



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** In 1862, Gustavus Adolphus College was founded as Minnesota Elementar Skola, in Red Wing, Minnesota, as a place to teach Swedish men and women of the new Augustana Synod to be pastors and teachers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1863, the school changed its name to St. Ansgar's Academy and moved to East Union, Minnesota. Then, in 1876, the school moved to St. Peter, Minnesota, taking the name of Gustavus Adolphus College; and
- WHEREAS:** Gustavus Adolphus College is a nationally-recognized, four-year, liberal arts college that fosters the development of values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith; and
- WHEREAS:** On Friday, October 3, 2014, Gustavus Adolphus College will inaugurate Rebecca M. Bergman as its 17<sup>th</sup> President, the first woman to be named President in the history of the school; and
- WHEREAS:** Prior to serving as President of Gustavus Adolphus College, Rebecca M. Bergman served on the College's Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2014, and spent 26 years at Medtronic, Inc., including the last 14 years as a senior executive; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, we recognize and celebrate President Rebecca M. Bergman for her leadership of Gustavus Adolphus College — an institution that aspires to be a community of persons from diverse backgrounds who respect and affirm the dignity of all people, and a place where students reach their full potential and develop a passion for lifelong learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 3, 2014, as:

## PRESIDENT REBECCA M. BERGMAN 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE