

STATE of MINNESOTA

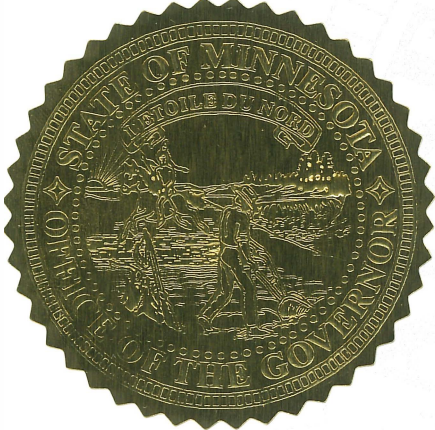
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Bell Museum, the state's official museum of natural history, was established on February 29, 1872 by the Minnesota State Legislature and entrusted to the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Bell Museum's mission is to ignite curiosity and wonder, explore our connections to nature and the universe, and create a better future for our evolving world; and
- WHEREAS: For over a century, the Museum has preserved and interpreted our state's rich natural history and served learners of all ages through hands-on experiences at the intersection of the sciences, arts, and humanities; and
- WHEREAS: The Bell Museum's scientific collections contain over one million specimens, representing every county in Minnesota and locales from around the world; and
- WHEREAS: As Minnesota and the world face critical challenges to the long-term health and sustainability of our environment, the Museum is committed to providing all Minnesotans the opportunity to explore solution-based thinking; and
- WHEREAS: The Museum serves as a gateway to the great minds, resources, and discoveries of the University of Minnesota, engaging Minnesota's PreK-12 educators, students, and families at one of the nation's top public research universities; and
- WHEREAS: Inquiry-based, collaborative learning experiences, aligned with state standards, expose young minds to university research, inspires the next generation of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) leaders, and builds a dynamic workforce and economy; and
- WHEREAS: The Bell Museum is committed to creating an inclusive environment that welcomes and engages all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: We celebrate the opening of a new Bell Museum, a state-of-the-art facility featuring a digital planetarium, high-tech exhibits, renowned wildlife dioramas, and a Touch and See Lab, made possible through the generous support of Minnesotans statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the weekend of July 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2018, as:

BELL MUSEUM DAYS

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