



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: African immigrants are proud to celebrate their heritage and bring attention to health issues affecting their communities; and

WHEREAS: Recent African immigrants have made significant contributions to American society and culture, and have bravely served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness about African immigrant health is crucial to effectively fighting health disparities, and essential to building a network of African immigrant and refugee health advocates who can disseminate culturally sensitive information to these communities; and

WHEREAS: A healthy and vibrant African immigrant community will continue to enhance American society with its rich heritage and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September, 2012 as:

## AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AND HERITAGE MONTH

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE