



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The International Youth Fellowship (IYF), in association with the Gracias Choir, will travel to 25 cities throughout the United States as part of its annual Christmas Cantata U.S. Tour; and

WHEREAS: Established in the year 2000, the choir is known internationally as a leader in music, and has won grand prizes at the most prestigious choral competitions around the world; and

WHEREAS: The Gracias Choir will deliver joy and happiness to local audiences through its choral and orchestral music program performed at the Northrop Theater in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS: The Gracias Christmas Cantata's music has the power to transform sadness into joy for its audience members, deeply moving the hearts of every listener; and

WHEREAS: The dedication, musical discipline, and selflessness of this all-volunteer ensemble contributes to a quality performance experience that shines in our beautiful State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
Wednesday, September 26, 2018, as:

## GRACIAS CHRISTMAS CANTATA 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