



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: It is time to take action to eliminate racism in every community; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the YWCA of Minneapolis is "ELIMINATING RACISM AND EMPOWERING WOMEN & GIRLS;" and
- WHEREAS: The YWCA works to promote racial equity through racial justice training, consulting, advocacy, outreach and education, creating spaces for dialogues on race; and
- WHEREAS: Participating in these dialogues provides opportunities for colleagues and friends to build skills while engaging in essential conversations about race; and
- WHEREAS: Talking leads to understanding, understanding leads to action, and action leads to change; and
- WHEREAS: By sharing stories and life experiences, participants expand one another's knowledge and understanding of how racism and white privilege affect everyone; and
- WHEREAS: Understanding the impacts of racism and privilege creates motivation for change on both a personal level and a professional level, carving a path for change across communities and institutions; and
- WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota should take advantage of opportunities to engage in conversations about race with a racially-diverse group of people to expand knowledge and inspire understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 18, 2016, as:

DIALOGUE ON RACE 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 1st day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE