



## STATE of MINNESOTA

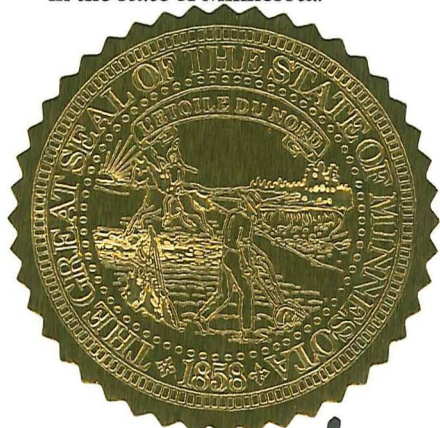
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Malala Yousafzai was born in Mingora, Pakistan on July 12, 1997; and
- WHEREAS: Even in the face of death threats, Malala and her father spoke out as opponents of Taliban efforts to restrict education and stop girls from going to school; and
- WHEREAS: In 2011, Malala received Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize and was nominated by Archbishop Desmond Tutu for the International Children's Peace Prize; and
- WHEREAS: On October 9, 2012, at the age of 15, Malala was shot by the Taliban while traveling home from school on the bus with her friends; and
- WHEREAS: The Taliban's attempt to kill Malala received worldwide condemnation and led to protests across Pakistan, with over 2 million people signing a petition for the right to education; and
- WHEREAS: This outpouring led the National Assembly to ratify Pakistan's first Right To Free and Compulsory Education Bill; and
- WHEREAS: In 2013, Malala and her father co-founded the Malala Fund to bring awareness to the social and economic impact of girls' education and to empower girls to raise their voices, unlock their potential, and demand change; and
- WHEREAS: On December 10, 2014, Malala accepted the Nobel Peace Prize as its youngest recipient. Malala contributed her \$1.1 million prize toward financing the creation of a secondary school for girls in Pakistan; and
- WHEREAS: On July 26, 2016, Malala will speak in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Target Center about her life and experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 26, 2016, as:

## MALALA YOUSAFZAI DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



  
LT. GOVERNOR

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR