



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Jessica “Jessie” Diggins was born on August 26, 1991, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and grew up in Afton, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Diggins began skiing at the age of 4, and by age 11 was competing against high school athletes, going on to win three state titles at Stillwater Area High School under the mentorship of Coach Kris Hansen; and

WHEREAS: Diggins joined the U.S. Ski Team’s Junior National program, where she won nine Junior National Titles before joining the U.S. National Cross-Country Ski Team in 2011; and

WHEREAS: Diggins was first named to the United States Olympic Team in 2014, where tied the distance record for an American woman cross-country skier in the 15 kilometer skiathlon; and

WHEREAS: Diggins’ many accomplishments in skiing include becoming the first American woman world champion at the 2013 World Championships, alongside Kikkan Randall, and becoming the first U.S. woman to medal in a distance event at the 2015 World Championships, where she finished second; and

WHEREAS: Diggins and Randall teamed up again in the 2018 Winter Olympics, where they became the first American cross-country skiers to capture Olympic gold medals, by winning the women’s team sprint in PyeongChang, South Korea; and

WHEREAS: No American had ever before won an Olympic medal in cross-country skiing, and Diggins’ significant accomplishment was recognized when she was selected as the flag bearer for the United States at the 2018 Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony; and

WHEREAS: Diggins has captured the nation’s attention with her incredible athletic accomplishments, inspiring great pride in her home state of Minnesota, and throughout the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2018, as:

JESSIE DIGGINS 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 11th day of May.

GOVERNOR