

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services; and

WHEREAS: 300 Miles for Freedom (300M4Freedom) is a 300-mile triathlon designed to raise awareness and support for charities, specifically Mission 21 and Lighthouse Nepal, which help rehabilitate and rescue victims of human trafficking both in Minnesota and Nepal; and

WHEREAS: Mission 21 is an anti-trafficking service provider committed to the complete restoration of child victims of sex trafficking. In the last 4 years, Mission 21 has provided support for 38 youth survivors in southeast Minnesota and has educated over 16,000 people on the realities of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS: Lighthouse Nepal rescues and rehabilitates girls victimized by trafficking in Nepal. The foundation has 10 rescue homes for adult women and presently serves 558 children under the supervision of 54 dedicated staff; and

WHEREAS: On Saturday, August 27, 2016, 300M4FREEDOM will begin in Grand Rapids, Minnesota where participants will swim 5 miles, bike 240 miles, and run 55 miles, ending in Austin, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 27, 2016, as:

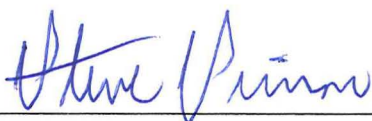
300 MILES 4 FREEDOM DAY

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 19th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE