



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: National Coming Out Day is an opportunity to increase visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and the issues impacting this community; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 30th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, first celebrated in 1988 with the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights; and

WHEREAS: The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community of Minnesota has contributed substantially to the quality of life and success of this region; and

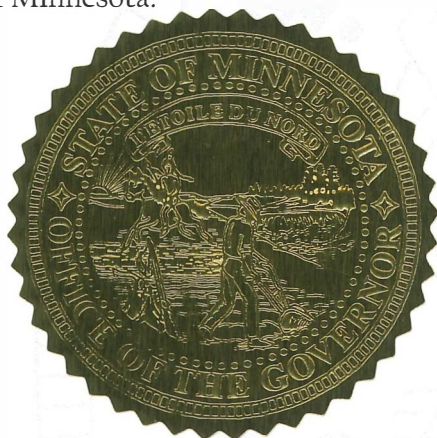
WHEREAS: The protection of progress and the struggle for full equality in Minnesota and the nation must continue in order to ensure that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting that Minnesotans honor all who have come out as LGBTQ or as a straight ally for equality – that takes bravery. Every person who speaks up changes more hearts and minds, and creates new advocates for equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 11, 2018, as:

COMING OUT 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 11th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE