

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesotans share an enthusiasm for sports, as they provide valuable

opportunities for recreation, social development, physical fitness, and fun; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans have worked hard to remove barriers facing girls and women who

want to participate in sports and have made enormous strides to involve more

girls and women in sports; and

WHEREAS: We need to increase opportunities for girls and women in sports locally and

nationally, and celebrate their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: In 1987, the Women's Sports Foundation created National Girls and Women in

Sports Day to celebrate and commemorate the victories and growth of girls and

women in sports; and

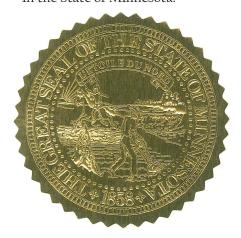
WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in the development of opportunities for girls and

women in sports and has much to celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 3, 2016, as:

## GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE