



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Mike Charboneau grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota and attended DeLaSalle High School and later attended St. John's University; and
- WHEREAS: In 1974, Mike began his political tenure as an intern for Representative Bob McEachern, who was also one of Mike's high school teachers and football coach; and
- WHEREAS: In that same year, Mike began working in Governor Wendell Anderson's office as the Special Assistant to the Governor; and
- WHEREAS: Mike then worked for Senator Wendell Anderson in his Minnesota office, as a driver and later staff for Senator Anderson's Constituent Service Mobile Office, traveling the state in a van to bring services directly to Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: From 1979 until 1991, Mike worked in the insurance, banking, and computer industries before his arrival at the House as Representative Jim Rice's Committee Administrator; and
- WHEREAS: Mike has been involved with the House DFL Caucus for many years and has held numerous positions, including Executive Assistant to the Majority Leader, Legislative Director to the Speaker, and Executive Director of the House DFL Caucus; and
- WHEREAS: Mike's many years as a trusted advisor earned him the respect of numerous caucus leaders, even though most legislators never seem to know what he does; and
- WHEREAS: He has been a mentor to many House DFL Caucus staff, training them to always "pay attention," "be consistent," "think it through," and say a lot of words without saying much of substance; and
- WHEREAS: Mike will finally enjoy a much-deserved retirement with time for golf, concerts at Red Rocks, and travel with his wife and family, no longer constrained by the legislative sessions; and
- WHEREAS: Today, we honor and celebrate Mike Charboneau for his remarkable career in public service and his dedication to improving our government, our community, and our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 15, 2017, as:

MIKE CHARBONEAU DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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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 15th day of May.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR