



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ed Roberts is often called the father of the Independent Living Movement; and
- WHEREAS: The treatment of people with disabilities has advanced considerably in the past half century, thanks in part to the work of Ed Roberts; and
- WHEREAS: The Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities is to achieve the same civil rights and control over choices in their own lives as people without disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Independent living services assist Minnesotans with disabilities and their families in accessing supports designed for the unique needs of every individual and ensuring equal access, inclusion, and independence; and
- WHEREAS: Ed Roberts' life's work was his activism for disability rights, including expanding access for students with disabilities at his alma mater, the University of California-Berkley and becoming co-founder of the World Institute on Disability; and
- WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives recognized January 23, 2011, as Ed Roberts Day; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Ed Roberts and the importance of independent living services, which help people with disabilities to be as independent as they can be and create communities that are barrier-free and welcoming to everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 23, 2018, as:

## ED ROBERTS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Simon*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR