



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Bats provide important ecological services that contribute substantially to the economy of Minnesota, by protecting forests and agriculture from crop-damaging insect pests, and providing the fundamental benefit of pollination; and

WHEREAS: Recent bat population losses in Minnesota from White-Nose Syndrome and other factors require increased public awareness, in order to ensure the sustainability of our food production systems and the continued protection of environmental and human health; and

WHEREAS: It is critically important to continue Federal and State efforts, including developing new public-private partnerships and increasing public engagement, to promote the health of bats, increase the quality and quantity of bat roosting and foraging habitat, and help restore bat populations to healthy levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 24-31, 2018, as:

MINNESOTA BAT WEEK

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 28th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE