



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway was instituted in the State of Minnesota in 1895 as a fraternal benefit society by 18 Norwegian Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway now has 50,000 members in over 350 lodges throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS: For 123 years, the Sons of Norway has provided financial products that provide peace of mind and deliver security through every stage of each member's life; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway continues to attract members of both genders interested in Nordic heritage and culture; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway promotes the learning of cultural skills and languages, in an effort to continue the Nordic legacy; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway sponsors youth activities and awards scholarships to ensure the continuation of Nordic traditions; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout the year, Sons of Norway members are active and generous volunteers within their communities; and
- WHEREAS: The International Lodge of Sons of Norway will hold their biennial convention in Bloomington, MN from August 15 through August 18, 2018, hosting delegates, guests, and visitors from across the United States, Canada, and Norway.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 15-18, 2018, as:

SONS OF NORWAY 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 30th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE