

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) began broadcasting from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, on January 22, 1967; and
- WHEREAS: MPR has 46 network stations serving nearly all of Minnesota and parts of surrounding states; and, MPR reaches one million listeners in Minnesota each week through its three services: MPR News, Classical MPR, and The Current; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Radio is one of the nation's premier public radio stations, producing programs for radio, digital, and live audiences; and, MPR's national programming reaches more than 20 million listeners across the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Radio has earned nearly 1,000 broadcasting and journalism awards, including 7 George Foster Peabody Awards, 6 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards, a prestigious Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Gold Baton Award, and a Grammy Award; and
- WHEREAS: American Public Media, MPR's national programming division, is one of the largest producers and distributors of public radio programming in the world and the distributor of several public radio programs heard on nearly 1,000 radio stations nationwide each week, including: A Prairie Home Companion, Performance Today, and Marketplace; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Radio uses its regional network and technical infrastructure to deliver vital public services throughout Minnesota, specifically: the State's Emergency Alert System (EAS); the State's AMBER Alert System, used for child-abduction warnings; and Radio Talking Book, the reading service from the Minnesota State Services for the Blind; and
- WHEREAS: MPR has built a far-reaching legacy in public media in the last half-century and has helped shape the cultural landscape of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Public Radio marks its first half-century in 2017, and is celebrating throughout Minnesota with MPR50 programming and special events on air, online, and in person across the State.

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

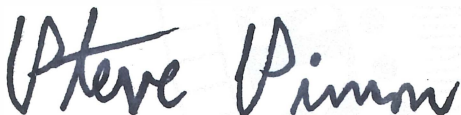
## MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO DAY

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE