



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: America has been blessed with an abundance of men and women who proudly and bravely serve their country, sacrificing a great deal for the cherished causes of freedom and democracy; and
- WHEREAS: We salute their bravery and dedication to the defense of our democracy and the sovereignty of freedom-loving nations around the world; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize it takes an extraordinary person to willingly step into harm's way to protect others and to defend freedom; and
- WHEREAS: As honored and respected citizens, our servicemen and women have learned the value of service, dedication, and discipline and know the worth of life and liberty; and
- WHEREAS: America has found in our servicemen and women the leadership, courage, and determination needed to overcome all forms of despicable threats to our nation and its freedom; and
- WHEREAS: We owe our military personnel a debt of gratitude which can never be fully repaid and recognize the men and women of the USS Duluth LPD-6 for their service during the life of the ship from 1965 to 2005; and
- WHEREAS: The USS Duluth Crewmembers Association is conducting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial USS Duluth Crewmembers Association Reunion in the City of Duluth from September 6-10, 2017; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to recognizing and honoring the many fine individuals who make the world a better and safer place for new generations of Americans who will continue to reap the benefits of such a proud legacy of selfless service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 6-10, 2017, as:

## USS DULUTH LPD-6 REUNION WEEK

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



LT. GOVERNOR