



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Bob Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman in Duluth, Minnesota on May 24, 1941; and
- WHEREAS: Dylan was raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, and graduated from Hibbing High School in 1959; and
- WHEREAS: He played in several bands throughout high school and college, and performed his first paying gig at the Hibbing Armory with the 'Golden Chords'; and
- WHEREAS: Dylan drew inspiration from folk, blues, country, R&B, rock 'n' roll, gospel, poetry, surrealism, personal experience, and social commentary to create distinctive prose and music; and
- WHEREAS: He is widely recognized as one of the most influential songwriters in the post-war era, and for transforming the boundaries of American popular music; and
- WHEREAS: Dylan is a 1997 Kennedy Center Honors winner, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012; and
- WHEREAS: He was awarded a special Pulitzer Prize in 2008 for "his profound impact on popular music and American Culture, marked by lyrical compositions of extraordinary poetic power"; and
- WHEREAS: Dylan has been awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature for work that the Swedish Academy described as "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition"; and
- WHEREAS: Dylan's legacy is such that generations of people in the United States and around the world will know and celebrate his immense contributions to American literary culture and popular song.

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

BOB DYLAN DAY

in the state of Minnesota.




LT. GOVERNOR

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 8th day of December.


GOVERNOR