



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Jovonta Patton, a native son of Minnesota's North Minneapolis neighborhood, is a world class gospel singer, songwriter, and producer who began singing professionally at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS: Jovonta Patton founded Deliverance For Youth (DFY) in 2007, a Twin Cities community choir consisting of youth and young adults whose mission, entitled E.A.S.Y., is Empowering And Saving Youth in our communities and across the nation; and

WHEREAS: Jovonta Patton is an activist for gang and gun violence prevention in North Minneapolis, frequently participating in community, charitable, and church events as well as hosting events, plays, concerts, and conferences that inspire youth; and

WHEREAS: Jovonta Patton's independently produced album, Finally Living, reached the number one spot on Billboard's Top Gospel Albums chart, making him the first independent Gospel artist in history to debut at number one; and

WHEREAS: Jovonta Patton's work has contributed to the vibrancy of our communities, and helped further the growth and status of Minnesota's music scene.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 31, 2016, as:

JOVONTA PATTON 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 29th day of July.


GOVERNOR


LT. GOVERNOR