



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Our notable natural landscape is home to some of America's most beloved bodies of water, including Lake Superior and the Mississippi River, and thousands of others, giving Minnesota the most shoreline of any state in the country and making water a defining feature of the North Star State; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesotans derive great joy from their state's bodies of water, turning out in large numbers each year to discover, play, relax, embark on new adventures, and create cherished memories; and

WHEREAS:

Fishing is a treasured tradition in Minnesota and is one of the biggest sectors of Minnesota's economy, generating over \$2 billion per year in direct retail sales and supporting 35,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's distinct quality of life is dependent upon the cleanliness of its lakes, rivers, and streams, and its abundance of safe drinking water, and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's waters are facing many challenges, and each of us has contributed to these challenges, and

WHEREAS:

It is incumbent upon every one of us, together as Minnesotans, to meet these challenges head-on, and to instill within ourselves a clean water ethic and a steadfast desire to help protect and preserve that which we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS:

It is with this goal in mind that we establish Water Action Week, culminating with the nationwide recognition of Earth Day, to bring Minnesotans together to ensure that our natural landscape will continue to thrive, along with the people of Minnesota, for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-23, 2016, as:

WATER ACTION WEEK

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 15th day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Dinn in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE