



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis-based Okee Dokee Brothers, also known as Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander, share a passion for exploring nature that became a vital part of their critically acclaimed music; and

WHEREAS: In 2011, The Okee Dokee Brothers canoed from the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Lake Itasca, Minnesota, to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. Inspired by this month-long adventure on America's greatest river, they wrote the songs for their award-winning album, "Can You Canoe?"; and

WHEREAS: The Okee Dokee Brothers entertain and inspire with their unique Americana Folk music, encouraging children and families to get outdoors and experience the wondrous natural beauty that Minnesotans and people across the country are grateful to enjoy; and

WHEREAS: The Okee Dokee Brothers have been recognized and celebrated by numerous groups and publications, winning multiple awards. On February 10, 2013, the Okee Dokee Brothers' album, "Can You Canoe?" won the Grammy Award for Best Children's Album at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS: The Okee Dokee Brothers combine their passions for music and nature with songs beloved by children and families across the country. They inspire young people while showcasing the high quality of Minnesota's musical talent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 20, 2013 as:

OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS 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 19th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE