



STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS: Eighteen years ago, Bruce "The Kaiser" Larson, a St. Paul philanthropist whose love of languages, history, and costume led him to launch the city's annual three-day Oktoberfest festival; and

WHEREAS: Bruce gave back to Minnesota in a multitude of ways, and remained dedicated to German history, language, and heritage throughout his life; and

WHEREAS: Thanks to Bruce's vision, St. Paul Oktoberfest is a world-class family festival that honors and celebrates German heritage, not just for Germans, but for all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: St. Paul Oktoberfest is one of the most authentic Munich-style celebrations in Minnesota, featuring German food, drink, culture, and history; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota remains committed to cultural, educational, and philanthropic events that benefit Minnesota families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 15-16, 2017, as:

SAINT PAUL OKTOBERFEST

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 15th day of September.




GOVERNOR


LT. GOVERNOR