in the present era!</p> <p>The state flag redesign should not be build around checking boxes and following rules, the goal needs to be selecting a flag that will distinguish Minnesota from every other state and country in the world, just as all the other phenomenal state flags in this country do for their people (Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Maryland, etc).</p> <p>I was overjoyed when I learned that my state would be getting a new flag. I wrote a senior thesis paper about redesigning it, I'm very passionate about this topic, and I'm very thankful for the committee undertaking this great challenge. However, I implore the committee to go back to the drawing board and re-select a new group of finalists with the goal of selecting a distinctive, daring, and unique flag that will represent the great state of Minnesota. Legendary flags aren't legendary because they followed all the rules!</p>
11/30/23 1:37	F2100	<p>I'm between this one and F1953. I love the 3-color motifs of both: the snow, the nature/agriculture, the water. I've only been a Minnesota resident for 11 years, but I see in this flag everything I've learned it means to be Minnesotan. Both of these flags will represent our state well.</p>
11/30/23 2:17	F2100	<p>Feels generic, too simplistic.</p>
11/30/23 4:03	F2100	<p>I like this flag best</p>
11/30/23 4:49	F2100	<p>My favorite</p>
11/30/23 5:02	F2100	<p>All of these designs are terrible. They look like a child's drawing. Keep the current flag instead of these cartoon like flags. If part of the current flag is considered offense to some sensitive people then remove that part. All the money spent to only have these designs makes Minnesota a laughing stock.</p>
11/30/23 5:31	F2100	<p>PLAIN, SIMPLE, VERY EXPRESSIVE, COLORFUL AND NOT TOO BUSY</p>
11/30/23 5:32	F2100	<p>Not pleasing</p>



11/30/23 5:36	F2100	This would be my first choice for the Minnesota state flag. It has sharp, vibrant colors and northern star depicting the great state of Minnesota. This flag has a few color choices that give a historical depiction of our state without a lot of clutter. I can picture this flag flying over our great country and be easily recognizable as the state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 5:40	F2100	I like aspects of all the finalists – however this one would be a strong flag design – Clean and bold! Easy for all to see the symbolism with the North Star and 3 main colors – blue, green and white
11/30/23 6:06	F2100	These flags are all basically the same: blocky, angular and even the color choices are the same. There is no choice here. Out of the thousands of entries, is this the best that could be offered? So disappointing. And we'll be stuck with this forever. (Very Scandinavian.)
11/30/23 6:13	F2100	It's very boring. As I've mentioned elsewhere, I think the singular focus on the North Star is misguided (give me at least one loon flag!). Where I live in the twin cities I can't even see the North Star half the time due to light pollution, I don't feel like it represents me.
11/30/23 6:23	F2100	Maybe the star in the middle of a feature but I prefer it offset so a flag clearly has a front and back. This one is hard to tell which way it should go.
11/30/23 6:24	F2100	sad, no loon!!! and i am from southern mn.
11/30/23 6:38	F2100	Nice colors but the star feels very Bethlehem for a state flag, pass
11/30/23 6:55	F2100	I really like this flag- it's simple, it's easy to recreate, and I think the visual imagery is stunning.
11/30/23 7:00	F2100	The white star could convey an unintended message of Christian singularity or dominance
11/30/23 7:02	F2100	Hello, this is my second comment. I still like F2100 best of the finalists, and I still hope you will use the colors from the North Star flag (brighter, with gold star).I'm writing again after reading Ted Kaye's comments in today's StarTribune. Please use the North Star flag! Or use it with the star from F29 or F1435. Thanks again for your work on the project.
11/30/23 7:02	F2100	This should is best choice for new state flag. It is simple, elegant and will be recognizable.
11/30/23 7:14	F2100	Where is the loon!
11/30/23 7:18	F2100	This is my second favorite (after F1953). The bands of colors being represented by a wavy line speaks to our lakes while still having a dignified "flaglike" appearance.
11/30/23 7:19	F2100	I think the flag captures the elements of star, river, lakes, and land beautifully and will be easy to read, even on a flag pole on a windy day.
11/30/23 7:22	F2100	Do not like
11/30/23 7:32	F2100	This looks like a web browser from the early 2000s. It isn't terrible, but it already looks dated. It also isn't very distinctive. Not a fan of the wavy line.
11/30/23 7:37	F2100	Better than three other finalists. IF it must be used, THEN the following MUST happen before I will call it our state flag: 1. use this star on F216 or F1925 or F1973, OR;2.include our French motto (l'etoile du nord) OR the word Minnesota OR a loon. (so we know it's Minnesota's star!) Negatives: - There are many better nominees with a wave & star concept. - Looks like a couple of sovereign/municipal world flags. Positives: - It's not a five-point generic star. - It's not just straight lines.
11/30/23 7:43	F2100	I love this one! The design is very pleasing. I much prefer the flow of this design versus straight lines of some of the other submissions.
11/30/23 7:44	F2100	I prefer this design. It is clear in communicating we are the North Star state and also a beautiful area of the country with green and blue spaces.
11/30/23 7:49	F2100	I prefer this design. It is clear in communicating we are the North Star state and also a beautiful area of the country with green and blue spaces.
11/30/23 7:49	F2100	There's only one choice and this is it!
11/30/23 7:49	F2100	The rolling hills, the river, the blue sky and the North Star. Need we say more?
11/30/23 7:54	F2100	What do any of these have to do with Minnesota? They are only good if you live by a campus!
11/30/23 8:07	F2100	It captures the sky, water and northern star. Beautiful and simple.
		That none of final choices are appealing, and too many have a lackluster, generic, 1990s Native American casino vibe to them as opposed to an image that represents _all_ of Minnesota, I guess this F2100 option is the least repugnant, but it really should have a loon incorporated into it as representative of our official state bird and de facto symbol of our beautiful state. It is so disappointing and disheartening to see only these six final choices when there were much better possibilities left on the table.

11/30/23 8:08	F2100	I am indifferent to this design. Not good not bad in my opinion.
11/30/23 8:21	F2100	This is my favorite of the finalists. It contains all the elements that I believe are emblematic of Minnesota: water, nature, winter, and the North Star. The design is distinctive enough to be recognized and yet consistent with other flags of the United States and the world so as to represent our state well around the globe. I'd be proud to have this as the flag of my home state.
11/30/23 8:22	F2100	No. I don't like the colors, or the design. Personal preference again, but I'd prefer more and different colors in the MN State flag.
11/30/23 8:26	F2100	Please go back to the drawing board - these look like a corporation and not a dignified state.
11/30/23 8:26	F2100	Too similar to the others that are blah. if these are the flags you chose for replacement of the existing, i say leave the existing as is. it does represent Minnesota the best. Come on - my grandchildren could do a better job of choice than what you have done. add some character to the flag!
11/30/23 8:27	F2100	This is my favorite!
11/30/23 8:36	F2100	I do not like this, or any of the designs selected for the state flag. The only good thing that can be said about them is that they are better than the existing flag. The committee needs to return to the drawing board and find a design that includes a loon, ladies slipper, or other Minnesota iconography. Especially avoid the quilt look and the prominence of the star, that makes it all too reflective of Texas. I think the flag of South Carolina is one of the best I've ever seen. I hope our flag can approach the quality of the design of that one. I recommend using the seal entry with the loon as our flag design.
11/30/23 8:41	F2100	Of all the submissions, this is my first choice.
11/30/23 8:43	F2100	This is my favorite of the designs - I think it will fly well as a flag because the star is in the center. I like that the star isn't a quilt pattern star and that it doesn't have the cheesy M&M pattern reminiscent of a corporate logo.
11/30/23 8:44	F2100	I don't get the affinity with random swooshes. It is an anachronistic evocation of a bygone era. Swooshes should be reserved for lazy logos of the early 2000s, not a flag to represent Minnesota.
11/30/23 8:46	F2100	This gets my vote, though I am not crazy about it.
11/30/23 8:47	F2100	No
11/30/23 8:48	F2100	I strongly believe the committee should reconsider the North Star Flag that this is a representation of. The NSF is already perfect, its clean, recognizable, and already associated as a symbol of Minnesota. Its the only flag in this group, besides whatever is chosen of course, that will remain in use after this process ends. Please don't overthink it, the NSF has been the best choice all along!
11/30/23 8:51	F2100	it's sort of okay
11/30/23 8:52	F2100	Make the star yellow.
11/30/23 8:53	F2100	Favorite submission
11/30/23 8:54	F2100	thumbs up
11/30/23 8:54	F2100	It's my belief that the background of this flag with the star from the F29 flag would be a great design. And would best represent a diverse array of unique elements of our stay.
11/30/23 8:55	F2100	Very great
11/30/23 8:56	F2100	I love the simplicity and color tones
11/30/23 8:57	F2100	This is the best one.
11/30/23 8:57	F2100	Way too simplified. So much of our culture and heritage is lost in this design.
11/30/23 8:59	F2100	My first choice. By far!
11/30/23 9:00	F2100	This is by far my favorite flag design. I like the striking star and the combination/scale of the colors. Somewhere I saw a proposal that would move the star a bit to the left so that it would fit better with the wave beneath it. I think it might be preferable to keep the star as it is in the center, but make the white line straight and lower it a little bit more. (Assuming the flag doesn't really need the wave in the design since it will appear wavy when it's moving in the wind.)
11/30/23 9:01	F2100	Middle of the pack for the 6 finalists for me. I would say it's my 3rd favorite. I like the symmetry and colors and the simplicity is a strength unlike the other finalists
11/30/23 9:02	F2100	Flag f2100 is my choice
11/30/23 9:04	F2100	The star feels too big, and I would swap it for one of the other star designs. There doesn't really seem to be a need for curving color blocks either since the flag will be waving, and the white bar is too thin
11/30/23 9:04	F2100	I like this design
11/30/23 9:05	F2100	With the start of F29, something laid out like this could work, but I think the colors need work.
11/30/23 9:06	F2100	The simplicity and colors & the North Star of F2100 flag submission finalist are a great representation of Minnesota and our great northern state! Please pick F2100 as the new Minnesota state flag!

11/30/23 9:07	F2100	This is nice, clear and clean design. NICE!
11/30/23 9:07	F2100	944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol;wrong. 1435 is too Indian;why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom? 1953 is best, clear and open to interpretation and good friendly feelings. F2100 is also best, clear, more formal than friendly
11/30/23 9:07	F2100	Great design-draws my eye to it.
11/30/23 9:09	F2100	I guess there is some consolation that this is the finalist, but it violates a rule for a good flag: What young child can draw an 8-pointed star? It is also BORING/BORING/BORING. I would even prefer the 1989 version that did not make the final cut.  Better would be a flag version of the state seal with a loon by Ross Bruggink. I think kids can draw trees, wheat stalks, and waves. And they try to draw animals of all kinds because they are drawn to them. Commission: Start over!
11/30/23 9:10	F2100	Love it
11/30/23 9:11	F2100	This is my favorite among the choices. Next would be F1953. I like the imagery and design. However, I think all the designs are more similar to yard flag designs than a typical "state" flag.
11/30/23 9:12	F2100	This is the best-looking flag, it will fit Minnesota perfectly!
11/30/23 9:14	F2100	Okay but star should be on left and how about a lake? Blue on bottom, green in middle, sky blue on top. Maybe a loon and some trees.
11/30/23 9:14	F2100	I don't like any of the finalists. I would like to see a loon on the state flag
11/30/23 9:15	F2100	This is my favorite, but with the recommended adjustments to widen the white stripe and move the star to the left.
11/30/23 9:15	F2100	This is my second choice, behind "Mirror of the Sky". Clean, simple, slightly demonstrative of what is unique about MN. Honestly, I'm very disappointed with the other calico star options.They don't represent MN to me at all.
11/30/23 9:16	F2100	Why are we wasting mine and all other tax payer \$\$ on this crap. All these flags are the same boring flag. It doesn't represent Minnesota in any way. Keep old flag. Let's stop this nonsense and keep the old flag.
11/30/23 9:18	F2100	F944 looks like a Nike/sports symbol;wrong. F29 is a bit too simple and over focuses on snow. F1435 is too Dakota/Ojibway textile;why not Neanderthal who were before them? Or sea bottom? F1953 is best, clear and open to interpretation and good friendly feelings. F2100 is also best, clear, more formal than friendly1953
11/30/23 9:18	F2100	Of the six this design and design # F2100 have the greatest appeal in representing Mn. Simple and clean and easily recognized. Make sure the state seal is the same design. Thank you for your hard work!
11/30/23 9:19	F2100	This is probably my second favorite- it's very simple, mostly symmetrical, and it looks aesthetically nice
11/30/23 9:20	F2100	Of the 6 flag designs, this design is my favorite. It is simple and the colors represent images in Minnesota -- the green of the summer, the dark blue of the night sky, and the wavy line representing water. I like the north star shape (with the contrasting long and short points) because it is the best representation of a shining (not static) star and doesn't look like a snow flake. Minnesota shouldn't just be thought of as winter. I like the suggestion by one flag expert to move the star in this design slightly to the left. Then, the star would follow tradition design principles that putting something on an intersecting point of a grid (rather than in the center) is more pleasing to the eye.
11/30/23 9:21	F2100	this flag is nice and I like the simplicity of it.
11/30/23 9:21	F2100	This flag looks like a bank logo. Seriously.
11/30/23 9:23	F2100	As a vexillologist, this is the only real option. There is good contrast, it's simple to reproduce, and only uses two colors. It's not as good as the North Star Flag, which I STRONGLY suggest you take another look at, but it draws on that flag's success. The North Star Flag has been sold and purchased in Minnesota for over 30 years, and has an already attached fan-base of people who actually like and buy flags. These other designs may catch the public attn briefly but don't have staying power. Please reconsider some variant of the North Star Flag, even if with slightly altered colors. Thank you for your time.
11/30/23 9:23	F2100	Of the six this design and design # F29 have the greatest appeal in representing Mn. Simple and clean and easily recognized. Make sure the state seal is the same design. Thank you for your hard work!

11/30/23 9:23	F2100	Design is striking, with a positive forward motion that would look great on a flagpole or displayed flat. Would perhaps consider repositioning or resizing the star. Most similar to many other designs entered, as well as the "classic" attempt previously made to have a more inclusive flag.
11/30/23 9:25	F2100	I like this one, it reminds me of where I was born, Colorado/ Denver. Not original but nice.
11/30/23 9:26	F2100	This is my second choice but it needs a little something more. The star is beautiful. I like that it is also in the rotunda of the Capitol. It just needs a little more to brighten it and make it look prettier when flying or when hanging down with no wind. Maybe the star from the seal design S 147. That is a beautiful star design.
11/30/23 9:33	F2100	This is my favorite design.. it is simple and distinct
11/30/23 9:34	F2100	Excellent. I rank it first of the six. The A@toile is stunning and central, but the blue and green and the gentle curve are the spirit of our gently rolling state. Easily reproducible for schoolchildren.
11/30/23 9:34	F2100	I like the simplicity of this flag, the colors and what they represent, and the star choice. This star design can also be interpreted as a compass star - like the north star, it is a symbol of guidance and sense of direction... not getting lost and stepping together into the future.
		I select this submission. I feel it represents MN the best.
11/30/23 9:34	F2100	I believe this is a waste of taxpayer dollars and a totally pointless attempt to be woke and erase Mn history and culture of our state!
11/30/23 9:35	F2100	This is my number two choice of the six finalists. I think it important to include blue( land of sky blue waters,) and the north star. I wish the blue was more sky blue Thank you
11/30/23 9:37	F2100	This is just ok for a flag design. Love the star.
11/30/23 9:37	F2100	This is a general comment. I am very disappointed in the choices. The missing piece for me is the Loon. It is a symbol that brings us all together. I am glad it has the star, but I am really disappointed that it is missing the loon.
11/30/23 9:45	F2100	This design looks like it could represent a sandy, 3rd world country.
11/30/23 9:46	F2100	Should be adjusted to look like the North Star flag. That flag is similar in design but more locally recognizable.
11/30/23 9:51	F2100	this isn't bad, but the blue and green tones are too similar. A brighter blue OR a brighter green would be nice. I appreciate the simplicity of all the designs.
11/30/23 9:52	F2100	This is by far my favorite field. Take that, but with the star from F29, and it would have all seasons covered. That would make my choice.
11/30/23 9:54	F2100	I don't dislike this one necessarily, but I think it falls short of some of the other submissions. I don't know why exactly, but it looks like the logo of a farmers' organization or company and I can't shake that feeling. I think again it could be improved with a better star, and I almost think that the half wave is maybe not enough. Maybe shifting the start to the left would make it feel more like a flag as well. I'm not a fan of the original "North Star Flag" because I think that the colors are too bright, the star is ugly, and the waves are too much. This one almost goes too far in the other direction, and maybe a more balanced approach would help.
11/30/23 9:55	F2100	This wins my vote. Clear, simple, bold, beautiful. I love the colors and symbology. It's memorable and easily reproduceable. Well done!
		ALL of these finalists look like corporate logos created on PowerPoint.
11/30/23 9:55	F2100	Disappointing lack of both thought about state identity and creativity. Cute computer graphics without soul.
11/30/23 10:03	F2100	This doesn't feel like Minnesota at all.
11/30/23 10:04	F2100	I like the simplicity in the design of this flag. It's basic, simple, and well balanced. It's not too busy, yet very adequately represents the basic aspects of what is Minnesota. All around, from North to South, East to West. And in my opinion it has the appearance of what a flag should look like. So that's my choice.
11/30/23 10:05	F2100	I don't like any of the flag choices because they do not represent anything unique to Minnesota. Of the six finalists, the best design is F2100.
11/30/23 10:10	F2100	Strong, simple design that speaks for itself. You don't have to read text to understand what it's about.
11/30/23 10:10	F2100	Really hate all these simplistic designs no imagination maybe take S224 the state seal and add this to the flag design. Too bad people have become such chronic complainers and so thin skinned.
11/30/23 10:11	F2100	This one has elegant simplicity. Could be easily identifiable as Minnesota. This flag has my vote.
11/30/23 10:17	F2100	Boy you have to stretch your imagination to see this as standing for Minnesota...The star design is like the Five Star Bank logo in Warsaw NY.
11/30/23 10:18	F2100	This is my favorite. It has flag composition, shows the green, the snow, the night sky and the north star. The wave in the horizon gives the image energy. I love the simplicity of 3 colors.
11/30/23 10:26	F2100	This is my favorite flag design.
11/30/23 10:32	F2100	A great example of something that is adequate. Won't offend anyone. Won't inspire anyone.
11/30/23 10:33	F2100	Flag designs should be simple, symbolic and strategic. LOVE the cohesiveness of this design. North star, blue sky, green earth. All of the other designs are too busy.

11/30/23 10:35	F2100	This is the best of the flag designs. Though I do think it could you a simpler star. This flag is the closest to the "North Star Flag" design that I still feel is the best representative flag for Minnesota. Maybe the two could be more closely aligned to create a great option.
11/30/23 10:36	F2100	I love this design best for it's simplicity and balance. I perfectly understand the sky, blue waters , green forests & fields, and north star. The white I didn't understand until I read it was the snow.
11/30/23 10:37	F2100	Please do not choose this flag. This flag is too abstract and boring. Other than the star it says very little about our state. You should be able to look at it and say that's the flag of Minnesota. But instead it could easily be confused with other states and, frankly, the flags of Pacific island nations. It looks like this was treated as more of an art project than a state flag. Its intended symbolism is not clear or evident at all. If the blue represents water, it should be on the bottom or below the horizon. The white line could be seen as just a stylistic choice not symbolizing winter. The green could simply be viewed as green hills which every state outside the southwestern US has. The state flag should say some more distinctive things about our state, convey our values in some way, or say something about who we are. This flag doesn't do any of that.
11/30/23 10:38	F2100	F2100 is a perfect flag for MN. The star of the north, green land, white strip for water, and a blue sky. Simple yet clearly a unique design for our State. Please give it serious consideration, it is almost as simple and Canada's maple leaf flag that everyone recognizes.
11/30/23 10:38	F2100	This is the best. It is simple but represents all we have to offer in Minnesota.
11/30/23 10:39	F2100	There is potential here. There is movement in the white line suggesting growth, progress, and a connection between past and present.
11/30/23 10:41	F2100	All of these designs are uninspired and boring. They all look like they are designed by the same person. No personality, nothing that represents Minnesota. Horrible. Every one of them. Hard to believe in this creative state filled with artists, this is the best we could come up with.
11/30/23 10:41	F2100	This one is good, but again enough with the depressive emphasis on white snow. Make the star yellow.
11/30/23 10:45	F2100	A non-finalist, that has apparently been around for years, called the North Star Flag, is significantly better than all of the selected finalists. Today there was a StarTribune article about a flag expert "Asked which flag finalist was his favorite, Kaye said he hopes the 1989 North Star Flag is considered. It did not make the final six."
11/30/23 10:45	F2100	I believe this design is similar to the North Star Flag, which is my favorite. Please consider the comments from experts how to improve the F2100 design. (i.e. wider white, move the star to the left. I am not an expert, but the committee has several experts to look for advice from.  Thank you....
11/30/23 10:45	F2100	Previous comment: I have followed the north star flag for years, maybe decades. It is truly simple, symbolic and memorable. We have coffee mugs, kitchen hotpads, and multiple sets of clothing we have worn all over the country..
11/30/23 10:46	F2100	While this isn't an offensive design, it also feels like it isn't doing enough. It feels more like a city or county flag or logo, with its basic rolling hill design.
11/30/23 10:47	F2100	Beautiful north star on a field of blue over stunning green earth. Outstanding cohesive design. Would be proud to display as Minnesota's state flag.
11/30/23 10:49	F2100	This one has my vote!
11/30/23 10:50	F2100	Of the six finalists, I feel that this design best depicts the State Of MN. Too often people around the country only know MN for it's cold weather so let's stay away from snowflakes and remind everyone that we have beautiful lakes, forests and northern lights.
11/30/23 10:51	F2100	This one is my favorite!!!
11/30/23 10:51	F2100	Mn new flag designs are boring and plain. A new design with a white pine , walleye, lady slipper, loon etc would be great. No politics just design a good looking flag we all can be proud of.
11/30/23 10:52	F2100	I think the designs are all duds, to put it nicely. Start over.
11/30/23 10:52	F2100	I don't like any of the flag choices, but the best out of the six is F2100. It is a knock off of the William Becker's and Lee Harold's North Star Flag, which is the best of all the flags. Did you fly all these flags to see how they look in the wind and quiet weather? The North Star Flag is simple, pretty and covers all of Minnesota- not just the lakes and loons.
11/30/23 10:59	F2100	I'm not too excited about a MN State flag redesign, but if we must this design isn't bad and I could see as a new flag design.
11/30/23 11:12	F2100	Don't care for it
11/30/23 11:12	F2100	Nice, simple, this would work just fine.
11/30/23 11:13	F2100	To me this design too easily calls to mind the Christian imagery of the star of Bethlehem.
11/30/23 11:16	F2100	Looks like the Christmas star.
11/30/23 11:18	F2100	No.

11/30/23 11:21	F2100	This is my first favorite flag. Flag F1154 is my second favorite and F1435 my third favorite flag.
11/30/23 11:28	F2100	Like this one
11/30/23 11:31	F2100	It's ok. One of two that's ok
11/30/23 11:36	F2100	This one is my favorite out of all of the submissions, but I would make a few changes. I think the star would look better if it were thicker without the 4 smaller points. The white line should have a thicker stroke too so it's more visible.
11/30/23 11:46	F2100	The star is nice but the rest is ugly. Please reject all the flag finalists and start over.
11/30/23 11:52	F2100	Like every choice, this is much worse than existing flag and looks like it was drawn by an elementary student in ten minutes. Why does every choice have same color choice? Only thing potentially positive is this flag is less worse than some of the other choices, but much worse than existing flag.
11/30/23 11:56	F2100	BORING! Same as all the others. Waste of tax dollars! Nothing wrong with the current flag!
11/30/23 11:57	F2100	this is a comment for all the flags - I don't like any of them. The colors are very similar in all options, and are not striking or lasting. I would like to see more options considered.
11/30/23 12:01	F2100	This design is my favorite. It's design is very appealing and will be instantly recognizable.
11/30/23 12:01	F2100	Best one almost. I thought the whole reason for the redesign was to get rid of the blue flag color. Make the white strip much wider. Make the blue lady slipper pink instead. Don't center the star. Put it on the upper left side.
11/30/23 12:02	F2100	I vote for this flag
11/30/23 12:06	F2100	This design is my favorite. The design is pleasing and it will be recognizable.
11/30/23 12:07	F2100	This looks like the star of Bethlehem! Not good for a state flag.
11/30/23 12:13	F2100	Waste of money, the current flag is quite nice and represents Mn well!
11/30/23 12:15	F2100	I was born and grew up in Minnesota, but I now live in Washington. I just found out that you are choosing a new flag and seal. I like this one the best of the 6 choices. I like it simplicity, the color choices. The only two things I would add is the word Minnesota in the upper right hand corner and the 1858 admission into the Union in the lower right hand corner. Otherwise, I this this one is the best.
11/30/23 12:16	F2100	This is the best one but move the North Star to the left so it is not in the middle
11/30/23 12:21	F2100	I like this design. It is simple and should work well on a flag pole.
11/30/23 12:22	F2100	Go back to the original North Star Flag design. It's the oldest and most original of the Minnesota flag designs. It's simple and memorable like the classic flag of Texas. This one is bland and looks as if it is a "modern" cooperate design to appease investors. Plus the wave on the flag is uneven and gives a sense of heaviness on one side over the other.
11/30/23 12:25	F2100	OK but not great
11/30/23 12:32	F2100	Like all the others, looks like a nice barn quilt pattern, not a state flag.
11/30/23 12:33	F2100	I like 2 of the flag designs out of the finals. This is one because it is simple, yet extraordinary. It looks like Minnesota. Our rolling land, vast sky, and the NorthStar. It isn't too busy, and isn't blah. Its wonderful!
11/30/23 12:35	F2100	This one gives me a religious vibe that doesn't pertain to all citizens.
11/30/23 12:37	F2100	This flag is very similar to Duluth's flag, which also features a star with wavy white lines separating blue from green. The only differences are that there are two sections of blue and a yellow star on Duluth's flag.
11/30/23 12:37	F2100	The only way I think this one can work is if you take seal S224 and put it on this flag. There can be a loon on the MN state flag. Otherwise, as is-No.
11/30/23 12:38	F2100	This could work. Perhaps the star could be slightly (very slightly) smaller so it doesn't quite seem to bisect the sky.
11/30/23 12:42	F2100	Not as bad as the first three.
11/30/23 12:44	F2100	Not a fan of this one. All of these flags are giving the Disney movie Frozen and it would be shown flying above the town. Last time I checked we're not making snow our personality.
11/30/23 12:44	F2100	Looks like a Christmas card.
11/30/23 12:48	F2100	These designs are all so plain compared to the historical value of the present flag. I vote to keep what we have
11/30/23 12:48	F2100	Ugly - Why change something that has been perfectly fine for all this time.
11/30/23 12:49	F2100	I think the design is simple and fits minnesota
11/30/23 12:53	F2100	Start over.

11/30/23 12:59	F2100	i like this one too
11/30/23 13:05	F2100	This is definitely in my top 3
11/30/23 13:05	F2100	As I've just learned from the other flag contender, since the translation of "Minnesota" actually means "place of sky-tinted water" if this flag is adopted, it will forever bother me because I'll see the dark blue representing the sky and I'll think to myself, "that is inaccurate".
11/30/23 13:11	F2100	I really like this one for its simplicity and beauty, but I am concerned that the star design looks a bit too Christmas-y. Maybe with a different star design, similar to the yellow four-pointed star from entry number F944, it would look less like the Star of Bethlehem. But it is a very nice design overall, especially with the curved wave line.
11/30/23 13:15	F2100	This is the second best finalist behind F29. It's representative in an elegant way.
11/30/23 13:17	F2100	Not clear representation.. wrong color blue for our water and sky's .. best option but not great
11/30/23 13:21	F2100	I love the one with the loon! The others look like loonies picked them!!!! The loon one for sure!
11/30/23 13:21	F2100	Among the six finalists for the new Minnesota state flag, this would be my choice.
11/30/23 13:23	F2100	F2100 -- among the six finalists for the new MN flag, this is my preference.
11/30/23 13:31	F2100	It's funny to me that this flag was picked over the 1989 North Star design. It looks like a boring rip off. Colors dull. Star is too spikey. Wave is too thin. Wave needs more peaks. Looks like a seal for a random energy company up in Duluth.
11/30/23 13:31	F2100	If you have this design on here, you might as well put the 1989 version up instead.
11/30/23 13:36	F2100	I think that this one is the best.
11/30/23 13:44	F2100	Too simple, as are all the final selections
11/30/23 13:45	F2100	I like the one I chose more than the others for simplicity of design and because it doesn't clutter the field.
11/30/23 13:58	F2100	This is the best one
11/30/23 13:59	F2100	This is my favorite of the six! The symbolism described by the artist makes sense, but unlike many of the other submissions, it doesn't *need* the explanation to make sense. The design feels balanced yet dynamic, lively and joyful and optimistic like our state. It's easy to recognize, reasonably easy to draw (which I remember one of the early guidelines suggesting would be nice in the update compared to what we've had thus far) without being overly simplistic, but still has a delightful and distinctive personality. This flag FEELS like Minnesota to me. I love it!
11/30/23 14:01	F2100	ok design, wavy line needs to be wider, star should be yellow, ok design
11/30/23 14:02	F2100	Specific: Totally boring General: lack of color, lack of imagination, lack luster, looks a mud flap. The flag "template" of what makes a good flag is contestable. The Committee has an obvious bias for pointy stars. Why not pick two with pointy stars and give us some more alternatives?
11/30/23 14:08	F2100	Given that the North Star Flag has been widely considered a successful design for a new state flag and has been praised by experts (see the Star Tribunes' article, "Expert grades Minnesota's state flag finalists" from November 29, 2023), why is the commission not considering that design, but is instead considering a derivative design? The above flag is unbalanced; at the very least the star should be on the left. If the Commission wants to present a more "modern" version of the North Star Flag, then they might as well keep the layout of the proposed design the same.
11/30/23 14:11	F2100	BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING BORING THESE ALL ARE THE WORST EXAMPLES OF CREATIVITY POSSIBLE...NOBODY REALLY LIKES KINDERGARTEN ART
11/30/23 14:12	F2100	This is also one of the strongest, most beautiful flags. Simple in design enough that anyone can draw it, good use of only 3 complimenting colors, and easy symbolism of the wave, star, and colors (water, woods, and snow). It is also unique in design compared to other US state flags, and would look beautiful regardless of display method (blowing fully horizontal in the wind, hanging on a pole, or hanging vertically from a ceiling.) Regardless of display method, it would still be easy to tell that is the Minnesota State Flag, even if hanging on a pole and only the blue and green is visible. I think this is one of the strongest candidates for new state flag, and I hope it is seriously considered for adoption as the new Flag of Minnesota.  Concerns: 1) May be slightly confused for other northern states with similar pride in the north star, bodies of water, snow and woods -- such as Maine/Wisconsin/Alaska. There is nothing here that is very blatant about it being for Minnesota, an issue most other finalists also have, except for the flags with the twin water/winter loons and the 'hidden' Minnesota outline and three color bars.
11/30/23 14:15	F2100	This design comes in 2nd place for us. Move the star to the left and make the white wave a little bit wider.
11/30/23 14:20	F2100	Reluctant 2nd choice. Too basic, no character.

11/30/23 14:23	F2100	This flag feels balanced in color and design. I can imagine it on a flag pole waving in the sky. I wonder if there is a way to integrate Northern lights.
11/30/23 14:23	F2100	Don't like, keep current flag
11/30/23 14:26	F2100	This flag feels balanced in color and design. I can imagine it on a flag pole waving in the sky. I wonder if there is a way to integrate Northern lights.
11/30/23 14:27	F2100	They all really silly and childish -look like an 8th grade art project- were these all just down on adobe with no thought whatsoever? I mean really?
11/30/23 14:29	F2100	The design overall does not clearly convey the designer's narrative (i.e., it would be hard for the viewer to see this narrative in the design without an explanation). The design is too esoteric for a viewer to understand what Minnesota has to offer (lakes/rivers, varied topography (3 biosphere regions), loon, lady-slipper flower, Norway pine -- all state notables). These state symbols need to be integrated into the design. Also, defying one of the desired rules of flag design, "Minnesota" should appear on the flag!
11/30/23 14:34	F2100	i like this flag and the colors of it.
11/30/23 14:37	F2100	ok. At least it looks like Flag.. Sort looks like something you'd see outside a shopping mall like Arbor Lakes. I would have preferred no commission but a state referendum and votes on top submissions by the citizens of the state. They should have the final say in what symbols and flag represents them.
11/30/23 14:38	F2100	Looks like a flag that would be designed for Spire Credit Union. No.
11/30/23 14:43	F2100	I could definitely live with this one. It needs a better star though, and maybe a little more waves in the water representation. I'm not sure it is better than the 1989 "North Star Flag" that started all this off. And it certainly isn't as good as F408, the loon head design.
11/30/23 14:46	F2100	Leave the current flag as it is and also the history of it and Minnesota.
11/30/23 14:47	F2100	It's a strong option. Less than 3 colors, distinct, symbolism represents Minnesota, children can draw it, can be observed from a distance. Not my favorite of the finalists, but I could be proud to have it over the capital.
11/30/23 14:52	F2100	Not as good as submission #1953, but a good second choice.
11/30/23 14:57	F2100	An elegant, unique design that would represent Minnesota in a clear, recognizable way.
11/30/23 15:00	F2100	I like this concept with the North Star and the blue a green for water and forest/agriculture but it is missing a river. It is majorly disappointing we have no loon. If no loon, we must have our waterways represented. The headwaters of the Mississippi, the St Croix, the Red River flowing north, 10,000 Lakes and one Great Lake. Wavy lines are essential for lakes and rivers. Some combination of F2100 and sky and water wavy lines shown in many submissions that did not make the finals. If not that, bring back the Loon.
11/30/23 15:04	F2100	meh
11/30/23 15:06	F2100	This is the flag I would choose of the 6 finalists. It has a pleasing, simple design,& the curved white line gives it a sense of movement even when it is still. It has symbolism without being too busy, and without favoring any one part of our state or people.
11/30/23 15:13	F2100	I really like the colors and the wave design to symbolize the lakes and the greenery in Minnesota. I think that the north star is a beautiful center piece. If I could, I would blend the ideas of other flag finalists with this design idea. I think that the 8-pointed star is good but in this design is too "Christian Christmas wise-men following a star" shape. I like the star design included in the finalist flag - F1154 that is shaped more like a snowflake. I think their description is a perfect reasoning/argument for why this should be the design.  "The 8-pointed star immediately brings to mind a snowflake, which reflects our climate and cultural resiliency. 8-pointed stars are also found in Ojibwe and Dakota star blankets, Nordic Fair Isle patterns, agrarian barn quilts, and the capital rotunda itself."  I feel it is important to capture the cultural aspects and history of the state, inclusive of Native American tribes, environmental resilience and agriculture, and Nordic influence. I also like the idea in the finalist flag - F944 of the winter and the rivers. Perhaps this design could have a half and half wave of light blue and white? It would still meet the 4 color requirement.
11/30/23 15:17	F2100	Not a big fan of the blue and green combo, or the star.
11/30/23 15:19	F2100	Of the six finalists, this one is best, but could be improved.
11/30/23 15:25	F2100	Please start over. They're all terrible.
11/30/23 15:26	F2100	#2 of 6
11/30/23 15:27	F2100	Best of all the horrible designs
11/30/23 15:28	F2100	I don't think this visually exemplifies MN without context
11/30/23 15:32	F2100	My favorite of the bunch. Simple and to the point. Would like to see some or all of the star in gold/yellow. That would make it really stand out.
11/30/23 15:35	F2100	Any flag should have "Minnesota" on it or an outline of the state. Dark blue field doesn't say "sky-blue waters" to me.



11/30/23 15:36	F2100	F2100 - This is my second best favorite. Strong simple design and very visually appealing.
		The current state flag is neither ugly, nor is it offensive to the vast majority of Minnesotans. A small group of people, evidently having nothing better to do, have convinced the whole state that we need a hip, new flag.
11/30/23 15:37	F2100	Enter, these monstrosities. The submissions are ridiculous. They look like cartoons. They look like a child designed them using Microsoft Paint. They are neither original, nor do they represent the history and heritage of our great state to any meaningful degree, nor are they deserving of flying above our state capitol. I wouldn't hang them in my garage.
11/30/23 15:38	F2100	F2100
11/30/23 15:41	F2100	This one does nothing for me. I don't like it at all. Thank You.
11/30/23 15:42	F2100	I prefer this flag above all the others. It has the simple colors of forests and lakes. The north star depicted here can serve the double purpose as a snow flake. However, I agree 100% with the modifications of this flag recommended by Ted Kaye, the secretary of the North American Vexillological Association. (...see Star Tribune article in today's paper, 11/30/23.)
11/30/23 15:42	F2100	This flag is generic dismissive of settlers .dismissive of native Americans. Total land of 10,000 lakes. No representation of the Mississippi and the headwaters. The North Star. Is the goal to make a generic flag that's dismissive of our history? Is this trying to not offend anybody? Are we that sensitive?. I'm proud to be a native American. I would hope all minnesotans and settlers are proud to be minnesotans regardless of how that came about. Erasing our history is not good. Is that the goal horrible design?.
11/30/23 15:47	F2100	F2100
11/30/23 15:50	F2100	It is disheartening to see that this design ignores Minnesota's rich history and inaccurately represents our statehood. This new design fails to do justice to our fellow Minnesotans, as it does not offer any insight into our state's unique identity. The design is needlessly simplified and does not reflect the depth and complexity that our state's history deserves. Therefore, it is imperative that this design be revised to incorporate Minnesota's history and accurately represent our statehood.
11/30/23 15:56	F2100	I like this flag best of the selections, but prefer the non-selected flag F-17.
11/30/23 16:00	F2100	F1953 is better, but this is my 2nd choice. It needs a wider white line and a smaller star.
11/30/23 16:04	F2100	This would be my second choice out of the finalists.
11/30/23 16:06	F2100	Excellent colors and simple design. Very nice!
11/30/23 16:11	F2100	F2100. This design with the star in the left was my overall favorite. It has been around for a while and already has some acceptance. I could live with it, but the star in the center doesn't feel right. 3rd place for me.
11/30/23 16:19	F2100	F2100 is my 1st choice out of the six flags. It has an elegant simplicity. That little bit of a curve softens it nicely to match our Midwest humility - not so bold/striking as, say, flag F1953. It is simple enough to hand draw (not that that is a requirement). I think a flag like this would be unique among the 50+ at Mt. Rushmore (much like New Mexico and Arizona's flags.) Whichever flag is selected, it would be aesthetically pleasing if the North Stars in the state seal and state flag matched one another. So, decide on a single emblematic North Star for both. I like this star, but I could see value in going with the simpler 4-pointed star (potentially some key meanings with our Native Nations residents). It's exciting to think how folks all across the nation might see this flag (or one similar) and think "Minnesota!"
11/30/23 16:23	F2100	This is one of the better lags being simple with meaning. But the colors seem dual and bland need to be more vibrant with a different shade. Could use the imagery from the license plates and MN tourism logo to tie it all together on a new flag. So many better flag designs were submitted.
11/30/23 16:31	F2100	There is nothing offensive about the existing state flag. This is just more BS brought to us by the people that want to destroy our state and country. Keep our existing Flag!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

11/30/23 16:35	F2100	<p>« Lee Harold (Rochester MN 1944 born) here there is the official message I sent yesterday before talking to you. I will send you a few screen shots of this trace » :</p> <p>29 Novembre 2023 :</p> <p>{ Hello. I have already talked a few times with Sir Lee Harold, the founder of the First proposal New North Star Flag who appeared in year 1989. He gave me is formal agreement for me to propose a little design modification on the Flag #F2100. We agree to raise the national French Heritage as they be Greatest Political allies of ever to Amercia. So that we would preserv the almost same designed French Motto of « Lâ€™%TOILE DU NORD » as it is observable through typography and caligraphy of actual Minnesota State Flag. Feel free for contact Lee Harold or me for more informations or discussion. His phone number is 1-507-288-1165 and mine is 1-438-792-0448.</p> <p>I thank you all very much to notice my demand of modification #F2100 (THE NORTH STAR FLAG) design by Lee Harold</p> <p>J. Simon Bedard</p>
11/30/23 16:39	F2100	<p>« Lee Herold (Rochester MN 1944 born) here there is the official message I sent yesterday before talking to you. I will send you a few screen shots of this trace » :</p> <p>29 Novembre 2023 :</p> <p>{ Hello. I have already talked a few times with Sir Lee Herold, the founder of the First proposal New North Star Flag who appeared in year 1989. He gave me is formal agreement for me to propose a little design modification on the Flag #F2100. We agree to raise the national French Heritage as they be Greatest Political allies of ever to Amercia. So that we would preserv the almost same designed French Motto of « Lâ€™%TOILE DU NORD » as it is observable through typography and caligraphy of actual Minnesota State Flag. Feel free for contact Lee Herold or me for more informations or discussion. His phone number is 1-507-288-1165 and mine is 1-438-792-0448.</p> <p>I thank you all very much to notice my demand of modification #F2100 (THE NORTH STAR FLAG) design by Lee Herold</p> <p>J. Simon Bedard</p>
11/30/23 16:44	F2100	This flag design is simple, clean and my favorite.
11/30/23 16:47	F2100	I like the simplicity, the colors and I think it will be seen well on a flag pole.
11/30/23 16:56	F2100	This is my choice for the new state flag. It is simple in design - not too busy. It references the North Star that Minnesota is known for.
11/30/23 16:59	F2100	I liked this one the most.
11/30/23 17:01	F2100	This submission is pleasing to the eye, I like the reference to water and the north star .
11/30/23 17:02	F2100	Prefer for its simplicity and clarity. Uncluttered and stately.
11/30/23 17:02	F2100	Least favorite of the finalists. I don't think the design would read well while flying. Good colors. I question if the center wave would read well when flying or will seem off when hung vertically.
11/30/23 17:05	F2100	My second choice F2100
11/30/23 17:07	F2100	This is the closest to the north star flag 1989 which I feel is perfect! Simple and recognized as Minnesota
11/30/23 17:10	F2100	Boring
11/30/23 17:10	F2100	Hate it
11/30/23 17:11	F2100	F 1154 - I like the cultural symbolism of the eight pointed star. The colors are beautiful, but I would prefer to have the blue on the top of the flag and the green on the bottom. F2100 - I love the color symbolism in this flag. However, I would prefer a lighter shade of blue - â€œsky blueâ€œ - for the blue portion of the flag.
11/30/23 17:13	F2100	I donâ€™t really like any of them but I like this one the most
11/30/23 17:14	F2100	This is my #1 of the finalists. My only suggestion would be to change the color of the star to yellow so the white stripe more clearly represents snow.
11/30/23 17:14	F2100	this flag has the North Star and the Mississippi River - it is simple and has excellent design
11/30/23 17:15	F2100	This is really basic and boring, and.it doesn't look indicative of Minnesota

11/30/23 17:15	F2100	This flag best
11/30/23 17:17	F2100	My favorite flag, though not sure the proportion of white is ideal. Prefer the star on either F1953 Or F944.
11/30/23 17:17	F2100	Not thrilled by any but this is the best offered.
11/30/23 17:18	F2100	MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE! Might it be good to have the star in gold? Would still be my favorite just as it is.
11/30/23 17:20	F2100	The star actually looks like a star (not a flower). This on is acceptable, but it should have a loon because a loon uniquely represents Minnesota.
11/30/23 17:21	F2100	F2100 - I love this design and even more, the supporting Designer Statement. This has my vote.
11/30/23 17:21	F2100	Best state flag design in my opinion.
11/30/23 17:23	F2100	Minnesota state flag should have a loon, hockey, forests and lakes. The straight lines on the new submissions are not a good representation of Minnesota, they look unappealing.
11/30/23 17:24	F2100	F2100 Second place.
11/30/23 17:24	F2100	Whn you have to read the explanation to know why this pertains to Minnesota you missed the mark.
11/30/23 17:27	F2100	My choice for flag F2100
11/30/23 17:28	F2100	My 1st choice
11/30/23 17:29	F2100	This should be the state flag, incorporates elements of water and simple
11/30/23 17:31	F2100	This is the design I find least objectionable (but really would have liked an option with a loon!). I appreciate that the points of the star are unequal lengths. If, perhaps, the middle strip could have been more "sky blue" like waters below a darker sky, it might feel more evocative of the lakes and rivers. As is, the rest of the flag below the star is a big yawn.
		F29 and F1154: the graphic does not look like a star, but a flower. We are NOT the Lone Star State, in any event, and should not have a flag with a Lone Star.  F1435, just no. I don't know what the graphics are supposed to be - it looks like someone pulled a cute clip art.  F1953 is marginal  F2100 is second best. By far the best star. This would be OK.  F944 is the best, with the water and sky, but the star is not a star. Replace it with the star from F2100.  Seriously, we need a Loon. The Loon is the symbol of the whole state, but most importantly it is the only unique symbol of our State. Add a Loon to F944 and swap out the star, and it would be absolutely perfect.
11/30/23 17:32	F2100	Thanks for the opportunity to comment and for your efforts in this important task.
11/30/23 17:33	F2100	Too simple
11/30/23 17:37	F2100	First choice vote for flag
11/30/23 17:43	F2100	I like the relative simplicity of this one, and this star shape is great.
11/30/23 17:52	F2100	My 2nd favorite of the top 6 designs!
11/30/23 17:54	F2100	A more refined take on the original flag redesign which may have jump started this entire commission. A four pointed gold North Star would be a cleaner look with this design in my humble opinion.

11/30/23 17:54	F2100	<p>Awful. It looks like a decorative banner at the mall, not a state flag. I don't mean to offend the artist, but the simplistic design looks like it was done as part of an art project using photoshop clipart on an iPad.</p> <p>I understand the rationale to replace the current state flag, but I don't agree with it. You did a great disservice to the the State of Minnesota by not commissioning legitimate artists and designers to create a legitimate flag - and if you did pay some of them - Minnesotan's didn't get their money's worth.</p> <p>Yes, Minnesota will now have one of the worst - if not THE worst - state flag of any state in the union. This is what you get when you task committees to make decisions and dumb everything down to the least common denominator. You end up with something less than mediocrity. Sorry, I cannot embrace this.</p>
11/30/23 17:54	F2100	<p>Could add the tribal stripes to the edges from the other flag, then the motto "le toile de nord" bottom middle of the green I'm not originally from MN. None of these 6, flags without a lot of explanation, really tell you anything about MN. You want other states to know what's on your flag and why. Too vague with these 6 designs.</p>
11/30/23 17:56	F2100	<p>They are all terrible, have nothing to do with Mn</p>
11/30/23 18:02	F2100	<p>Dull, bland colors, are there any others shade of blue green and white? too simple, same problems as with all of all the other finalists</p>
11/30/23 18:04	F2100	<p>I have given comments on two other options and suggested slight changes. If one were to be adopted as it, this would be my choice.</p>
11/30/23 18:06	F2100	<p>This is a good design. Simple and timeless. Itâ€™s this or F944 for me.</p>
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11/30/23 18:08	F2100	<p>J. Simon Bedard</p>
11/30/23 18:10	F2100	<p>This is my second choice IF Seal Submission number: S6 is NOT selected. I really like what the colors represent in a clean design.</p>
11/30/23 18:10	F2100	<p>ðŸ’ðŸ’»</p>
11/30/23 18:10	F2100	<p>This one is timeless to me. I like it.</p>
11/30/23 18:11	F2100	<p>This looks like the prototype to the real winning flag design found with F22. The star is just oddly place and sucks up any energy given by the rest of the flags design. Small note: white waves should end on a more positive upswing.</p>

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J. Simon Bedard

Pour diffusion immédiate : L'Amérique du Nord est un pays qui a une histoire riche et une culture unique. C'est pourquoi il est important de préserver notre héritage national et de le transmettre à nos enfants. C'est pourquoi nous proposons une modification de notre drapeau national, afin qu'il reflète mieux notre identité et notre fierté. Le drapeau actuel est trop simple et ne reflète pas la diversité de notre pays. Nous proposons un drapeau plus complexe et plus riche, qui inclut les couleurs de nos États et qui représente notre unité et notre force. Ce drapeau est simple à confirmer et facile à reconnaître. C'est pourquoi nous vous demandons de le soutenir et de le faire connaître à tous.

1)What are the main symbols of your American Flag? Réponse: Les États-Unis / The Stars and Stripes (remember the color and the Star forms of all shitty MN states 6 proposals)

2) Where do live the stars . In the sky high, up and always higher

3) Where will Golden Olympic medalists will look during their National Anthems? Réponse UP, HIGHLY because the 50 AMERICAN STARS can only exist in the sky

4) Would you take more of 50 Stars who are looking UP or DOWN ??

.Me I rather be takin 50 States of L'Amérique du Nord

And the only model with THE American real Star is the same than in the Acadian Flag. So Please you take our flag :

[ The Dear-Lee North Star Flag =]

I confirm you that I sent the same message but with the good link you mentionned me, It said deadline December 1st 12:00 so we are good. Hope they answer (JSB) signé en français de L'Amérique du Nord. La devise prouvée par Lee Harold et la plus puissante parmi les 50 États Américains. (Nous avons les preuves que nous vous montrerez. Jusqu'au Président des États-Unis Joe Biden.

Nous avertirons aussi tous les médias de la Nation Américaine que j'irai faire une manifestation dans un State Capitole d'un des États du Nord-Est. Car j'ai des preuves françaises SCIENTIFIQUES et UNIQUEMENT de perceptions académiques françaises à vous

Présenter. Afin que vous prenez en considération le modèle conjoint de Lee Herold avec ma modification de modèle comme en pièce jointe incluant OBLIGATOIREMENT la Devise de L'Amérique TOILE DU NORD. Petite gang de sans cœur qui enlève un morceau de l'héritage national de nos héros Le Général Rochambeau qui commandant le siège finale de Yorktown 1783 menant la Victoire des Patriotes du même modèle de l'Amérique de notre drapeau. Le Drapeau de la Nation des Acadiens du Maine entre et du drapeau américain. Les autres drapeaux sont rien justement because they the stars of absolutely ZERO country in the World

Je me souviens de tout et j'ai les preuves MARK MY WORD - JSB

Je vous remercie de votre attention et de votre soutien. C'est un plaisir de vous rencontrer et de discuter de notre projet commun. N'hésitez pas à me contacter si vous avez des questions ou des suggestions. Bonne nuit.

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11/30/23 18:13	F2100	Flag Submission number: F2100 is my second choice IF Seal Submission number: S6 is NOT selected. Great color symbolism.
11/30/23 18:13	F2100	Second choice. None really look like state flags. All represent a similar style and taste.
11/30/23 18:15	F2100	Third favorite of the 6 but lacks color.
11/30/23 18:20	F2100	This flag would be my first choice. It is simple in design yet reflects everything Minnesota. The color scheme with green, white, and blue is good.
11/30/23 18:20	F2100	No;the blue mn state with the north star is Its ok. But, why didnâ€™t you use the flag of the man who came up with the first redesign of the flag? And why canâ€™t it have our state bird and fflower etc? students wonâ€™t even know what those are anymore.
11/30/23 18:22	F2100	I appreciate the work your committee has done and is doing,. My feedback is that all of the finalists are so plain, with no personality or uniqueness. They could be generic standards for a multitude of states or corporations or anything. I vote you try again to find a flag with a more distinct message of the beauty and special-ness of our state, with more positive impact. Thank you.
11/30/23 18:27	F2100	Does not work vertically. Horizontal landscape seems to be ordinary - all states have horizons.
11/30/23 18:28	F2100	This would be my 1st choice. Just one tweek.... Add a light blue wave below the white one. The Navy behind the star looks more like a night sky not a lake. Remember.... People know Minnesota as "The Land of 10,000 Lakes". Let's be proud and put it on the flag. I like the shape of this star. It proudly says "North Star"
11/30/23 18:32	F2100	This one isn't bad but I don't know how a star in space really can represent our state?
11/30/23 18:33	F2100	I vote for 1989 North Star flag. It is the only flag design that looks like a flag.
11/30/23 18:34	F2100	Do not change our Minnesota flag. Native Americans still live here. The pioneers worked the land as do our farmers today. We still have a river. We are the proud STATE OP MINNESOTA. Do not embarras us with these comical drawings that mean nothing.
11/30/23 18:35	F2100	These choices seem too simplistic. Please reconsider one of the choices that had an image of a loon with a star, along with blues and greens
11/30/23 18:37	F2100	My choice
11/30/23 18:44	F2100	This one is my pick
11/30/23 18:49	F2100	This one would be my top choice out of the six. My reason for this as follows, it doesn't look like a quilt design/a test for childed out of colored shapes to make a design/or looks like a rug. It's the only one I can see as a flag. You could add trees a field, or northern lights to keep from looking like the star over the manger. I would put the trees above the white line (turn the line into the river of the Mississippi). Have patches of field and maybe a patch of wild rice. This will add northern MN, and southern MN. Just some ideas.
11/30/23 18:52	F2100	This design fits the North Star State. It feels right for our state. It incorporates land and water/air, which is something our state needs to focus more on conserving.
11/30/23 18:55	F2100	Bethlehem? That is what this design reminds me of - scratch it.
11/30/23 18:55	F2100	This design is okay but I still dont understand why we need to erase history because some people feel offended.
11/30/23 18:57	F2100	1154 and 1435 are ugly F2100 is my favorite
11/30/23 18:57	F2100	My #2, after 944. Would like better with a loon.
11/30/23 18:58	F2100	NO NO NO NO EMBARRASSING Pathetic- Makes Minnesota look like our brains are frozen
11/30/23 18:58	F2100	We are an AG driven State. Green on top of Blue. Star not in upper left corner, but closer to the corner than design currently shows (so when on pole with little to NO wind we can still SEE that Star.
11/30/23 19:00	F2100	This flag, as well as all the others, looks like a pop culture symbol. They all lack the gravitas that should be displayed in a stateâ€™s visible symbol like a flag
11/30/23 19:09	F2100	F2100 is, by far, the best. It's like Minnesota itself - simple, memorable, sedate, and tasteful. All of the others are too "gimmicky," for lack of a better word. They look like logos for a new strip mall. No gravitas.
11/30/23 19:09	F2100	Each design is reminiscent of a poor quality color by number. All of these designs are a joke and a ridiculous attempt to erase our history. DO NOT CHANGE MY STATE FLAG!!!
11/30/23 19:12	F2100	F2100 - Best of the 6. Although you need to add the look
11/30/23 19:13	F2100	No to F2100
11/30/23 19:14	F2100	I support design F2100 for Minnesotaâ€™s new state flag. This design elegantly brings together the water, woods, snow and North Star that are representative of Minnesota. I like the fact that the sign is simple and that the North Star is featured in the center of the flag. Also, that the blue and green stripes are prominent and cleverly feature a curving line that is pleasing to the eye.
11/30/23 19:21	F2100	Great balance and use of space. Simple yet effective and meaningful.

11/30/23 19:24	F2100	I like everything about this design, except I would change the white wavy line to light blue to better represent the sky blue waters and lighten the design a little.
11/30/23 19:25	F2100	I think this flag is beautiful. The white ripple throughout the flag will look so cool when the flag is blowing in a breeze. This is one of my favorites. I would be proud to own such a flag as this one. It seems like this could be very iconic and distinguish itself from the rest of the states.
11/30/23 19:33	F2100	Maybe because it's the winter holiday season, but this flag design feels like Christian symbology of the Christmas star/Star of Bethlehem and seems exclusionary. The colors are nice though.
11/30/23 19:39	F2100	Not happy with any of the finalist but this is the best of the committees selection, our current flag tells more of a state story.
11/30/23 19:42	F2100	I choose F2100 for the state flag because the design is simple but representative of what Minnesotans truly value: our waters, our forests and natural areas, our winter recreation. The other flag designs will not survive the test of time--they have the commercial look we see everywhere today. I actually find them repulsive.
11/30/23 19:44	F2100	This one is really pretty. I love the back story. I like that the star is centered
11/30/23 19:49	F2100	This was my second choice. The design is simple yet striking.
11/30/23 19:50	F2100	Of all 6 so far, this is the most distinguished looking, non-obnoxious. Even so, it's lacking something. I think this whole changing the flag business is idiotic & totally unnecessary. And i intend to purchase a few existing MN flags to keep as history. That being said, NONE of these designs are very good. But this one at least has a "distinguished" look. But it needs something more. A gold color something, to carry over from existing. My kids loved learning the history of our flag and each took their turn drawing it for a class and it was a great history lesson. I don't agree with the disposal of our current flag.
11/30/23 19:56	F2100	What is this the star of David. this in no way represents Minnesota
11/30/23 19:59	F2100	F2100 - This remains my favorite. The eight pointed star not only captures the North Star but also captures the points of the compass. It clearly captures the colors of the state.
11/30/23 20:00	F2100	flag F2100 can mean different things. The description said water, forests, winter. I see the north star shining in the night sky as the Mississippi river flows through the land. I like that this flag can bring different images to different people.
11/30/23 20:04	F2100	This is the best. #1
11/30/23 20:06	F2100	This is my second choice. I like that the colors reflect the State of Minnesota's agency brand colors, and the wavy white line reminds me of a river.
11/30/23 20:10	F2100	Trash! Stop wasting money and just keep the old flag!!
11/30/23 20:14	F2100	I like this one but wish it used native design elements too
11/30/23 20:16	F2100	A strong submission. The blue and green colors are weighted more appropriately relative to the snow line. I like the subtle wave representing water or rolling hills. I wonder if the star is the right star. But a very good contender.
11/30/23 20:18	F2100	You should bring back in the race F3. The North Star Flag is known and has been in the debate for years. Omitting this flag is a mistake.
11/30/23 20:18	F2100	I like that you think of the crop land but even more so I would say it could represent the prairie! Someone please represent the prairie somewhere! This one is okay overall but the north star looks a bit like the star of Bethlehem. Let's not give a religious preference anywhere to potentially offend anyone.
11/30/23 20:22	F2100	None
11/30/23 20:26	F2100	I am a 6th generation Minnesotan whose German, Icelandic, Irish, & Austrian ancestors came to Minnesota in the early 1860's. There is nothing wrong w/ our state flag. It shows a European settler sod-busting his field after clearing trees. He has the weapon to shoot his dinner & in case a roaming White criminal came along (there were many roaming Civil War veterans who could be violent to settlers, their wives, & children). There were no nearby lawmen to call for help. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote extensively on this subject. The depicted Native American is NOT "riding off into the sunset". He's just riding his horse, period. The two ethnic groups who made up essentially all of our MN population are represented on our flag (European Americans & Native Americans). As I stated, I am a 6th generation Minnesotan & DFLer who nearly maxed-out on donations to Bernie in both 2016 & 2020. I NEVER thought the day would come when I would leave the DFL. That day has come. What you are doing is vile Cultural Marxism. You are erasing our state's history. You are literally using Mao's Cultural Revolution tactics & the irony is you're actually nothing more than Neoliberal corporate Democrats using identity politics on steroids to divide & gain power. If the DFL Native Americans (Asians who came across the Bering Land Bridge >> do a cheek swab of your Asian DNA) actually cared about Minnesota, at all, they would've convinced the DFL controlled legislature to remove the wolf hunt/trap/snare out of state law. Ma'iingan (the wolf) is sacred, yet you have NOT removed the wolf hunt. You would also have stopped Enbridge Line 3. Again, you did not. Peggy Flanagan & Tim Walz rammed the oil pipeline right thru. And, you would've stopped PolyMet-Glencore copper sulfide mine from poisoning the water supply of the Fond du Lac band w/ methyl mercury which poisons the central nervous systems of the Native American fetuses, babies, children, pregnant women, & everyone else. But, again, YOU DIDN'T. The Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan DFL admin is ramming thru over 300 copper sulfide mines & NOT ONE OF YOU has done a thing to stop it even though you have total power in our state because you are all FRAUDS. Instead, you, the unelected, hate-driven, narcissistic, made-up "State Emblems Redesign Commission" appointed by Tim Walz, a man from Nebraska, are erasing our state flag & our state seal. I see you.

11/30/23 20:27	F2100	<p>Eh. Doesn't really do it for me. Why can't the North Star be gold (see my general color comments below). I think the design needs more than a star and some stripes/waves. I'm also not wild about the particular shape of this star; I think that needs to be chosen very carefully from many more options than the ones on these six finalists. I can't decide if this flag would look slightly better or slightly worse if the white line was straight instead of wavy. In the end, like I said, it just doesn't do it for me either way. It's TOO simple; it doesn't feel exciting enough to evoke any of my pride for my home state for me!</p> <p>In general, I think the Commission needs to take *inspiration* from these submitted designs, and then go back to the drawing board and make some of their own design options to present to the public. I think having a North Star is a proper element to include. I do however think the rule/goal of only having three colors should be revisited; I think four would work so much better and would better visually evoke Minnesota for me: 1) Blue, for our waters, 2) Green, for our forests (deciduous and coniferous), 3) Gold, for our prairies, and 4) White, for our snow. Definitely needs something in addition to just star+colors to truly feel like an emblem of our state.</p>
11/30/23 20:30	F2100	This flag is very striking and is my preference over all the others. I very much like the abstract shape of Minnesota, but the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Consider a single solid contrasting color instead, perhaps white or pale green.
11/30/23 20:35	F2100	Nice my first choice
11/30/23 20:36	F2100	This is simple, clever, unique, and original. I think Minnesotans could display this with great pride. That said, I wish the commission would reconsider the so-called 'North Star Flag.' I live in Arizona, where the state flag here is everywhere. It looks like a desert sunset, and they are beautiful! However, having grown up in Minnesota, there is nothing like sunset or sunrise on a lake. There is also nothing like that first December snow. The wavy pattern on the North Star Flag evokes those unique visions for me. The North Star Flag is not only attractive, it has also enjoyed popular support. Here in Arizona, I have shown the North Star Flag to many people, and it always gets a favorable response. I hope the commission will bring back the North Star Flag and give the people what they clearly want.
11/30/23 20:38	F2100	This is a second runner up, but not nearly as moving as the MN navy design in model # 1953. A nod to the native tribes that were the earliest residents of MN would have been nice. I did not 'see' the white band and representative of MN's engaging winter activities.
11/30/23 20:40	F2100	Just looks horrible. Looks like kids drew it
11/30/23 20:45	F2100	F2100 is my favorite design among the six finalists. I like the 8-pointed white star on the blue background. The blue is separated from the green with a white stripe making them both show up better. This is a good design that with some modifications might become a great symbol for Minnesota. I recommend moving the star towards the hoist so that it is about 1/3 the distance from the hoist to the fly, over the low point in the wavy white line. Make the 8 points of equal length and weight. Double the thickness of the white line as it now appears quite thin. This would make an excellent choice as a flag for Minnesota.
11/30/23 20:46	F2100	Frankly this just reminds me of the old MNDOT logo.
11/30/23 20:48	F2100	This is our other favorite. Looks flag like but still unique with the curved line to divide the water and land. Like that the star is white to limit number of colors.
11/30/23 20:51	F2100	I feel this flag design is a statement that encompasses the state of Minnesota.
11/30/23 20:55	F2100	I love this flag! It is simple and recognizable. Flying this design on a flag seems reasonable and recognizable while flying. I like the representation and meaning of the design.
11/30/23 20:56	F2100	While the color pallet here is better than some, Merry Christmas, because it looks like the star of Bethlehem which I think is a problem in a state as diverse as ours. Also feel that the flag is oversimplified, we actually live in a state that has multiple terrains as we move about it (and we have 4 seasons too).
11/30/23 20:57	F2100	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/anticipation), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or brownish-red (Pipestone).
11/30/23 20:57	F2100	F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference.
11/30/23 20:58	F2100	This is one of my least favorites, but with all of them, we really need to have something that demonstrates that MN was the 32nd state admitted to the union. No only is that educational but also shows that Minnesota is part of a bigger entity.
11/30/23 21:04	F2100	This flag has a simple, clean design. The white line will probably look like a flowing river when blowing in the wind.
11/30/23 21:07	F2100	Nice, simple but attractive design. My second choice after the Aurora.
11/30/23 21:09	F2100	Fine flag but I dislike the swoop it'd be had to get right vs a straight line. It's not even for the swoop otherwise I think this works be a good choice
11/30/23 21:10	F2100	Amateur graphic a middle schooler could produce. Fails to embody the stature of statehood granted in 1858. Ugly color
11/30/23 21:16	F2100	No, leave the flag alone!!!



11/30/23 21:19	F2100	This is the best option other than the flag we currently have. The other are ridiculous.
11/30/23 21:20	F2100	F1953 is my first choice of the flags. The abstract Minnesota shape is striking, though the horizontal bars are perhaps too reminiscent of Texas' flag. Instead, consider a solid color such as white, cream, pale green (forests/anticipation), yellow (corn/agriculture) light pink (rhyolite/quartzite) or subdued brownish-red (Pipestone).  F29 is also quite nice but the eight sided snowflake is not good for our flag. If it can be redone in an attractive six sided form this would become my second preference. Or maybe drop the snowflake imagery altogether and make it the star from the Capitol rotunda instead of many separate rhombuses. However, allowing the North Star to show through may be complicated.
11/30/23 21:20	F2100	This one also reminds me of the Middle East as in the Star of Bethlehem. Replace the Star with the map of Minnesota filled in with white color. I think the flag definitely needs to have blue and green but also the word MINNESOTA or a map/outline of the state so people will know which state the flag belongs to. Please reconsider F88 or F1609. Please go back to the drawing board!!!!
11/30/23 21:26	F2100	This flag, F2100, is okay. I do not like how there is a wavy line on it, I feel like this design will not be as timeless as the others. It looks good for the current day, but I don't believe it will stand the test of time. While this flag is the North Star, it looks way too similar to the Spire Credit Union logo. This would make a good flag for that business, maybe not for the whole state.
11/30/23 21:26	F2100	This design also mimics foreign countries. Nothing here represents anything about the state of Minnesota. Where are the four ecological provinces of the state? This design gets an F.
11/30/23 21:28	F2100	Very simple design, good colors. Seems a little similar to other state and national flags, may not be as memorable or distinctly Minnesotan. This one is tied for third choice for me.
11/30/23 21:31	F2100	Looks like a beach towel. Again, nothing to show this is Minnesota. The committee should be ashamed of themselves!
11/30/23 21:44	F2100	This flag looks too similar to the duluth flag. Could be improved by changing the composition, such as a different star design and placement, and different width stripes
11/30/23 21:44	F2100	this is my choice for the state flag. blue and green on it as well as a star, big enough but not too big. the other thing I would say is that it should still say 'Minnesota' somewhere. because many state flags have the state name on them. even if the state seal isn't on the flag.
11/30/23 21:50	F2100	Again, without the designers statement, this isn't obvious to most.
11/30/23 21:51	F2100	This flag is okay (my second favorite but far behind my first favorite). I don't particularly like the symbolism of the white line and it mostly spoke to me as representing the rivers of Minnesota.
11/30/23 21:55	F2100	The best overall for disappointing final picks.
11/30/23 21:59	F2100	Of the remaining finalists, this flag best represents Minnesota. It is beautiful and unique while remaining simple and clear. It is in no way trendy, and will represent our state exceptionally well for many generations to come.
11/30/23 22:00	F2100	Of the remaining finalists, flag F2100 best represents Minnesota. It is beautiful and unique while remaining simple and clear. It is in no way trendy, and will represent our state exceptionally well for many generations to come.
11/30/23 22:01	F2100	My 3rd choice
11/30/23 22:02	F2100	This one is probably my third choice. If it just had the star or would be better.
11/30/23 22:07	F2100	Of the 6 designs, this is the only one someone from out of state would easily identify as MN.
11/30/23 22:10	F2100	This is the one.
11/30/23 22:12	F2100	This design best represents Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:14	F2100	I like this one the best of the 6 chosen. I like the bright North Star as the guiding light in the blue sky. The gentle curve of the water and the green land
11/30/23 22:15	F2100	Looks like a flag for Bethlehem and the birth of baby Jesus.
11/30/23 22:15	F2100	None of the above
11/30/23 22:15	F2100	This design is my favorite of the six it will be beautiful on flag poles!
11/30/23 22:16	F2100	This is the best of the group, but needs a loon. Doesn't need to be a big loon, but it one.
11/30/23 22:17	F2100	This is my favorite.
11/30/23 22:17	F2100	This is the most acceptable option of the finalist. I would prefer to have representation of the items that Minnesota is known for on the flag: 10,000 Lakes, North Star State and the Loon. This has the star but is abstract sky and land. Could have been much better.
11/30/23 22:17	F2100	Why aren't any of the designs different... there isn't much choice here. I like the ones with an M, or the Loon or lakes...these geometric designs are terrible.
11/30/23 22:19	F2100	this looks like a barn quilt .. I liked the one that kept the circle and put a loon in it..... Like this one best, I like the white stat

11/30/23 22:19	F2100	Of all the designs this makes the most sense, would be recognizable and is easy to draw. Why are all the colors of all the submissions so dreary? And why aren't the stars yellow?
11/30/23 22:20	F2100	Please, gotta have a loon on the flag! The reasoning against is silly.
11/30/23 22:21	F2100	All these flag designs suck, go back to the drawing board.
11/30/23 22:21	F2100	Flag F2100 for Minnesota is wonderful. I hope this one is selected.
11/30/23 22:21	F2100	First choice!
11/30/23 22:22	F2100	Not bad, but the star is too big and should be in the left corner and not in the center.
11/30/23 22:25	F2100	POSSIBLE: Flowing lines suggest water, North Star Stunned by the final choices = yuck. Minnesota isn't boring, stagnate, or harsh, our flag should be more elegant with graceful lines, representational colors, include water,
11/30/23 22:25	F2100	This is my 2nd choice. It's simple, clear and also eye catching. The explanation is very meaningful which I appreciate. A serious contender!
11/30/23 22:25	F2100	How very sad that taxpayers are being forced to accept artistic interpretations that mean nothing to the vast majority of residents. My 10 year old could draw this ..in fact she could draw every submission. Embarrassed to call Minnesota home these days. ðŸ˜˜”
11/30/23 22:26	F2100	This is the best design, emblematic of our state and one that will be relevant for the ages.
11/30/23 22:27	F2100	My 2nd favorite
11/30/23 22:32	F2100	None of the above
11/30/23 22:33	F2100	I vote for F2100 as the least boring, and it seems to have some significance. I like the white line, which is said to represent the river, but could also represent snow. Any flag chosen should represent water and snow, since it is that, rather than the north star, which those from other states associate with Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:33	F2100	This is my favorite flag. I agree with the blue is for the sky, and the green is for the forest and fields, but I think the white curvy line represents the rivers and lakes that we have in Minnesota. And then, of course, the star is the north star.
11/30/23 22:34	F2100	This design feels rather uninspired. While it's not abysmal, there isn't really anything that says "Minnesota" about it. The wavy line in the center feels unnecessary (would be much better as just a straight line) and wouldn't be noticeable when the flag is waving. To be blunt, this flag design looks like the background of a 90s software program and would in my opinion not be fit to represent our state.

		<p>The sacred duty of carrying out the will of the people has befallen this Commission as you undertake the redesigning of our sole most iconic and visceral symbol of existence: our flag. The people eagerly look upon you in this momentous epoch that may not come to pass ever again. Your sole duty is to bestow the people's choice to its rightful legal status.</p> <p>But this grand undertaking has been well hidden from the public, and submitting input to the commission poses a challenge to those not technologically proficient. The timeframe within which the people can send their comments is far too brief to allow the public conscience to become aware and mobilize its reply. It should be months, not weeks, long. Elections, and that is what this is, take time. Hasty acts are trademarks of a dictatorship- and you, the vanguards of democracy, have been given this sacred task to uphold the people's will- not implement a frantically cobbled personal agenda on what our next flag shall be. If such a task is too burdening for your available time, open the door to the chorus of some five million Minnesotan's minds and they shall free you from its weight. Let the people choose!</p> <p>The People adored the (original) North Star Flag, of which entry F2100 is a castrated forgery. Why include a farse that has no proof it will have even remote success when for the equal amount of mental taxation, you could front a 35-year champion of the test of time. Our young servicemen fought for their lives beneath the North Star Flag and flew it at their garrisons. Crowds waved it en masse at sporting events across Minnesota. Minnesotans across America and around our World rejoice with it in reverence of their homeland. Incarnated as a lapel pin it adorned the breast of numerous Senators and Representatives. Do you have a relative whoâ€™s had interest in the state flag debacle? Chances are they have a North Star Flag. Do not deny them their choice! The North Star Flag is already the de-facto civil flag due to its rightfully earned popularity and decades of presence in the public conscience. F2100, has been catapulted from hasty arbitration into image form, with not a single copy in circulation.</p> <p>Then to deploy F2100 as an official flag? The success of F2100 is a guess as a dart tossed at a board. The North Star Flag has already reduced all the unknown variables F2100 has never faced down to a science. The North Star Flag evokes the visceral adoration akin to the Stars and Stripes (yes, this is a good thing!) at first sight. Its colors recall the current Minnesota flag, a simple salute, from child to elder. The North Star Flag adapts handsomely to a multitude of formats and its cheery Golden Star brighten whatever it adorns;especially a flagpole in a January Blizzard. And F2100? Who knows. Hire the employee with a blank rÃ©sumÃ© and accept the consequences. Its blander color scheme and peculiar 8-pointed star oddly splattered in the middle of the top stripe certainly hold no advantages over the proven layout of its ancestor. Its aesthetic modifications only dampen its impact- not what you want to accomplish. A weak emotional impact is foreboding of failure. The North Star Flag strikes as a thunderbolt. Did you note how many times it was submitted? And how many variants are such close descendants of it? And the city flags of Crystal and Duluth? Its basic symbolism resonates deep through our souls. If the North Star Flag did not exist, F2100 would not exist either.</p> <p>Read the word â€œstarâ€œ. What do you envision immediately? Lo! A five-pointed star. Why? Since the American Revolution, five-pointed stars have become the global heraldic standard. Any other number of points causes confusion unless backed by explicit symbolism or historical significance. The large Gold five-pointed star on the North Star Flag recalls the golden Grand Luminary (Large Star made of smaller stars) of the flag the First Minnesota Regiment courageously carried into battle in the Civil War in 1861. The eight-pointed star appears frequently on Christian Nativity Scenes and stained-glass windows at church. It is a Judeo-Christian creation;which happens to violate one of the design guidelines. The five-pointed star exists on the flags of the USA, Panama, Syria, Ghana, and Vietnam. It is ethnically and ideologically neutral.</p> <p>I do not insist that F2100 be stricken to the waste basket but let a Darwinian â€œsurvival of the fittestâ€œ race between it and its ancestor, The North Star flag, begin;and may the best flag win. Alleviate your mind from analyzing which aspect of what flag reigns superior- let the people choose! Give us, we, the people, a chance to pick between F2100 and the North Star Flag. Or rob us of our rightful choice and face our burning ire. The logical choice here is the easiest and best for you: infringe not upon our right to decide our future flag and leave your political future untainted by public ire. Let there be 7 entries, let the North Star Flag back in and let democracy take its natural course.</p>
11/30/23 22:39	F2100	
11/30/23 22:40	F2100	This is the only flag that is neutral and does not represent any one specific group of people.
11/30/23 22:40	F2100	Finalist F2100 is my #3 choice. It is simple and the color scheme is good. It looks better then 3 other design finalists: F1435 quilt design, F944 company logo and F1953 unattractive. I like what the designer says the colors represent--especially green for forests, wilderness areas and agriculture. The wavy line makes me think of landscape or waterwaves. But the blue should be lighter to look more like water. The star should be yellow. I like green on top for trees and blue on bottom for water, like other designs have. F29 needs green and F1154 starflake--make star yellow are more creative.
11/30/23 22:41	F2100	Dislike it. I don't feel like any of the designs have alot of creativity or insight. We can do better.
11/30/23 22:41	F2100	None of them say â€œMinnesotaâ€œ. There is nothing that would make me think Minnesota. How about the outline of the state that would give me a hint that it belongs to Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:42	F2100	Out of the six designs chosen this is probably the best one. However, I think the flag is missing the identity of Minnesota and should say "Minnesota" on it.
11/30/23 22:43	F2100	This design would be better if it also contained things MN is known for like a loon, walleye or lady slipper flower?
11/30/23 22:43	F2100	Out of the six designs chosen F2100 is probably the best one. However, I think the flag is missing the identity of Minnesota and should say "Minnesota" on it.

11/30/23 22:45	F2100	This is a great flag design that is easily recognizable and screams Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:46	F2100	This is my third favorite flag of your finalists. It looks pretty good. Ideally, I think the star should be in the middle with a solid green rectangle on the bottom and a solid blue rectangle on the top. Also, the rectangles should be evenly sized with no white line between them. I think both this submission and submission F1154 are close to what I think is a really good flag for Minnesota, but both overcomplicate things. By far, my favorite flag that I have seen for the State of Minnesota is F29.
11/30/23 22:46	F2100	My favorite
11/30/23 22:46	F2100	Favorite of all
11/30/23 22:47	F2100	Tied with F944 for very best new flag design. Both integrates much that makes our state unique. Both have dynamic, yet simplistic, design and would look great in the breeze.
11/30/23 22:48	F2100	This is favorite
11/30/23 22:51	F2100	I like this design, the only concern being that it may be TOO simple. It is a clean design and the color choices make sense. I just wonder if it has a strong enough identity to appear more than a generic icon, where Minnesotans will embrace it as a symbol that really represents them. Will they wear it on their hats the way people of Colorado do? Maybe. I seem to like it more the longer I look at it. I think I could grow to love this design if we see it displayed in more places.
11/30/23 22:53	F2100	Best option of the available choices
11/30/23 22:54	F2100	F2100 - this one is my favorite. I do agree with the professional flag reviewer with respect to moving the star to the upper left and widening the white curved line representing the river. I think this flag would be easily recognized as representing Minnesota.
11/30/23 22:56	F2100	This is beautiful, I choose this flag design.
11/30/23 22:58	F2100	My preference (with F1953 a close second). The best North Star design. I would widen the white stripe *very* slightly. A simple but quite attractive design.
11/30/23 22:59	F2100	I prefer this one of the six, but as modified. (Modifications are suggested by at least one vexillologist.) The most important change is to widen the middle white band, so it can be clearly recognized from a distance. Less important, but I think correct, would be to use the simpler, five-point star. The one here is stunning but not simple. I worry that the committee eschews "good flag" principles in favor of what they consider a more artistic rendering. This form of the star is difficult to sew. I would also encourage the committee to consider moving the star to the top left, though the center position has some appeal. Having the star on the left might balance things a bit better;the star appears to dominate too much in a center position. I think a white star might be an improvement on the North Star Flag, which I was disappointed not to see among the finalists. (I was also disappointed that there was virtually no discussion about it in the hearing to establish finalists;was there some hidden, fatal prejudice against it, or against appearing to be a "rubber-stamp", rather than a deliberative commission?)
11/30/23 23:00	F2100	Looks like the star of Bethlehem! Too computerized, graphic, modern - no sense of history - looks like we created a computerized flag for a new state! Again, what happened to the loon, trees, agriculture, fishing, hunting - totally lacking in MN reality!
11/30/23 23:02	F2100	This design is my choice
11/30/23 23:04	F2100	Can we find an artist that could actually create a better representation of Minnesota and its history? Hate the design. Go back to the drawing board and create something better!
11/30/23 23:04	F2100	This is the best of the finalists. Some tweaks would make it befitting of our great state. 1. I prefer the 4-pointed star in yellow from finalist submission F944 to this compass rose type star. My favorite color combination for the flag is blue, green and yellow, white (if necessary). 2. Move the star to the top left corner. When flags begin to fray from flapping in the wind, designs that were originally centered are now off-center. When this focal point is in the canton (top left hand corner), it will not appear off-center with wear and tear. 3. Make the white line about twice as thick. 4. Make the navy blue a royal blue
11/30/23 23:06	F2100	this flag has great potential. The Mississippi being represented snaking through the land would add great symbology to one of the greater things Minnesota can be associated with.
11/30/23 23:07	F2100	This is a clean, simple design that could be made more effective by coloring the star yellow. That would make the North Star really "pop" against the blue background, while giving more meaning to the wavy white line as the only white element on the flag. Yellow would give this design an even stronger identity.

11/30/23 23:13	F2100	<p>For the Flags: I like the flag submission F2100 the most, but F1953 is in a close second place. The designs are simple enough for a child to draw easily and the colors are nice. F29 is also a good combination of colors and a nice design. I don't really love the colors of F1154 and the design of F1435 is a little too polygonal for my taste. F944 looks more like a sleek company logo than a flag to me, too corporate (though I do still like it more than F1154 and F1435).</p> <p>For the Seals: I think S2 is too complicated and the colors clash with each other in an unflattering way. S27 has the opposite issue; it's too simplistic of a design in my opinion. It looks like a work in progress that's still missing a few features. S6 would work really well with the matching flag, but I think I like the colors of S147 a little more. S244 is also a strong contender, with more of a traditional seal look to it. I would say the S147 is my favorite, just ahead of S6 and S244.</p>
11/30/23 23:14	F2100	<p>F29 and F1154 are far too simple - needs other great aspects of our state - lakes, forests, loons, etc. Our state is far too great to simplify so much.</p> <p>F944 is one of the best of the six, but still needs other aspects like lake, forest, etc.</p> <p>F1435 is just not attractive. Looks like someone could design in an hour. Needs more Minnesota strength.</p> <p>F1953 not attractive. Needs much more.</p> <p>F2100 is the most attractive of the others. Maybe best of the six. It has a little more detail - but still needs other state aspects like trees, loons, etc.</p> <p>Every design is so simple that they do not do justice to our great state. Need more aspects of our state. By the way, each symbol doesn't have to be in every area of the state - loons for example, to be great aspects of the state. Why not have professional artists compete for monetary prize to make best flag - this is not a homecoming button designed by amateurs - let's get something to be proud of. Most people have told me they need much more depth in these designs - not something I can do on a computer in an hour. We can do better!</p>
11/30/23 23:18	F2100	My second choice. Move star to upper left, and make white stripe somewhat wider so it's more visible from a distance. Star could be yellow
11/30/23 23:22	F2100	Weak
11/30/23 23:22	F2100	This is my favorite submission. It is clear and crisp and reflects our northern sky and our blue lakes.
11/30/23 23:26	F2100	Nice, simple, clear. But somehow seems like it should be the flag of some island nation in the Pacific or Caribbean.
11/30/23 23:28	F2100	Not the best overall, but best of the 'North Star' designs, although I'd prefer a less religious-looking star.
11/30/23 23:29	F2100	Nothing about this design says Minnesota. What is that white line in the middle signify anyway? The star in the middle is the wrong location and too big.
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11/30/23 23:31	F2100	I like the simple, but meaningful design that represents the entire population of our state without favoritism to any specific culture.
11/30/23 23:36	F2100	F2100 I understand the designer statement but visually it is messing me up. The blue looks like a night sky with a star and the line looks like the crest of green water. I like the north star and would like it offcenter.
11/30/23 23:37	F2100	Uninspiring for a state flag. Does not embrace Minnesota.
11/30/23 23:38	F2100	I like this one, I has some movement to it with the curves, The colors are true to our state waters, sky, and land (and snow). We are the North Star State and the star design looks like the shining north star. It's bold, and still simple. It is recognizable as a symbol of our state without getting into vast sums of detail
11/30/23 23:45	F2100	The version of this with the yellow star in the corner was far bolder and aesthetically pleasing. Disappointing the other version isn't among the options.
11/30/23 23:56	F2100	Decent design but feels like the header of a stationary instead of a flag. Far from the worst of the finalists but not my first choice among them
12/1/23 0:00	F2100	Like this, suggest to change the white stripe to a watery blue or remove it altogether.
12/1/23 0:09	F2100	I love this flag. Nothing creative to offer, just Love It.
12/1/23 0:10	F2100	This is the best of available choices, though I'm not delighted with it. Upper dark blue field looks like night sky.... not 10,000 lakes.
12/1/23 0:12	F2100	The gold color really adds a lot to the flag. Just blue and green is too flat.

12/1/23 0:20	F2100	I like this one. It flows.
12/1/23 0:20	F2100	Great design and is the best to meet all the criteria of the redesign commission. !! This designer statement is the BEST of what the state flag stands for. No question that except for F1953, the others are weak and boring. The flowing landscape is lovely but the abstract blue MN shape in F1953 is also unique and strong.
12/1/23 0:32	F2100	Please read the November 30 STrib article (pages B1+5). I really agree with so much of what the commentators said. I definitely agree about making the white stripe bigger and moving the star to the left. But I would choose one of the stars from other finalists. I would really like both a star and snowflake, if possible. I also think the blue field could be a brighter/lighter color. Best wishes for your decision-making!
12/1/23 0:41	F2100	F2100 Good design. Would like to see the North Star moved a bit to the left at about 1/3, but not sure how it would look. Blue seems a bit dark to represent the sky and sky-blue waters.
12/1/23 0:50	F2100	Out of all the boring designs you chose, I think this is the best one. Most of the "star of the North" designs are too thick to look like a star. I know your goal was a simple, easily recognizable flag, but all the finalists are simply boring and unappealing
12/1/23 1:33	F2100	If I were forced to pick one of the six finalists (which I don't want to do; you should adapt the state seal finalist with the loon & wild rice on it as the state flag design) ... this would be my choice. It is clean, represents sky, lakes, forests, snow, rivers, etc. I could live with it. But I don't want to. Bring in the state seal design w/the loon onto the flag. PLEASE. I could at least respect that and feel and think that it represents our MN.
12/1/23 1:51	F2100	Only 2 of the flags have navigational stars (Compass Rose stars) with the 4 longer legs pointing north, south, east and west while the 4 shorter legs point NW, SW, NE and SE. Will the other flags be corrected to accurately symbolize the North Star state?
12/1/23 2:22	F2100	Leave the original flag alone, these alternatives are terrible
12/1/23 2:26	F2100	Get rid of the white line and the wavy look between the colors.  I still believe there should be a loon on it since it is our state bird after all.
12/1/23 2:41	F2100	The best part about this design is that it resembles the North Star flag (F22). That said, the North Star flag is clearly better. The bolder and wavier white line in the North Star flag looks much more attractive. Honestly, any elements that differ between this and the North Star flag design - the white line, the placement of the star, and the color of the star - are better on the North Star flag. The only exception might be the type of star. The fact that this design made it to the final six and the North Star flag did not is truly confusing to me. I urge the commission to reconsider that decision. The North Star design enjoyed organic, growing popularity among Minnesotans. It has an excellent design that follows vexillological principles and has decades of history. Of the six finalists, I see no option that competes with the North Star flag. I love Minnesota and I want it to be represented by a beautiful flag.
12/1/23 2:44	F2100	Flag F2100 along with Flag F944 are my husband and my favorites - maybe with F2100 having the edge. HOWEVER we think that any choice should have something to make it look a little more "official", not just like something that a home crafter ran up on the sewing machine to hang outside for spring. WHAT ABOUT putting a vertical strip along the left side of the flag spelling out "MINNESOTA" in a semi-formal (?) font?
12/1/23 2:47	F2100	I chose this one
12/1/23 3:16	F2100	I think this is the best flag design of the finalists. However, I would advise that the committee tweak the shades of the colors a little bit so that they match the official blue and green colors that the state uses on their websites. I believe these colors are specifically midnight blue and aurora green. The blue and green in this design aren't quite the same shade. I believe these official colors are also used by the Minnesota Timberwolves for reference. I would suggest asking the designer if they would be okay with tweaking the colors that way. They will still represent what the designer had wanted them to represent :)
12/1/23 3:18	F2100	Each design has things in its favor, but this feels the best of the bunch. Others seem too little or too much. This one seems the right balance and most appropriate as a state flag, neither over-busy nor underperforming. Green, white, blue, with a star substantial yet not taking over, something that will be well seen with distance and overall a fine credit to our state. Each of the others feels off somehow. Like in the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears, this one feels just right.
12/1/23 3:20	F2100	I like this one but I'd put the blue at the bottom for the lakes and the green at the top for the land.
12/1/23 3:22	F2100	Just to be sure, the following comments I just sent were for F2100. -- Each design has things in its favor, but this feels the best of the bunch. Others seem too little or too much. This one seems the right balance and most appropriate as a state flag, neither over-busy nor underperforming. Green, white, blue, with a star substantial yet not taking over, something that will be well seen with distance and overall a fine credit to our state. Each of the others feels off somehow. Like in the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears, this one feels just right.
12/1/23 3:37	F2100	Yes choose this design
12/1/23 3:41	F2100	Best of the bunch!

		I like what this flag represents. I think I would prefer straight lines. As a vexillologist pointed out, it will create a wavy appearance blowing in the wind anyway. F357 and F1578 were some eye-catching submissions with this idea but using straight lines.
		I also would like to see some other possible star ideas. I think a white 5-pointed star would reference our US flag nicely. I would be more simple and look less like the star of Bethlehem.
12/1/23 3:52	F2100	I also think I like the star centered like it is in this flag (as opposed to flags like F3). With straight lines, the star in the center would feel more balanced.
12/1/23 5:11	F2100	No
12/1/23 5:51	F2100	Best design shows flow of water and green land with Northstar
12/1/23 5:58	F2100	
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12/1/23 6:02	F2100	This is my 1st choice.
12/1/23 6:05	F2100	Like this design best for simplicity in capturing essence of Minnesota
12/1/23 6:15	F2100	F2100 is my choice out of the 6 finalists. I wish there was a loon included on this flag or the outline of MN in the bottom right corner in either black or yellow.
12/1/23 6:26	F2100	This is my favorite of the six. It's simple but not too simple with a touch of motion in the curved white line.
12/1/23 6:27	F2100	This design is nice, I really like the color selection, but feels like it's missing something that would make me go "yes, that fully represents Minnesota". Don't know what elements are missing, but for example the seal with the loon really hit all the key points. I would love a nod to our tribal nations in our flag, I think they're such an important part of our history.
12/1/23 6:36	F2100	2nd favorite. White already represents snow so would prefer to see the star yellow. Would stand out more.
12/1/23 6:40	F2100	They all look like clip art.
12/1/23 6:47	F2100	I really like this one. I think the star and the colors really are perfect.
12/1/23 6:58	F2100	How does this represent Minnesota at all? It's so boring and basic, like it was made in Microsoft paint.
		First, thanks to all to submitted an entry. Second, come on this is MN we can do so much better than these designs. As a homeschooling mother, we spent lots of time studying our great state of MN and the current flag. The submissions chosen to be finalists have NO depth, they are superficial, almost fake if you will. If one of these 6 finalists are chosen there is nothing to studying on the new flag. I wouldn't even waste the time showing it to young people. Finalist F1953 Makes me cringe. I'm so afraid it will start adding the pride flag colors and every other organizations colors. NO The submission of the blue background with a star and snowflake is the absolute worst. It DOES NOT represent the state entirely. We're more that snow, a blue background to represent the water (terrible idea) and the star. It appears to be done in 2 seconds by machine. Not worthy of being a finalist at all. The 3rd flag on the list reminds me of a flag from another country, not MN. Submission F1435 is just a no. MN can be more creative than this. I like that it has some Native American symbols, but c'mon, really. Machine done, not a true artist, some sort of web design shouldn't count.
12/1/23 6:58	F2100	If I had to choose a winner from the above submitted entries, this would be my choice and is the best choice. It has some depth to it yet is still simple enough. This is THE BEST CHOICE.
12/1/23 7:08	F2100	I choose this design.
12/1/23 7:09	F2100	This flag may have some potential but needs less sky and additional blue section at the bottom to represent the lakes.
12/1/23 7:12	F2100	Use of blue, green & white is perfect and creates consistency across other MN publications. Consistency in branding is really helpful for tourism and identity. This is one of the few finalists that didn't use an 8 pointed Scandinavian star which is not inclusive of all MN immigrants and residents. Clean design which will scale well at all sizes. A great choice.
12/1/23 7:12	F2100	#1 Love the sweeping colors and and star combo
12/1/23 7:14	F2100	Looks good as is
12/1/23 7:18	F2100	I like this. Not 100% as star is Christmas reminding and again very basic overall. All better than I could do but hope for a little more tweaking.
12/1/23 7:18	F2100	This would be my second choice. I would still suggest that the colors be adjusted to pop out more, and I thinking changing the star color to yellow would also be a nice change.
12/1/23 7:20	F2100	I think this flag is the most elegant of the final six choices, with a star that looks representative of star. However, the blue portion could be the same blue as the old flag.

		Simple. Important message representation - farming, lakes and waterways, forests and nature, and Star of the North.
		Curved line gives "life and liveliness" to the image, a Minnesotan trait!
12/1/23 7:22	F2100	Does not look like a quilt square.
12/1/23 7:31	F2100	This is my third favorite design. I like that it has a clean and modern look while inviting questions about the symbols involved. However, it also makes me think of the Pepsi logo because the curvy line is reminiscent of Pepsi's iconic branding. I could be proud of this flag, but there are two others that I prefer.
12/1/23 7:32	F2100	I like this flag (F2100) the best of the six finalists because it's the most similar to F1068 - a two-tone blue wave background with a partial pine tree and yellow star. F2100 also looks more dignified than the others' that look like commercial brand logos.
12/1/23 7:34	F2100	The best flag because it simply represents the unique state we have which will remain for years to come.
12/1/23 7:38	F2100	I feel that, of the 6 finalists for state flag design, Submission F2100 is the most elegant and expressive.
12/1/23 7:38	F2100	No. It says absolutely nothing that identifies this symbolically as representing Minnesota. Soulless.
12/1/23 7:44	F2100	I like this design the best out of all the finalists. It is simple with clean lines and I feel it best conveys everything that is Minnesota. My vote is for this design.
12/1/23 7:47	F2100	These finalists submissions lack creativity. There were many amazing submissions that were creative and ties in mn in a meaningful and recognizable way. These do not deliver that.
12/1/23 7:49	F2100	This is my favorite design. It could be improved by adding a loon.
12/1/23 7:49	F2100	Great design! Clear, simple, contemporary yet a design that will endure in the future> Designer's statement captures the essence of Minnesota, water, snow, green trees, natural wilderness and the north star state. The star is attractive. Some of the other flag designs are boring and tiresome that look like quilting designs and are not artistic. Fine for a quilt but not for our flag.
12/1/23 7:52	F2100	This design is reminiscent of a simple city flag not worthy of representation of the whole state.
12/1/23 7:52	F2100	This is my favorite design F2100. It could be improved by adding a loon. F944 might be the best choice for adding a loon to balance out the star and place the loon on water.
12/1/23 7:53	F2100	This is my favorite.
12/1/23 7:54	F2100	I think the best of the bunch. Maybe make the white line thicker?
12/1/23 7:55	F2100	This looks like it could be the start of a great mural or billboard for the state fair, but is not what I would want for our state flag. It looks very nice, but will surely look dated- we should go with a more timeless design.
12/1/23 7:56	F2100	Do not like. Maybe if we live in Norway. Doesn't represent Mn.
12/1/23 7:56	F2100	I love the design of this flag!
12/1/23 7:57	F2100	Overall like this one best. White ripple a light blue for our rivers though. Star gold or maybe take "quilty" star from one of the others to replace this one.
12/1/23 8:00	F2100	This is the least bad of the six.
12/1/23 8:00	F2100	These all look like quilt squares and ARE NOT representative of our state. Leave the original flag and seal in place.
12/1/23 8:00	F2100	F2100 is my #1 favorite. the blend of white, blue and green represent MN's season, waters, prairies/forests with an attractive North Star
12/1/23 8:00	F2100	This is OK. Bold colors. Star of the North is easy to recognize. Simple but bold. Not sure about the wavy line but of the 6 at least it is a good design.
12/1/23 8:02	F2100	This is my favorite design F2100. It could be improved by adding a loon. F944 might be the best choice for adding a loon to balance out the star and place the loon on water.
12/1/23 8:02	F2100	My choice for State of MN flag
12/1/23 8:04	F2100	It's the best. It's simple and straightforward. Don't like the crafty quilt like designs.
12/1/23 8:10	F2100	This simple design makes sense.
12/1/23 8:10	F2100	Beautiful. The North Star.
12/1/23 8:11	F2100	This is a beautiful flag with clean simple lines and meaning. The white line adds dynamic movement to the flag. It's not mentioned, but it has the 8-pointed star that is talked about with other flags as having tribal representation, so it is also inclusive. This is my favorite of the six flags. The flags I prefer are F2100 and F1953. They both are meaningful and simple.
12/1/23 8:12	F2100	This is my second favorite one. Love the colors, design and simplicity.



12/1/23 8:12	F2100	Is that the North star or the star of Bethlehem, too much of a Christian only vibe. The commission needs to look at Utah's redesign and start over: <a href="https://flag.utah.gov/">https://flag.utah.gov/</a> Seriously a missed opportunity.
12/1/23 8:13	F2100	This thing looks like what would happen if you told chatgpt to design a Minnesota state flag for you.
12/1/23 8:15	F2100	Again, How does this represent the beautiful state? Why isn't there an option with our beautiful lakes and trees? Farming? Northern lights? All of these are horrible!
12/1/23 8:15	F2100	I like this flag the best. I still don't understand why the flag needs to be changed at all though.
12/1/23 8:16	F2100	I like this one best. It is balanced, simple. and fits Minnesota. Disappointing that none of the finalists had a loon on them, but this is the very best of the finalists.
12/1/23 8:17	F2100	looks computer generated Ok but not great - no thanks
12/1/23 8:17	F2100	The other designs look like a foreign flag from different country!
12/1/23 8:17	F2100	I love how this flag represents Minnesota's lakes and forests and our diverse landscape. Including the North Star was a great touch and represents some of our state's history. This flag is simple and unique and will be great for our state.
12/1/23 8:20	F2100	The only flag that represents our states natural resources and not any certain group of people. It's neutral and unbiased which I understand was the reason for wanting to change the flag in the first place.
12/1/23 8:20	F2100	Like the simplicity of the flag and it hits all the area of the body of MN
12/1/23 8:20	F2100	The only flag that represents our states natural resources and not any certain group of people. It's neutral and unbiased which I understand was the reason for wanting to change the flag in the first place.
12/1/23 8:21	F2100	This is the best and most simply evocative of Minnesota
12/1/23 8:23	F2100	They all are terrible. Really. ? Who were your ancestors that lead the state to be what it is today. Shame on you for taking away our history. Thanks for disregarding everyone that kept this state what is it so you could live here in the 21 century.
12/1/23 8:25	F2100	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:26	F2100	keep the old design we have had since the 70's
12/1/23 8:27	F2100	Still bad, but second best.
12/1/23 8:28	F2100	Uglier than a mud fence.
12/1/23 8:28	F2100	Love the simplicity yet covers all the bases. Can see this flying in the sky.
12/1/23 8:30	F2100	Would be nice if it said Minnesota down along in the green section. It's disappointing that none of the submissions actually identify Minnesota. I actually prefer keeping our current flag, it is beautiful and is part of our history.
12/1/23 8:31	F2100	Like all of the 6 semifinalists, this one contains a far too simplistic image that is on a predominantly blue background. One of the reasons given to change was the blue background is too common. Our state is more beautiful than any of these depict. Start all over, or better yet, stop.
12/1/23 8:35	F2100	F2100
12/1/23 8:35	F2100	I think this is a nice flag. Probably my second favorite flag of the finalists. I'd consider using a different star design. Its a pretty unique flag star but the star doesn't have to be that unique since there are other aspects of the flag that would make it very identifiable as the MN flag. Also, I would consider making the white line straight. Most flags historically are created with straight edge color blocks and the curve bucks that trend. I don't think Minnesota should be "trying something new" with its flag but rather make something timeless that feels like it could have always been our flag.
12/1/23 8:41	F2100	This one has my vote.
12/1/23 8:41	F2100	This flag tells the best story of what MN is about. I feel all options are too simplistic and would have liked to see the state bird or flower. Many of the other options are again Scandinavian in design.
12/1/23 8:41	F2100	I like this one
12/1/23 8:45	F2100	It's terrible. A flag should have a sense of pride and a story. This is clipart. Its screams Minnesota is lazy.
12/1/23 8:49	F2100	The wavy line in this one is too trendy and conjure thoughts of a city flag vs. a state flag. I would like to see a more timeless design. Ironically, the slender white line is not at all proportionally sized for the duration and intensity of MN winters.

12/1/23 8:51	F2100	I think the star on this flag is a little too "Star of Bethlehem" for a state flag.
12/1/23 8:53	F2100	No! You can say it represents all that but it's so generic no one will think that
12/1/23 8:54	F2100	Meh. Itâ€™s just boring.
12/1/23 8:55	F2100	Not hitting the mark. I like the 8 pointed star but there is a yellow one on a previous flag that I find the most appealing.
12/1/23 8:56	F2100	I would not look at any of these and know they were to represent Minnesota. I don't care for the style of art used. It looks juvenile. If a person reads the descriptions included under each flag they may understand the intentions but without that these flags are all just too simple. It would be nice if the blue actually looked like water, but it just looks like a background. Let's have something more realistic and less interpretive. These do not look like Minnesota. I am a life long resident.
12/1/23 8:56	F2100	Of the choices offered, this would be my #1. I would like to see an option with a slightly smaller star moved to the upper left corner.
12/1/23 8:57	F2100	I like the simplicity of this design and what the colors represent. I think a five pointed star might look better, though.
12/1/23 8:58	F2100	Yes!
12/1/23 9:09	F2100	This looks like the Spire credit union logo
12/1/23 9:09	F2100	I don't like the colors because they don't represent MN well. -Liam I like the strip of white in the center because it looks like the waves of Lake Superior.-Poppy I don't like it because it wouldn't represent MN well. After all, the colors don't seem to match for MN.
12/1/23 9:09	F2100	why are we changing and making a quilt make it the northern lights!
12/1/23 9:10	F2100	Another suburban-style graphic versus being a state-level design. Lacking character and identity - overly simplified.
12/1/23 9:11	F2100	The wavy white line at least brings some life and vibrancy. OK, but not great.
12/1/23 9:13	F2100	I like it. But not my favorite - it doesnâ€™t have anything that really stands out.
12/1/23 9:14	F2100	My choices: F2100/S224 (full color version)
12/1/23 9:15	F2100	This one is ok. It's a little boring and predictable. I would prefer the star to be smaller and offset to the left, rather than centered
12/1/23 9:18	F2100	I think this design is average at best. It is not bold and declarative of what Minnesota is and who we are. And the lack of symmetry with the white and green wave drives me absolutely insane. The star should be centered either at the peak of the wave or in the valley of the wave. Design F767 is a much stronger version of this concept and would be a stronger flag for our state.
12/1/23 9:18	F2100	Truly disappointed to not see the 1989 North Star flag instead of this option.
12/1/23 9:19	F2100	Negative and very disappointing. Does not represent full Minnesota past heritage, present nor future. Missing industries like agriculture, technology. Flag is much too amateurish, simple-minded. As a native and life long Minnesotan, I would be embarrassed.
12/1/23 9:20	F2100	Colors are fine but flag needs more state identity. As with the others, you have to be told what the colors represent.
12/1/23 9:23	F2100	I still like this design the best, because is sort of represents the basic elements of MN, blue sky and water, green for farms, prairies and crops, the North Star and a wavy line for rivers/lake. I would like to see the addition of a few dark green pine trees on the right or left side. But most of all, I think that this flag needs identification as the MN flag. Adding "L'etoile du Nord" and the word Minnesota and the date of founding would fulfill this requirement. Let's not make people, who are not from MN., have to guess which state the flag represents.
12/1/23 9:23	F2100	Love it
12/1/23 9:24	F2100	Simple, clean, and bold. Please choose this flag.
12/1/23 9:24	F2100	This flag would be my second choice.
12/1/23 9:24	F2100	While this flag doesn't have the iconic symbolism of F29, it does very clearly represent Minnesota to an outside audience. The symbolism is beautiful and unifying. If the commission chooses not to select F29, this would be an acceptable alternative that Minnesotans would embrace.
12/1/23 9:26	F2100	I like this flag design but think it would be better with the star pattern on F29 and move it to the upper left of the flag. This would make it more prominent when hanging limp on a hoist..
12/1/23 9:28	F2100	I like this design best of the finalists, but the blue sky does not work to symbolize water. I suggest changing the white line to a shade of blue that makes it appear to be a river. Also, it needs some life in it;a loon or a vee of swans in the sky.
12/1/23 9:31	F2100	This is another great design, representing our waters/lakes, parks/forests, and our North Star. Simple and modern looking.
12/1/23 9:32	F2100	I appreciate the simplicity and significance of this design. It's beautiful.
12/1/23 9:34	F2100	The North Star Flag should be the choice and was not even a finalist. That flag has 30 years of staying power and history and is the obvious choice, bring it back into consideration.

12/1/23 9:34	F2100	Overall a nice design. I would prefer the white stripe to be a blue (for water).
12/1/23 9:34	F2100	I like the wave and balance of blue and green
12/1/23 9:38	F2100	Clean, simple, including North Star and the wave of water
12/1/23 9:39	F2100	Another half and half flag (signifying a divide), but less aggressive here. Meant to represent "land and sea", but it is 2023 and that doesn't work. I'm not sure why this particular shade of green is favored by designers, but it is dreary and unattractive.
12/1/23 9:41	F2100	This one covers entire star -representing many key aspects. I like the wavy design - appropriate rhythm for a waving flag.
12/1/23 9:42	F2100	This flag mostly talks about the land. The scaling of the north star looks off. The curves are better than the other flag, but curves are still not very appealing for flag design.
12/1/23 9:44	F2100	I love this flag for us. I do agree with the critic in the Strib who suggested thickening the white stripe and moving the star to the left. Choose this one, and make the tweaks!
12/1/23 9:44	F2100	Looks too similar to the Duluth city flag.
12/1/23 9:44	F2100	This is my favorite design: Simple, with a guiding north star, yet with a suggestion of movement in the line's wave
12/1/23 9:46	F2100	This design (and F1953) are my favorites. This one would be simple, recognizable, and memorable. I like the colors and use of the North star (I also like the star's shape).
12/1/23 9:46	F2100	Of the six, I like this one the best. It's simple. It has green on the bottom representing the green prairies and forests and lawns. It has a white wavy line representing snow which covers our state for half the year. The blue represents the bright blue sky. The symbol in the middle could be a star or a snowflake. (Some say snowflakes have 6 points, but stars usually don't have 8 points. The other flag designs look like quilts. The flag with the Minn state outline on the right ("K") is a nice design, but the color scheme is wrong. (BTW none of the six flag proposals are very good. All contain a star or snowflake. It would have been better if there was some variety in the final six.)
12/1/23 9:46	F2100	The simplicity is good, the colors work well together, but this flag seems to be the most boring of the finalists.
12/1/23 9:46	F2100	I'm disappointed that this design (all of them, really) seems to miss an opportunity to better conjure anything related to the indigenous experience, history, or naming of the land. I don't think it's enough to make things right by simply remove the offensive imagery in the current flag.
12/1/23 9:47	F2100	My favorite of the bunch. Right flow. Nice star and good colors.
12/1/23 9:52	F2100	This is my favorite finalist but it needs some tweaks. I liked the old Northstar Flag and was disappointed that wasn't a finalist, but this has a lot of the same elements. I think the star should be gold (Golden Gopher state). I think the star should be left-aligned - just seems like better flag design that way, although I understand placing it in the middle could be seen as representing "true north". White stripe should maybe be thicker.
12/1/23 9:57	F2100	4th grade comments - The green color looks like grass.
12/1/23 9:59	F2100	Suffers from lack of warm colors, to anabstract and not representative o MN. Go back to the drawing board! All of the finalist appear abstract similar in color scheme and I'm not sure why the decision making panel made these 6 choices.
12/1/23 10:00	F2100	Elements of North Star, water, sky, forest, Tying the star type to the seal would be a bonus, but it doesn't seem like that is likely with this and F944 which seem to be the two most eye-appealing flags. This is my top vote.
12/1/23 10:01	F2100	There is nothing wrong with our current flag. Why vote on a new flag when this was never brought up to minnesotans to vote on whether we wanted a new flag to begin with. Clearly a push by leftist liberals to get exactly what they want again. I will be flying the current state flag only - not the new designs!
12/1/23 10:05	F2100	Don't like any of the flag entries.
12/1/23 10:12	F2100	Ick, start over.
12/1/23 10:13	F2100	This flag (F2100) is a blatant rip-off of the NorthStar Flag introduced in 1989. If we want to go with that, it would be much better.
12/1/23 10:14	F2100	These flags don't seem to encompass MN. Love the green and blue but where is the detail of our lakes, rivers, forests, state bird, state flower, a north star that looks t realistic and special. Very basic options... Could do much better.
12/1/23 10:16	F2100	This never spoke to me. Looks like a bank logo. It's more literal than a strong symbol.
12/1/23 10:17	F2100	No. Insipid.
12/1/23 10:17	F2100	This flag has possibilities, but the blue seems to represent the sky with the north star in it. Where are the loons, pine trees, lady slippers?

12/1/23 10:24	F2100	All of these pictures with following colors and maybe a star are great but who will know itâ€™s Minnesota ðŸ˜ƒ.â€”i, ðŸ˜ƒ
12/1/23 10:29	F2100	Okay, but feels more like corporate branding for a shipping line than a flag. The color choices are good and capture similar themes to other flag choices, but feels the weakest of the bunch.
12/1/23 10:30	F2100	My husband and I think all of the flags are terrible and unacceptable. They are boring! And, no one will have any idea this flag represents MN or the meaning of the symbols and colors. The dark blue background did not and does not remind me of our beautiful lakes/waters in MN. How in the world did anyone come up with these.
12/1/23 10:36	F2100	I can identify with the designer's description of the flag. Like other flag design submissions, I am not in favor of the color scheme. Overall, I'd prefer new selections for consideration.
12/1/23 10:38	F2100	Would be better if design was changed to more resemble the 1989 flag suggestion. Put the star in the upper left making it more like the F944 flag star which pays homage to Minnesota's Indian heritage. Enlarge the center wave, making the center wave a light blue to represent the Minnesota waters. Sneak in a small loon silhouette on the water!
12/1/23 10:41	F2100	I like this one the best.
12/1/23 10:41	F2100	This one is my favorite
12/1/23 10:43	F2100	this one is alright
12/1/23 10:43	F2100	As a university professor of design and lover of Minnesota history - this one SAYS IT ALL! It has a great design for its simplicity and symbolism, will look great flying on a flagpole (not just laid out flat) and is distinctive. I LOVE IT!
12/1/23 10:44	F2100	This is the simplest, most appealing design, yet it incorporates all the key aspects of MN natural resources, which this state of 10K lakes prides itself on. #1 choice!
12/1/23 10:45	F2100	I don't like any of the state flag submissions. Any new flag must include a loon. This is part of Minnesota culture. Throw out all of the 6 submissions and start over!!!!!!
12/1/23 10:45	F2100	The only positive thing I can say about this design is it's the least poor of the final choices. At least it has the North Star, water and sky in it. How about we go back to the drawing board and come up with designs with other recognizable state symbols in it. Moose, loons, wild rice, trees, the walleye all come to mind. Another option might be to redesign the existing flag with the farmer and the native American talking to each other like people do
12/1/23 10:46	F2100	How did these get to be finalists? Iâ€™m really surprised. Again, this does not inspire, does not convey meaning. Rate at 1/10. Ten is high.
12/1/23 10:49	F2100	My first flag choice is F29. My 2nd choice is F944 with the F29 star. My 1st state seal choice is S6. My 2nd choice is S224, ALT. Version with hidden M.
12/1/23 10:49	F2100	This flag is a rip off of Lee Heroldâ€™s North Star Flag which should be considered in its place. That flag and its supporters are reason the process began and to not have it in the final selections is an error you can correct.
12/1/23 10:50	F2100	Submission F2100: I like this the best. As the symbol on our flag, it's simple (not too busy) and encapsulates the natural beauty of our great state of the North Midwest United States, incorporating our special North Star element.

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12/1/23 10:51	F2100	Love the simplicity and symmetry of this design. A subtle nod to water and the North Star.
12/1/23 11:00	F2100	Boring, too plain, needs more regarding Mn
12/1/23 11:00	F2100	no
12/1/23 11:02	F2100	The star on this flag feels too similar to the kind of star commonly seen on Christmas cards, with this particular shape, the white color, and the way it appears against the night sky. Since the flag should be inclusive to all Minnesotans, I would not use this style of star, and I hope the committee does not select this flag.
12/1/23 11:03	F2100	However, this flag might be very nice if it had a different kind of star. For example, if you could use the yellow snowflake star seen in F1435.
12/1/23 11:03	F2100	F2100 is a knockoff of the North Star flag, which has been flying around Minnesota and the world since 1989. Some may think I have promoted the North Star flag. I have not. I have displayed it only, always telling people it is not official. People were attracted to it, and actually buy and fly it on their own. By popular demand it has become the "unofficial flag of Minnesota" sold by many companies. North State flag lapel pins were worn by legislators to pass the commission legislation. Instead of including the North Star flag (flown by thousands already) in the final six, it was rejected in favor of unknown designs, each of which need work. Of course, the commission has no obligation to select the North Star flag. However, the commission does have an obligation to explain why it was rejected in favor of 6 designs that all need fixing to be acceptable. The commission had a short time to accomplish a huge task on both the seal and flag and did what they could. The commission should follow the sage advice of commissioner and Secretary of State Simon and adopt the new seal, but admit the flag choice needs more time and study.
12/1/23 11:03	F2100	Lee Herold 2023 Dec. 1st
12/1/23 11:04	F2100	This one would work well. It has the best star of the lot. It's relatively simple and high-contrast. My choice would be between this and the swooshy one.
12/1/23 11:04	F2100	F944 is my favorite of the finalists, but it should have the star taken from F2100. The other finalists would make a good quilt, but not a flag.
12/1/23 11:04	F2100	This one! I'd prefer it with the star moved left, and a loon on the white wave.
12/1/23 11:07	F2100	I think the flag should have word MINNESOTA in the design
12/1/23 11:09	F2100	All of these look like a craft project, but this one is the best of all the awful choices.
12/1/23 11:11	F2100	I like this one but think that making the white line wider and moving the star to the left would be an improvement. It would also be fine to make the star yellow.
12/1/23 11:12	F2100	This star looks too much like the Star of Bethlehem. It also feels like a credit union design.
12/1/23 11:14	F2100	Clean and modern in appearance
12/1/23 11:16	F2100	Straighten the wavy white line and it bumps it up to "passable but uninspiring". This is the flag for our state if it was in a movie adaptation of a dystopian YA book.
12/1/23 11:17	F2100	Timeless simple design;clean lines without being a modern bold design. Will go forward without looking dated 30 + years from now.
12/1/23 11:17	F2100	Pretty good!
12/1/23 11:17	F2100	This is a good looking north star Now it needs an out line of a loon
12/1/23 11:18	F2100	I think all of the finalists are missing a variety. The northstar is nice, but does not convey the whole story. What about the indigenous people, the loon, the lady slipper, the Farmers that settled here, the Lakes? In all honesty these finalist entries are very bland. I'm confused why we are spending money to change our flag and seal. Think of the expenses to update all the paperwork and online material. This is a waste of time and money. It was not well advertized either.
12/1/23 11:18	F2100	Minnesota is not the North Star State anymore. ALASKA is!
12/1/23 11:21	F2100	If selected, the star should be moved to the upper left corner. The north star on the flag should match the north star on the seal so that the two state emblems are connected to each other.
12/1/23 11:21	F2100	I like how it's simple and looks put together.
12/1/23 11:22	F2100	This is my least favorite option. Just seems way off balance and the proportions of each area are off. I think the colors are great, but of the 6 options, this one is my least favorite.

12/1/23 11:26	F2100	second choice. Boring, but better than the other remaining options.
12/1/23 11:27	F2100	This design and all your other choices stink!! These designs don't signify anything! They have nothing to do with Minnesota!! These designs could be used to promote toilet paper or itch cream, but not Minnesota. How embarrassing!! Where are your heads? No flag for Minnesota is acceptable without the loon!! Carrol Henderson.
12/1/23 11:28	F2100	If we can take the star snowflake combo from the other design and put it on this background I think we would have a winner.
12/1/23 11:29	F2100	This one is growing on me. Perhaps the design from F1154 on this flag?
12/1/23 11:30	F2100	I am very disappointed that the Minnesota North Star Flag did not become a finalist! Please consider reinstating it.
12/1/23 11:30	F2100	I like the simplicity of this flag design. Like the flag expert interviewed in the Star Tribune, I think it might look better if the white line was a bit thicker. This is in my top three with F944 and F1953.
12/1/23 11:31	F2100	Simple and still somewhat pleasing. Please include the state name.
12/1/23 11:33	F2100	there are better options
12/1/23 11:33	F2100	None of the designs represent the good people of Mn.
		<p>This flag is probably the best flag that made it to the finalists, but its still lacking some distinctiveness. The star feels somewhat generic, and should be updated. There were a few tweaks in the gallery of tweaks that would be better. Moving the star to the left hand side of the flag, would definitely be for the best, and the use of the Dakota Star, especially the one in design F1435 would be fantastic. I strongly encourage the committee to consider that tweak, the one where the wave is thicker, and the star is the gold Dakota star from F1435. I think that would make a great flag for all Minnesotans, and it would have a similar feel to the ever-popular North Star Flag.</p> <p>I think the committee should include the North Star Flag in the finalists, but if you consider my tweaks of the star and wave, it would end up in a better design of the North Star flag, and would be well received by all Minnesotans. The Dakota Star would be present, and then the design would be simple and match an already popular design.</p>
12/1/23 11:34	F2100	I ask that the committee seriously consider my comments and suggestion for a tweaked design of this flag.
12/1/23 11:36	F2100	I appreciate the nod to the north star, the acknowledgement of our agricultural industry and heritage and our wilderness areas, and the wavy white line for snow. I could live with this as our state flag.
12/1/23 11:36	F2100	I like this design but I thought the white stripe was for the Mississippi River (which should be included on any MN state flag in my opinion). I like the overall design better than some of the others but I think we can do better.
		<p>This flag needs significant changes to be acceptable for Minnesota.</p> <p>Someone described this flag as looking "more like a Christmas-themed background for a church PowerPoint presentation than a flag." Unfortunately, I couldn't agree more. I've seen multiple comments in flag communities I'm part of remarking that the star evokes "the Christian star of Bethlehem/Christmas star" so such a degree that it's hard to see it as anything else. Not because there's anything fundamentally wrong with the star, but simply because that particular star shape is so heavily used in Christian imagery. Additionally, the background conveys a dark sky over rolling hills, which really does not fit the geography of the majority of Minnesota.</p> <p>At the very least, the wavy line should be a straight, flat line. Though we have them, rolling hills are not iconic Minnesota geography (versus, say, lakes and rivers and forests and prairies). We do not need wavy lines in a flag, because the wind will make straight lines wave. My suggestion would be to convert the green rolling hills and the wavy line into two parallel stripes, each 1/6 the height of the flag (so combined they use the bottom 1/3 of the flag). A different star would also help.</p> <p>As someone who has been a flag enthusiast for years and has been dreaming of a new flag for Minnesota, I would be embarrassed to have this flag represent our state without significant changes. Please, please do not select this flag unless it is significantly reworked.</p>
12/1/23 11:37	F2100	

12/1/23 11:40	F2100	This is probably my favorite flag out of the top 6. However, I think there is some concern with the similarities and potential confusion with the new Deluth flag. I think that that could be improved by adding the rough outline of the state from flag F1953 onto the blue and green background from this flag. This would also add another symbol representing the entire state. This proposed new flag is similar to flag F1994 and "The Land of the North Star Flag" by Trevor Johnson which was released by Newmnflag.org on November 1st, However I did not see this flag in the official submissions list, (I if you would like I could provide you a picture of this flag if you could not find it). I think both of these flags would benefit from reconsideration because of these flags' similarities of semi-finalist flags F1953 and 2100. And I think they do a good job of incorporating A symbol representing the Mississippi river which seemed important to many members of the commission during the November 21st. Both F1994 and "The Land of the North Star Flag" also incorporate the rough out of the state from flag F1953 which again seemed to be well liked among many members of the commission.
12/1/23 11:48	F2100	This is my second favorite of the finalist designs. Any one of the six finalist designs would represent a vast improvement over the current state flag.
12/1/23 11:49	F2100	My top choice.
12/1/23 11:49	F2100	This is clipart. Anyone can make this in Canva.
12/1/23 11:50	F2100	I believe this flag represents MN the best.
12/1/23 11:53	F2100	2nd choice







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Joan Simon et Lee Harold

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12/1/23 11:59	F2100	Fine, altho' a small loon somewhere would be nice?
12/1/23 12:00	F2100	I think Flag submissions F2100, F944, and F29 are wonderful, and in that order. I vote ofr seal submissions S224 as my first choice and S2 as my second choice.
12/1/23 12:01	F2100	poor low quality design. Millions were spent on this flag project and this is the outcome? This is upsetting to the majority of citizens living in MN and showcases how out of touch our government is with the people who represent this great state.
12/1/23 12:02	F2100	I like this one best. I wish one of the finalist's flags had the word MINNESOTA on it.
12/1/23 12:07	F2100	Where are the loons? This could be our state flag, in the running with F29.