



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota's top priority is to ensure the safety of all Minnesotans. We must do everything we can to promote gun safety and to reduce gun violence on our streets and in our communities; and
- WHEREAS: 30,000 Americans across our country are killed every year as a result of gun violence, destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and
- WHEREAS: Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and
- WHEREAS: On January 29, 2013, a 15 year-old Chicago teen was killed a week after she walked in the presidential inaugural parade in Washington DC, which started a movement to honor the teen by wearing orange, the color that symbolizes the value of human life; and
- WHEREAS: Skylines and key buildings nationwide will turn orange on June 1, the start of Gun Violence Awareness Month. Key landmarks in Minnesota will be turning orange, including the I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis and the Enger Tower in Duluth; and
- WHEREAS: Thursday, June 2, 2016 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and together, we honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence.

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

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS 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 1st day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE