



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: India celebrates its Independence Day on August 15, commemorating the date the nation received independence from the British; and
- WHEREAS: On August 20, 2016, the India Association of Minnesota will host IndiaFest at the Minnesota State Capitol grounds to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions of India through activities such as a flag raising and parade; and
- WHEREAS: IndiaFest represents a diverse Indian population from many different regions of India, as well as Minnesota Indian Americans who work as educators, business owners, health care providers, technology entrepreneurs, and artists across the state, who will showcase their ethnic roots through costumes, music, dance, and food; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Indian American community, whether they hail from India or have ancestral ties to India, will join in the celebration to demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland; and
- WHEREAS: IndiaFest fosters an appreciation for a diverse culture, recognizing the country and people of India and the vibrant Minnesotan Indian American community of nearly 47,000 who contribute to the vitality of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 20, 2016, as:

INDIA 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 8th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE