



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In honor of Thanksgiving Day 1961, President John F. Kennedy wrote, "We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope. We give thanks, too, for our freedom as a nation; for the strength of our arms and the faith of our friends; for the beliefs and confidence we share; for our determination to stand firmly for what we believe to be right and to resist mightily what we believe to be base; and for the heritage of liberty bequeathed by our ancestors which we are privileged to preserve for our children and our children's children;" and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the joys in our lives and hope that those who mourn find comfort and those who are in harm's way find safety; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the beauty of Minnesota's land and the dedication of our farm families, whose efforts put food on Thanksgiving tables across our nation; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for progress achieved through learning, productivity, and innovation, which makes Minnesota a leader in business and education; and
- WHEREAS: We give thanks for the quality of life we enjoy in Minnesota, due in part to our efforts in health care, high levels of volunteerism, world-class educational system, and the abundance of valuable services provided to the citizens of our state; and
- WHEREAS: We must pause to reflect on our freedoms, our blessings, and our democratic way of life, and give thanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 24, 2016, as:

# THANKSGIVING 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE