



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 66<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Legislature voted to establish the Minnesota Zoological Garden Board, which opened the Minnesota Zoological Garden on May 22, 1979; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden is a state agency and belongs to the people of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden is a world-class zoo connecting people, animals, and the natural world to save wildlife; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden serves 1.35 million visitors each year; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden is an economic engine, with \$227.7 million in gross output, approximately 2,265 jobs and \$137.2 million in value-added impacts; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden is a respected world leader in conservation, with significant conservation achievements in Minnesota to restore trumpeter swans and bison, and projects underway to save prairie butterflies, freshwater mussels, and turtles; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden is celebrating “40 years of Amazing!”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 22, 2018 as:

## MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE