



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Penumbra Theatre is the nation's largest and preeminent African American theater driven to bring social change through artistically excellent, thought provoking, and relevant art grounded in the African American experience; and
- WHEREAS: Founded in 1976 by Artistic Director Lou Bellamy, Penumbra Theatre is celebrating its 40th anniversary through the Penumbra at 40 exhibit; and
- WHEREAS: The Penumbra at 40 exhibit will be displayed at the Minnesota History Center from Saturday, February 18 through Sunday, July 30, 2017; and
- WHEREAS: The Penumbra at 40 exhibit provides a behind-the-scenes look at the founding and the epic journey of the theater's unwavering commitment to artistic excellence and social justice through original scripts, props, costumes, and more; and
- WHEREAS: Penumbra Theatre, under the leadership of Artistic Director Sarah Bellamy, will continue to present transformative art from the African American perspective and engage in compassionate, challenging conversations around issues of social justice; and
- WHEREAS: Community residents and Minnesotans from across the state are encouraged to visit the exhibit and learn the rich history of the Penumbra Theatre that has contributed to the vibrant culture of the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 17, 2017, as:

PENUMBRA THEATRE AT 40 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 17th day of February.


GOVERNOR


LT. GOVERNOR