



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: October 2, 2017 marks the 148<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, better known as Mahatma ('the Great Soul') Gandhi; and
- WHEREAS: The cardinal principle that guided Mahatma Gandhi's life was Ahimsā, or "non-violence;" and
- WHEREAS: His life and teachings have inspired leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and many others throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS: Ahimsā calls upon individuals to refrain from hurting or injuring anyone through actions, speech, or even thoughts; and promotes a fundamental belief that everyone should be treated with love, empathy, compassion, and respect; and
- WHEREAS: Ahimsā supports resolving disputes through non-violent methods; and
- WHEREAS: Non-Violence Day brings an awareness of these noble principles to promote peace among all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 2, 2017, as:

## NON-VIOLENCE 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