



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Native American youth face some of the most challenging disparities and barriers to success in the country, but their cultures, communities, and nations also provide them with tremendous strength and resilience; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014, President Obama and the Center for Native American Youth launched the Generation Indigenous Initiative to focus on improving the lives of Native youth through new investments and increased engagement; and
- WHEREAS: Today, that initiative has been brought to the State of Minnesota/Mnisota, and Generation Indigenous participants have enthusiastically embraced opportunities to improve their communities by participating in the first-in-the nation state Tribal Youth Gathering; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota/Mnisota is home to 11 different nationally recognized Native American Tribes; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota/Mnisota Native Youth will gather for a one-day conference where they will expand their ability to advocate for, and on behalf, of themselves and strengthen their leadership skills to continue making positive change; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota/Mnisota Native Youth will focus on addressing important topics including Culture and Language Revitalization, Health, Education, History, Self-Sufficiency and Sovereignty, and Youth Engagement and Public Leadership Development within their communities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota/Mnisota leaders will come together to uplift, encourage, and support Minnesota/Mnisota Native Youth; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota/Mnisota Native Youth will create a larger collaborative platform to contribute and share resources to help support each other, in order to feel a broader sense of strength and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 27, 2018, as:

MINNESOTA/MNISOTA TRIBAL YOUTH GATHERING 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 26th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE