



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 2, 2018, river lovers across the nation are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1968 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

WHEREAS: The Saint Croix River was officially recognized as one of the eight rivers for preservation in the original language of the Act; and

WHEREAS: The Act was written and championed by Senator Walter Mondale of Minnesota and Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, and has served to protect many rivers across the country from harmful development plans; and

WHEREAS: The Saint Croix River, along with its main tributary, Wisconsin's Namekagon River, comprises the longest continuous river designated as "wild and scenic" in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans appreciate the Saint Croix River for its beauty, scenic viewsheds, clean water, abundant fishery, and close proximity to over three million citizens within a forty-five minute drive from the river; and

WHEREAS: The Saint Croix River watershed gained thousands of acres of land from a generous donation by Northern States Power (now Xcel Energy), and is protected by the National Park Service, Minnesota, and Wisconsin— a true public/private partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 2, 2018, as:

## SAINT CROIX RIVER 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE