



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Irondale's innovative and award-winning marching band, the Marching Knights, creates memorable experiences that inspire and challenge young people to discover and commit their individual best in musical and visual performance; and

WHEREAS: The Irondale Band Boosters, a volunteer-led, nonprofit organization, organized the first Music of the Knight Marching Band Field Show Competition in September 1993, hosted at Irondale High School in New Brighton; and

WHEREAS: Over the past two-and-a-half decades, Music of the Knight (MOTK) has been regionally recognized for its welcoming festival, drawing dozens of marching bands from across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS: MOTK annually attracts more than 4,000 participants and spectators from the region, and serves as the largest amateur performing arts exhibition in the northern Twin Cities metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS: MOTK is the largest co-curricular event at Irondale High School, and its success is tied to the support of thousands of band family, alumni, and community volunteers, businesses, and organizations; and

WHEREAS: MOTK celebrates young band members and demonstrates our district's Equity Promise by connecting students to one another, preparing students for post-secondary success and making a remarkable difference for generations.

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

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MUSIC OF THE KNIGHT MARCHING BAND COMPETITION 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE