



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of commercial sex work or forced labor; and
- WHEREAS: There are an estimated 24.9 million million people around the world who are held as modern-day slaves; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota service providers reported working with more than 1,300 victims of human trafficking in 2015, while law enforcement agencies in the state investigated more than 100 trafficking cases; and
- WHEREAS: 30 for Freedom is a 30-mile race, half-marathon race, and 5k-race designed to raise awareness and support for charities, specifically Venture Expeditions, Project Rescue and F.R.E.E. International, which help to rescue and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking in the United States, India, and Nepal; and
- WHEREAS: Project Rescue, F.R.E.E. International, and Venture Expeditions are anti-trafficking service providers committed to the complete restoration of child victims of sex trafficking; and
- WHEREAS: On Saturday, May 26, 2018, 30 for Freedom will begin in Bloomington, Minnesota, and run through Egan, Apple Valley, Burnsville, and ending in Bloomington, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 26, 2018, as:

## 30 FOR FREEDOM 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