



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Great River Road is America's greatest drive, encompassing 3,000 miles of interconnected roads that follow the Mississippi River through ten states, from Lake Itasca in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS: The Great River Road has been designated as a National Scenic Byway for its historical, cultural, recreational, natural, and scenic treasures; and

WHEREAS: The Great River Road connects hundreds of vibrant cities and unique river towns; and

WHEREAS: The Great River Road is the ideal way to discover and experience the rich culture of the Mississippi River region, the heart of America; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Great River Road spans 565 miles, 43 communities, 20 counties, three tribes and six unique destination areas—linking travelers from near and far with all the riches of the Mississippi River region; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is the proud home of the Headwaters of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS: There is no scenic drive in America quite like the Great River Road; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great River Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2018, as:

## DRIVE THE GREAT RIVER ROAD MONTH

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE