



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 2015-2016 season marks the Minnesota Ballet's 50th Anniversary; and
- WHEREAS: The Ballet is celebrating its growth from an amateur company into one of the finest professional ballet companies in the Midwest; and
- WHEREAS: Based in Duluth, the Ballet serves Northeast Minnesota by providing professional dance performances, education, and outreach. The Ballet also serves the state by touring Minnesota communities and represents the State's fine tradition of artistic excellence when touring across the Midwest; and
- WHEREAS: The Ballet has performed and helped preserve masterworks by world-renowned choreographers such as George Balanchine, and is a three time recipient of the Fellowship Initiative grant from the New York Choreographic Institute; and
- WHEREAS: The Ballet's school provides pre-professional ballet training, dance education for preschoolers through adults, and an adaptive ballet class for children with motor, sensory, or cognitive challenges, as well as performing opportunities for all classes; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesotans have benefitted from the Ballet's demonstrations, hands-on learning activities, mini performances, and residencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 11, 2015, as:

MINNESOTA BALLET 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 1st day of December.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE