



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Hammer Residences, a Wayzata-based 501(c) 3, was founded in 1923 by Alvina Hammer; and
- WHEREAS: Hammer's mission is to provide adults and children with developmental disabilities the opportunity to experience life to its fullest; and
- WHEREAS: Hammer now has 46 group homes and apartment programs, serving over 1,900 adults and children throughout the Twin Cities; and
- WHEREAS: Reach for Ralph, Hammer's annual fundraising event, will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 and is inspired by Ralph Rosenvold who lived at Hammer for over 70 years; and
- WHEREAS: With the support of volunteers, friends, family, and Hammer caregivers, Ralph experienced his life to the fullest; and
- WHEREAS: Ralph's spirit invites us all to live full, joyful lives, with a williness to try new things and take on life's many challenges; and
- WHEREAS: Ralph embodies the spirit of Hammer, a community of people who respect each individual's abilities, and whose collective spirit makes dreams come true; and
- WHEREAS: Reach for Ralph Day recognizes the significant impact of Ralph Rosenvold and founder Alvina Hammer, whose innovations continue to lead the way for people living with disabilities.

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

REACH FOR RALPH 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 9th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE