



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Igbos are one of the major ethnic groups of Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: There are thousands of Igbo residents in Minnesota, some of whom have lived in Minnesota for more than forty years; and
- WHEREAS: Igbos in Minnesota formed the Ummune Cultural Association of Minnesota in 1985, a non-profit organization formed to unite and educate Igbos, their families, and all Minnesotans about Igbo culture, art, music, and values through community activities; and
- WHEREAS: The Ummune Cultural Association has been involved with causes such as breast cancer, education, the arts, volunteering in local schools and organizations, book drives, and cultural performances at local festivals; and
- WHEREAS: The Ummune Cultural Association hosted the first IgboFest in 1994 in order to celebrate the rich heritage of the Igbos and educate Minnesotans about their culture; and
- WHEREAS: The Ummune Cultural Association is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IgboFest on August 11, 2018 at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 11, 2018, as:

## IGBOS IN MINNESOTA 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE