



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Walker|West was founded in 1988 by Rev. Carl Walker and Grant West to provide a safe place on St. Paul's Selby Avenue, where neighborhood children could learn music skills, develop self-confidence, and engage in positive, life-affirming activities; and

WHEREAS: This year, Walker|West is celebrating 30 years of teaching music and changing the lives of children and adults through the work of their nonprofit music school; and

WHEREAS: Walker|West provides quality music instruction inspired by the African American cultural experience and, through a generous scholarship fund, works to make music instruction available to any student who wants to learn; and

WHEREAS: Walker|West has enhanced the lives of thousands of students and families by creating a supportive learning community. The Walker|West Jazz Ensembles have performed at hundreds of community events throughout the Twin Cities area; and

WHEREAS: Walker|West is considered the nation's oldest community music school founded by African American musicians; and

WHEREAS: Many former Walker|West students have continued on to study at some of the most prestigious music institutions across the country, and have become professional musicians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 16, 2018, as:

## WALKER|WEST 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE