



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Every individual has value and should be provided the opportunity to achieve their dreams; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, through the Minnesota Human Rights Act, has declared that discrimination in education, housing, employment, public services and public accommodations all threaten the rights and privileges of people in our state and the foundations of our democracy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Governor Harold LeVander signed legislation creating the Minnesota Department of Human Rights on May 25, 1967; and
- WHEREAS: On July 1, 1967, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights became a state agency dedicated to eliminating discrimination through education, advocacy, and enforcement of the Minnesota Human Rights Act; and
- WHEREAS: The Department's responsibilities also include ensuring that state contractors provide equal employment opportunities to women, people of color, and people with disabilities; addressing school bullying; supporting the growth of entrepreneurs from emerging communities in Minnesota; and ensuring that contractors provide equal pay to women; and
- WHEREAS: The Department will have a celebration in the Capitol Rotunda on April 27, 2017, to commemorate Minnesota's commitment to human rights so that Minnesotans can enjoy their lives free from the burdens of discrimination; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the Department to ensure that all people in Minnesota can fully participate in society free from discrimination is as important today as it was in 1967.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 27, 2017, as:

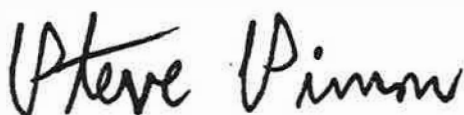
MINNESOTA HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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 26th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE