



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 1957, Minnesota Senator Hubert H. Humphrey came up with the idea and name for the Peace Corps, and introduced legislation in the United States Senate to create the Corps. Under his leadership, the Peace Corps Act passed through Congress; and
- WHEREAS: On September 22, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the Peace Corps Act, authorizing the creation of the United States Peace Corps; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Humphrey stated publicly that his legislative leadership in passing the Peace Corps Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty were his three greatest accomplishments; and
- WHEREAS: Since its creation, approximately 230,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in over one hundred countries throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS: In the early years of the Peace Corps, the State of Minnesota was among the top five states to provide volunteers, and continues to be in the top fifteen states for Peace Corps volunteers annually; and
- WHEREAS: In the first year of the Peace Corps, four of approximately three thousand volunteers from across the United States came from Plainview, Minnesota, a rural community of 1,400 residents at the time. Over the next fifty years, Plainview has supplied a dozen additional Peace Corps volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of the service of the citizens of Plainview, a historical marker was commissioned in 2014, and is the first historical marker honoring Peace Corps volunteer service in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: On the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Peace Corps Act, September 22, 2018, officials from the Peace Corps and the National Return Peace Corps Association will dedicate the historical marker in Plainview.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2018 as,

## MINNESOTA PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE