



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to influence and inspire our nation with his words, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King challenged us to choose the sometimes difficult path in saying, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King reminded us, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King warned us the road to equality would not be easy when he stated, "Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability . . . we must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King inspired us to go forth in our brilliance in his words of encouragement, "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King taught us that, in our nation's great history, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King declared, "We shall not . . . relinquish our privilege and our obligation to love. This is the only way to create the beloved community." His words entreat us to serve each other, care for one another, and continue striving toward a more just, equal, and prosperous society for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2017, as:

REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 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 13th day of January.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE