



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Substance use disorder professionals and mental health professionals make a real difference in their communities by helping reduce the impact of mental illness and the use of alcohol and drugs on people's lives; and

WHEREAS: There are substance use disorder and mental health positions to fit a wide range of skills, experience and education, and, no matter where a person enters the field, there are opportunities to advance and grow; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota needs substance use disorder professionals and mental health professionals from all backgrounds and cultures who are respectful and inclusive of the beliefs, attitudes, practices, and cultures of different communities; and

WHEREAS: The opioid crisis, exacerbated by an existing workplace shortage, has generated an abundance of employment opportunities for substance use disorder professionals and mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, will be hosting a Workforce Forum for students on May 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The 2018 Minnesota Workforce Forum at Metropolitan State University will be one of only four such forums held around the country to encourage students to consider careers in the substance use and mental health disorder professions; and

WHEREAS: Students will learn about Minnesota's workforce needs, state certification and licensing requirements, national certification opportunities, networking and mentoring, and other professional development opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 11, 2018, as:

SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER WORKFORCE FORUM 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 3rd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE