



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has over 1.6 million anglers and boaters contributing 2.4 billion dollars to our economy; and
- WHEREAS: Big Sandy Lake will host the 2016 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on May 14, 2016; and
- WHEREAS: Invasive species pose a serious threat to Minnesota lakes and streams; and
- WHEREAS: The Clean Drain Dry Initiative of Wildlife Forever, a non-profit conservation organization based in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, coordinates outreach and public education to stop the spread of invasive species; and
- WHEREAS: The Clean Drain Dry Initiative urges everyone to: clean all watercraft and related equipment and remove any visible plants, animals, and sediment onsite; drain all water from the watercraft and related equipment after exiting the water; and dry everything for five days before entering different waters or spray it with hot water/high pressure (120°F/50°C or higher); and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota aquatic invasive species laws require everyone to: clean all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland; drain water-related equipment and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property, and keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft; and dispose of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches and worms, in the trash; and
- WHEREAS: Partners in conservation who are working collaboratively to halt the invasive species include the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota counties, Minnesota lakes associations, nongovernmental organizations, tribal corporations, and federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS: The best management practices to change behavior and protect Minnesota's outdoor heritage is Clean Drain Dry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 14, 2016, as:

CLEAN DRAIN DRY 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 9th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE