



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Jacob Wetterling was kidnapped near his home on October 22, 1989; and
- WHEREAS: The Wetterling family's tragedy profoundly affected the lives of all Minnesotans and we have held their family in our hearts for nearly 27 years; and
- WHEREAS: Jacob's parents, Jerry and Patty Wetterling, have dedicated their lives to advocacy for children's safety; and
- WHEREAS: This tragedy led to the federal Jacob Wetterling Act in 1994, and the creation of a state sex-offender registry to help keep children safe; and
- WHEREAS: The Wetterling family never stopped searching for Jacob, and kept their porch light on for him for nearly 27 years; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are encouraged to leave their porch lights on beginning the night before the service for Jacob on September 24, 2016, and the night of the memorial service on September 25, 2016; and
- WHEREAS: The I-35W bridge was lit blue for 11 nights as part of the #11forJacob movement, which all Minnesotans are encouraged to join, by committing to live by the values of fairness, kindness, and compassion that Jacob held dear; and
- WHEREAS: The "Running HOME for Jacob 5K" will be held in his honor by the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center at 9:00am on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 22, 2016, as:

JACOB WETTERLING DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 23rd day of September.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR