

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Black men and all citizens of Minnesota deserve the opportunity to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS: Many black men in Minnesota experience disparities in economic and educational opportunity that undermine their ability to effectively contribute to their families and communities; and

WHEREAS: The Community Empowerment Through Black Men Health Conference has been held annually since 2009 to improve the health and wellness of black men and their families, resulting in the larger community becoming healthier and safer; and

WHEREAS: The conference provides an opportunity for meaningful community engagement and access to national and local educators and community practitioners to discuss and introduce practical culturally sensitive trauma informed, outcome-driven methods, and services; and

WHEREAS: The conference addresses critical issues and best practices including: historical and intergenerational trauma, public health issue, and gender issues; and

WHEREAS: The decade of conference titles are: Black Men Healing (2009); Call to Action (2010); Wellness and Accountability (2011); Compassionate Accountability (2012); Healing the Village (2013); Shifting the Paradigm (2014); Historical Trauma (2015); Standing Up For Children (2016); The Color of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) (2017); Sankofa (2018); and

WHEREAS: Samuel Simmons has provided culturally sensitive trauma informed approaches for more than 27 years and served as the Community Empowerment Through Black Men Healing Conference coordinator for the past decade.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 21, 2018 as:

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH BLACK MEN HEALING 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 8th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE