



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Children's Home Society of Minnesota and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota trace their historic beginnings to the care and well-being of orphaned children, and a mission to find permanent, loving families for children who need them; and
- WHEREAS:** Because every child deserves to thrive in a loving family, a chief priority of the Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service has been to provide orphaned children with safe, nurturing, and stable homes, through adoption and child welfare initiatives around the globe; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1865, more than 46,000 children have united with adoptive families through the Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service, and generations of Minnesota families have been touched by adoption; and
- WHEREAS:** Both organizations are commemorating special anniversary milestones. In September 2014, the Children's Home Society will mark its 125th year, and Lutheran Social Service will mark its 150th year in 2015. On Sunday, September 21, 2014, the two organizations will celebrate a combined 275 years of service in adoption at a spectacular family reunion in St. Paul, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS:** The Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service, sharing a legacy of service to children and families, will continue to strive for excellence as national leaders in adoption and post-adoption services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 15-21, 2014, as:

CELEBRATING MINNESOTA ADOPTION 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 18th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE