



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 2016 NCAA Division III men's basketball national championship game matched the University of St. Thomas Tommies against the Benedictine University Eagles at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Virginia; and
- WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas defeated Benedictine University 82-76; and
- WHEREAS: Senior forward, Taylor Montero, earned the recognition of Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, and was joined by senior center, Ryan Saarela, and junior guard, Grant Shaeffer, on the All-Final Four Team; and
- WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas men's basketball team has the distinction of being the 2016 Division III National Champions; and
- WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas men's basketball team has the added distinction of winning a record 11 consecutive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season championships; and
- WHEREAS: Led by Head Coach John Tauer, the Tommies showed unmatched determination, resiliency, and teamwork to achieve St. Thomas' third Final Four appearance and second National Championship in men's basketball in the last six seasons; and
- WHEREAS: Marked by excellence, the University of St. Thomas men's basketball team serves as a point of pride for the City of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016 as:

TOMMIE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 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 5th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE