



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dental Lifeline Network Minnesota and the Minnesota Dental Association established the Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program in 2003, with support from Delta Dental of Minnesota and the Minnesota Dental Foundation; and
- WHEREAS: Through the DDS Program, dentists and dental laboratories donate comprehensive treatment for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and who cannot afford dental care; and
- WHEREAS: More than 437 dentists and 106 dental labs volunteer for the DDS Program, and they have treated over 1,949 people with seriously neglected dental problems throughout Minnesota since the program's inception; and
- WHEREAS: The DDS Program recently surpassed a landmark milestone of supplying \$10 million in donated dental services through the generosity and benevolence of dentists and laboratories throughout the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The DDS Program has nationally provided more than \$340 million in donated dental services; and
- WHEREAS: The strength and success of the State of Minnesota, the vitality of our communities, and the effectiveness of society depend, in great measure, upon concerned and devoted programs as exemplified by the Minnesota Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 30, 2017, as:

## DONATED DENTAL SERVICES RECOGNITION 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR

