



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS: Low blood supply is a public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for our residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are more than 9.5 million blood donors in the United States, and an estimated five million patients receive blood annually; and
- WHEREAS: One pint of blood can save the lives of up to three patients; and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, many people do not actually participate in blood donation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including United Blood Services, American Red Cross, and many others; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Blood Donation Day serves to remind us that we need to replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September, 10, 2016, as:

MINNESOTA BLOOD DONATION 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