



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The six Minnesota Initiative Foundations, established by The McKnight Foundation in 1986 to improve the quality of life in Greater Minnesota, celebrate their 30th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Initiative Foundations have developed into six independent entities serving their respective rural regions to positively impact economic, community, and leadership development throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Initiative Foundations have dispersed more than 36,000 grants and loans totaling over \$435 million while leveraging more than \$1.3 billion in additional funds for their rural regions; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Initiative Foundations have provided more than 4,400 business loans totaling more than \$240 million, creating or retaining 45,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and families throughout rural Minnesota are benefiting from the contributions and shared vision of the Minnesota Initiative Foundations' many donors, volunteers and local partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 2, 2016, as:

MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATIONS' 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 17th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE