



STATE of MINNESOTA

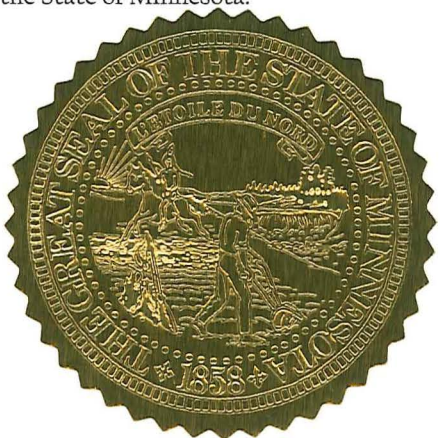
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities by serving as devoted companions, aides, best friends, and family members; and
- WHEREAS: Assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert dogs, and alert/seizure response dogs; and
- WHEREAS: Service dogs assist people with disabilities with walking, balancing, dressing, traveling, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs, and aiding with household chores; and
- WHEREAS: Guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading individuals around physical obstacles; across intersections; entering or exiting doorways, elevators, and stairways; and to destinations such as seating; and
- WHEREAS: Hearing dogs alert people with hearing loss to sounds such as doorbells, telephones, crying babies, sirens, other persons, buzzing timers or sensors, and knocks at the door, and they aid in emergency situations such as smoke or fire; and
- WHEREAS: Alert/seizure response dogs provide warning for oncoming medical conditions including heart attack, stroke, diabetes, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress, and seizures; and
- WHEREAS: International Assistance Dog Week, August 7-13, 2016, provides opportunities to raise awareness of the selfless way assistance dogs help their human partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7-13, 2016, as:

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK

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 5th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE