



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry Association established November 3, 2017, as International Speculative Poetry Day; and
- WHEREAS: International Speculative Poetry Day seeks to highlight the vibrant legacy and extraordinary achievement of speculative poets; and
- WHEREAS: It is further intended to introduce communities to the delights and benefits of reading and writing speculative poetry, and make speculative poetry an important and innovative part of our cultural life; and
- WHEREAS: Speculative poetry has been written and championed by writers over the centuries such as: Edgar Allan Poe, Lewis Carroll, Bruce Boston, Robert Frazier, Jane Yolen, Ray Bradbury, Steve Sneyd, Marge Simon, David C. Kopaska Merkel, United States Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith, and Suzette Haden Elgin, founder of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry Association; and
- WHEREAS: Speculative poetry has produced some of the nation's leading creative artists and influential books, performances, and exhibitions, inspiring other artists, educators, and community builders around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 3, 2017, as:

SPECULATIVE POETRY 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 27th day of October.




GOVERNOR



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