



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. is a duly ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the oldest Black Christian denomination in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS: As a servant leader, he has faithfully served communities in Minnesota and Iowa in the dual capacity of Presiding Elder of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis District of the AME Church as well as Pastor of Wayman AME Church; and
- WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. led the collaboration between Harvest Preparatory School, a Minneapolis charter school, and Wayman AME Church, and was involved with the establishment of the Synergy Boys School; and
- WHEREAS: In 1999, he founded the Wayman Bible Institute at Wayman AME Church, and in 2008, the Richard Allen Math and Science Academy; and
- WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. was a delegate to the 2000 General Conference and to the 2017 General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the worldwide Bicentennial Celebration of the AME Church; and
- WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. and Mrs. Janice Reff have been married for 54 years and are loving and devoted parents, grandparents, and great-grand parents; and
- WHEREAS: After 55 years in the ministry, 13 years as the Presiding Elder of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis District of the Fourth Episcopal District of the Chicago Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and 33 years as the Pastor of Wayman AME Church, the Reverend Dr. Alphonse Reff, Sr. is retiring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of April, 2017, as:

THE REVEREND DR. ALPHONSE REFF, SR. DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Smith".

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 26th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR