



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 11 sovereign Tribal Nations and approximately 118,000 Minnesota residents self-identify as American Indians; and
- WHEREAS: On August 8, 2013, Governor Mark Dayton issued Executive Order 13-10, which affirms the government-to-government relationship between the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Tribal Nations, and provided for improved consultation, coordination, and cooperation; and
- WHEREAS: Employees of state agencies are mandated to consult with the tribes on matters of mutual interest, and must be equipped with the knowledge and tools to implement such consultation; and
- WHEREAS: More than 2,000 state agency employees have learned more about Minnesota's Tribes and have interacted directly with them through the expert-led Tribal-State Relations Training program (TSRT) since January 2012; and
- WHEREAS: The TSRT program is a unique collaboration with the State of Minnesota, the 11 Minnesota Tribal Nations, and the University of Minnesota/Duluth's American Indian Studies Program and the Continuing Education Department; and
- WHEREAS: The TSRT is improving relationships and understanding, state agency understanding of Minnesota's Tribal Nations by teaching state employees about American Indian Tribal governments, histories, cultures, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS: The TSRT, endorsed by resolution of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, is a recipient of the Humphrey Institute's 2016 State Government Innovation Award and a semifinalist in the Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center's Innovation in American Government Award; and
- WHEREAS: Each Minnesota Tribal Nation has an independent relationship with the State of Minnesota and the partners of the TSRT are committed to strengthening the government-to-government relationship with the Tribes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 8, 2018, as:

### TRIBAL-STATE RELATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of December.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE