



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton was born in Minnesota on May 13, 1951 and attended Minneapolis Central High School and later attended Macalester College; and

WHEREAS: Sayles Belton worked for the Minnesota Department of Corrections and was the first woman Probation Officer to supervise adult males in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Sayles Belton represented the Eighth Ward on the Minneapolis City Council for ten years from 1984-1993 and was the Council President from 1990-1993; and

WHEREAS: Sayles Belton served as Mayor of Minneapolis from 1994-2001 and was not only the first woman, but also the first African American to serve in this position in the city's 140 year history; and

WHEREAS: During her tenure as Mayor, Minneapolis experienced its first population growth in decades, increased city services and affordable housing, the implementation of the community crime prevention/SAFE program, redevelopment of the historic Mississippi Riverfront; and

WHEREAS: Minneapolis also experienced significant economic growth with increasing property values and a renewed downtown with the building of the Target World Headquarters, the U.S. Bank Corporation, the American Express Business Center and the rehabilitation of several historic theatres on Hennepin Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Sayles Belton has always strived to be inclusive, forge consensus among stakeholders and build coalitions to make her community a better place for all, to accomplish justice and equity; and

WHEREAS: On May 16, 2017, a bust will be installed in Minneapolis City Hall/Hennepin County Courthouse to honor Sharon Sayles Belton and her over 40 years of public service.

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

## SHARON SAYLES BELTON 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LT. GOVERNOR