



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has long been a leader in volunteerism, melding this spirit with its rich agricultural history; and

WHEREAS: The Dowling Community Garden is one of only two remaining Victory Gardens in the United States from World War II, and exemplifies Minnesota's community spirit; and

WHEREAS: Situated on a former swamp at 46th Avenue South and East 39th Street in Minneapolis, the Dowling Garden first began growing vegetables in 1943 as a Victory Garden to help support the war effort by reducing pressure on the food supply and boosting civilian morale; and

WHEREAS: The Dowling Garden has roughly 250 gardeners cultivating 190 plots on the four-acre site, with a typical plot size of 100 square feet, and also reserves several plots for education and classes for students at the Dowling Urban Environmental School; and

WHEREAS: The Dowling Garden also accommodates gardeners with disabilities, and distributes excess food to local food shelves; and

WHEREAS: The Dowling Community Garden is celebrating its 75th anniversary on August 18, 2018.

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

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWLING COMMUNITY GARDEN

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 19th day of July.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE