



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Farhio House was founded in 2012 by Farhio Khalif for East African and Muslim refugees and immigrant women; and
- WHEREAS: Farhio House provides East African Women a safe place, where they can receive culturally specific services and connect with other women; and
- WHEREAS: Farhio House provides shelter, support, advocacy, prevention and education services to survivors of domestic and sex trafficking victims to help them create a community in which violence will not be tolerated; and
- WHEREAS: Asha Hassan, Farhio Khalif's mother, instilled the vision in her daughter to be a strong advocate to empower women, youth, and the homeless because of her own experience as a young woman; and
- WHEREAS: As a teenager, Farhio's mother sent her away to Italy to protect her from domestic violence she was experiencing, where she found safe shelter in the home of a friendly stranger; and
- WHEREAS: Farhio never forgot the kindness and generosity she received, which helped serve as a model for Farhio House; and
- WHEREAS: Governor Dayton signed legislation in 2013 providing funding for Farhio House, the first East African Muslim Shelter for domestically abused, sex-trafficked, and homeless women and girls in the United States.

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

FARHIO HOUSE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 7th day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR