



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota recognize the lasting contribution of Dred and Harriet Scott to freedom and human rights for all persons; and
- WHEREAS: The couple were enslaved at Fort Snelling, starting in 1837, which subsequently was the basis for Dred Scott's lawsuit for freedom and basic human rights; and
- WHEREAS: The noble efforts of Dred and Harriet Scott to gain their freedom through the courts exacerbated tension, contributing to the Civil War; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota was the first state to offer troops to the Union Army; and
- WHEREAS: The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution abolishing slavery was passed by the U.S. Congress on January 31, 1865, and the states ratified the amendment on December 6, 1865.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 5-6, 2015, as:

## DRED AND HARRIET SCOTT DAYS

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE