



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little grew up in North Carolina, where he attended Washington Colored High School and graduated from North Carolina A&T. After graduating, he entered the Army and served in an all-black regiment in World War II; and
- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little came to the Twin Cities in 1948, and participated in campaigns to integrate the Minneapolis Fire Department, enact Minnesota's first fair housing law, and desegregate Minneapolis schools; and
- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little served as the President and Chairman of the Board of the Minnesota chapter of the NAACP and was involved with the African American Leadership Council; and
- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little was one of Minnesota's most influential leaders in the civil rights movement, leading the state's delegation to the 1963 March On Washington as well as other campaigns regarding inequities in employment, public housing, and education; and
- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little was an inspiration to all, particularly to younger activists and politicians passionate about social issues, many of whom viewed him as a mentor and trusted friend; and
- WHEREAS:** Matthew Little was a strong supporter of civil and human rights for everyone, leaving behind a legacy of civil rights advocacy. His efforts will continue to serve as an inspiration for all as we work together to address social issues in our communities, in our state, and in our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 1, 2014, as:

## MATTHEW LITTLE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE