



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2016 is the 125th anniversary of Minnesota State Parks and Trails; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's park and trail system has grown since 1891 to include 66 state parks, 9 state recreation areas, 25 state trails, and 60 state forest campgrounds and day-use areas; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota state parks alone had nearly 10 million visitors in 2015 and are on track to exceed that total in 2016; and
- WHEREAS: State parks are conveniently located across the state – within 30 miles of almost all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Research shows that spending time in nature has many health benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota state parks offer a variety of year-round activities that families and friends can enjoy together; and
- WHEREAS: More than two-thirds of Minnesotans who visit a state park make a return visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 25, 2016, as:

FREE PARK FRIDAY

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 18th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE