



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: White Bear Arts Council was formed on May 16, 1968, as the Art Council Board, to foster opportunities for experienced and emerging artists; and
- WHEREAS: The White Bear Arts Council began offering year-round art classes and expanded programming throughout the community in 1996; and
- WHEREAS: The Art Council Board changed the organization's name to White Bear Center for the Arts on May 22, 1997; and
- WHEREAS: White Bear Center for the Arts was the recipient of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs' Local Government Innovation Award in 2010 for its innovative partnership with White Bear Lake Area Schools; and
- WHEREAS: In 2013, as a result of tremendous growth, White Bear Center for the Arts moved into its current state-of-the-art facility that has allowed the organization to expand and diversify program offerings; and
- WHEREAS: The White Bear Center for the Arts is a significant economic engine for the region, generating nearly \$1.7 million each year in total economic activity; and
- WHEREAS: White Bear Center for the Arts is the only non-profit arts organization in the Greater Northeast Metropolitan Area that offers a broad range of high-quality art classes and programs for children, adults, and families; and
- WHEREAS: White Bear Center for the Arts is committed to diversity and inclusion and offers a wealth of programming in the arts, as well as artist development, performances, exhibitions, high school visual arts and writing contests, and outreach initiatives for underserved populations; and
- WHEREAS: White Bear Center for the Arts strives to offer diverse arts experiences by creating educational opportunities for new and established artists; cultivating the understanding of art in its many forms, and celebrating the joys of art.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 16, as:

WHITE BEAR CENTER FOR THE ARTS 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



SECRETARY OF STATE