



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Over a period of years, the Rondo community was destroyed and its residents dispersed due to the construction of Interstate 94 that devastated Rondo Avenue; and

WHEREAS: For the past 34 years, Rondo Avenue, Inc., has sponsored the annual Rondo Days Festival bringing friends, family, and old and new residents together to celebrate the history and legacy of the Rondo community at a multicultural celebration of art, music, food, and family fun; and

WHEREAS: On July 14, 2018, after four years of planning, fundraising and construction, Rondo Avenue, Inc. will dedicate the Rondo Commemorative Plaza as a permanent site to remember, reflect, and reconcile the memory of Rondo in a new and exciting venue; and

WHEREAS: Through the annual Rondo Days Festival, and now with programming and events at the Rondo Commemorative Plaza, Rondo Avenue, Inc., has proven its extraordinary commitment to preserving, enhancing and sharing Rondo's rich heritage for future generations of all residents of the City of Saint Paul and of the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 14, 2018 as:

## GRAND OPENING OF THE RONDO COMMEMORATIVE PLAZA

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE