



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Finnegans Brew Co. & Finnegans Community Fund was founded in Minneapolis, MN on September 1, 2000, as the first beer company in the world to donate 100 percent of its profit to feeding the hungry; and
- WHEREAS: Finnegans became one of Minnesota's first public benefit corporations on January 2, 2015, a title given to companies that pledge to look past profit and make decisions that encourage societal advancements; and
- WHEREAS: Finnegans uses profits from beer sales to donate money through the Finnegans Community Fund, purchasing produce from local farmers through partnerships with food banks to provide food for those in need; and
- WHEREAS: Finnegans started the worlds' first Reverse Food Truck. Rather than serving food, the Finnegans Reverse Food Truck accepts food donations, raising \$31,000 in 2015 and over \$84,000 since its inception in 2014; and
- WHEREAS: Finnegans directly impacts the lives of those living with hunger through its mission of "Turning Beer into Food" and serves as a catalyst to social entrepreneurs by demonstrating how social innovation can build strong communities; and
- WHEREAS: Finnegans Community Fund has raised over \$885,000 in donations since 2000. In honor of Finnegans' Sweet 16 in 2016, the goal has been set to reach \$1,000,000 in total donations to give back to the community.
- WHEREAS: Finnegans Beer Day will raise funds and awareness to create and sustain food programs in Minnesota, improving quality of life through alleviating hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 1, 2016, as:

## FINNEGANS BREW CO. 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LT. GOVERNOR