



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year, supporters from around the world come together in St. Paul, Minnesota for the Starkey Hearing Foundation's So The World May Hear Awards Gala; and
- WHEREAS: The gala highlights the Foundation's mission of bringing understanding between people through caring and sharing, and celebrates the impact of reflecting these values in the lives of others, thereby making the world a better place; and
- WHEREAS: This year's honorees include award-winning actress and advocate for early childhood education, Jennifer Garner; local humanitarian, Paula F. Goldberg; and former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Right Honourable Tony Blair, for his philanthropic achievements in advancing Africa's future; and
- WHEREAS: Starkey Hearing Foundation has three key initiatives: Hear Now, an application-based program that provides hearing help to low-income Americans; Listen Carefully, a campaign to raise awareness about noise-induced hearing loss and to prevent a hearing loss epidemic; and Hearing Aid Recycling, a hearing aid donation program; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the hearing aids used in international hearing missions come from the recycling program, making hearing aid donations vital to the success of the Foundation; and
- WHEREAS: In 2010, Starkey Hearing Foundation made a commitment to Clinton Global Initiative to provide one million hearing aids this decade, a pursuit that has given the gift of hearing to people in more than 100 countries to date; and
- WHEREAS: The gala will be held at the Saint Paul RiverCentre on Sunday, July 17, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 17, 2016, as:

## SO THE WORLD MAY HEAR 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE