



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is important to pause and reflect upon the inspirational moments of Minnesota's history, and it is incumbent upon us to recognize these moments; and

WHEREAS: The Ojibwe and Dakota were among the peoples who first made what is now Minnesota their home, enriching our country and state's character and culture; and

WHEREAS: On May 11, 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state admitted into the union; and

WHEREAS: Admission of Minnesota into the union was passed by Congress and approved by President James Buchanan on May 11, 1858. Days later, state officers took their oaths of office and Minnesota's state government began to function; and

WHEREAS: For 159 years, people from all walks of life have come to make Minnesota their home, drawn by our striking landscapes and waterways, or unlimited opportunities, our rich and growing diversity that enhances our communities and culture, and the chance to be part of a prosperous and dynamic state; and

WHEREAS: On the occasion of Statehood Day we celebrate the proud history of our state; and

WHEREAS: Thursday, May 11, 2017, marks the 159th anniversary of Minnesota's statehood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 11, 2017, as:

MINNESOTA STATEHOOD DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 11th day of May.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR