



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1946, is celebrating 71 years as a premier international women's volunteer service organization, with more than 14,000 members in 281 chapters, including the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; and
- WHEREAS: The organization's local, national and international initiatives have resulted in transformational programs in the focus areas of youth services, the arts, national trends and services, international trends and services, and health and human services; and
- WHEREAS: The Links Foundation, Incorporated, the philanthropic arm of the organization, has made more than \$24 million in charitable contributions since its founding; and
- WHEREAS: The members of The Links, Incorporated are dedicated volunteers who are making a positive difference locally, regionally, globally, with the Central Area region of the Links, Incorporated consisting of 69 chapters in 15 states; and with over 2,800 members who have contributed over 500,000 volunteer service hours in their respective communities annually; and
- WHEREAS: The Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has been a vital partner across the Twin Cities community and the State of Minnesota, collaborating with key businesses and non-profits to help improve the quality of life for all individuals; and
- WHEREAS: The convening of the 40th Central Area Conference, themed "The Power of One through Friendship and Service," will be proudly hosted by the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, with events occurring in the Twin Cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 7, 2017, as:

LINKS CENTRAL AREA CONFERENCE 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 18th day of May.


GOVERNOR



LT. GOVERNOR