



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On Saturday, May 21st, Little Free Library will host the Little Free Library Festival in Minneapolis in celebration of books, reading, and this community; and
- WHEREAS: Little Free Libraries come in many shapes and sizes and are placed by stewards in neighborhoods across the world and act as free book exchanges where anyone can take or leave a book; and
- WHEREAS: What began as a memorial to founder Todd Bol's mother, a schoolteacher, is now a significant movement with more than 40,000 book exchanges worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to promoting its "Take a Book, Return a Book" model, Little Free Library brings neighborhoods and entire communities together; and
- WHEREAS: By establishing partnerships with local libraries, artists, police departments, and community organizations, Little Free Library broadens the reach of their good work and increases access to books, which is the first step to literacy; and
- WHEREAS: By providing resources to Little Free Library stewards, the organization continues to foster community and promote opportunities for sharing stories and ideas among those stewards, no matter where they are; and
- WHEREAS: Little Free Library promotes the power of reading among diverse populations in urban and rural settings, across our country and around the world, and in doing so has created a unique literacy and cultural movement; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 1,071 registered Little Free Libraries and the values they promote are aligned with those the State of Minnesota holds in high esteem.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 21, 2016, as:

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY 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 May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE