



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ice hockey is the official sport of the State of Minnesota – home of the most NHL players, and host state to the highest number of professional players registered with USA Hockey in the country; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Wild became a NHL franchise on June 25, 1997, playing their first season in 2000-2001; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, the Minnesota Wild unveiled a new tradition entitled This Is Our Ice, which encourages hockey fans to bring water from local ponds, lakes, and rinks, and add it to the Xcel Energy Center ice sheet; and

WHEREAS: This year, the Minnesota Wild have created the 10,000 Lakes Challenge for fans to contribute water from all 10,000 Minnesota lakes, and in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, help educate fellow Minnesotans on “Clean, Drain, Dispose” laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS: On September 15, 2018, fans can join Wild players at the Xcel Energy Center for the second annual Flood The Rink event, when the 10,000 Lakes Challenge participants bring their local pond, lake, or ice rink water to the Xcel Energy Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 15, 2018 as:

## LAND OF 10,000 RINKS 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE