



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The "Together in Hope Project" is a Minnesota grassroots initiative aimed at bringing people together through music, and to increase understanding and action toward more healing and reconciliation in the world; and
- WHEREAS: The Together In Hope Choir will perform at the inaugural concert of the 17th Annual International Festival of Sacred Music and Art in Rome, at the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls on October 31, 2018, where a major new work by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen will be premiered and dedicated to Pope Francis for his many initiatives of reconciliation; and
- WHEREAS: Together In Hope Choir will also perform at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on All Saints Day, November 1, 2018, at the invitation of the Vatican; and
- WHEREAS: Over 100 Ambassadors of Hope from Minnesota, other parts of the United States, and Norway will join the Together In Hope Choir and the Norwegian chamber orchestra, the Trondheim Solistene, in Rome to provide witness and support for these events; and
- WHEREAS: Bishop Ann Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Archbishop Bernard Hebda of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, will accompany the Ambassadors of Hope and the Choir to Rome; and
- WHEREAS: This initiative marks the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, and 51 years of recurring, productive Lutheran-Catholic dialogues with an uplifting witness of people, together in hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 31, 2018, as:

TOGETHER IN HOPE 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 20th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE