



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America—known now as the Barbershop Harmony Society—was officially organized on April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS: Beginning as a small group, the Barbershop Harmony Society has blossomed into the world's largest male *a cappella* singing organization, with an international membership from all stations of life; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society actively preserves and presents the barbershop quartet, a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages cooperation among all people of the world through the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS: The Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through scholarships, supports charitable foundations, and encourages members to engage in community service for the enrichment of cultural life; and

WHEREAS: With more than 700 members in Minnesota, the Barbershop Harmony Society observes its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2013, and celebrates its rich history and commitment to musical tradition, education, and entertainment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7 - 13, 2013 as:

## BARBERSHOP HARMONY 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE