



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Rondo Avenue, Inc. is an organization dedicated to preserving, conserving, and accurately interpreting the contributions of African Americans to the City of Saint Paul and State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Each July, Rondo Avenue, Inc. has sponsored the Rondo Days festival as a means to share the rich history and cultural traditions of the Rondo community of the past, and create connections with the modern and evolving Rondo community of today; and

WHEREAS: Rondo Days offers a multicultural celebration of art, music, food, and family fun, bringing a diverse audience of as many as 50,000 people to Saint Paul each year; and

WHEREAS: Rondo Days is held the third Saturday in July, and has continued to grow over the past three decades. The 2013 celebration features more than a dozen major events stretched over seven days, concluding with the Grand Parade and Community Festival on Saturday, July 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS: Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, Rondo Days is recognized as one of the premier entertainment events in the Twin Cities and one of the largest African American-sponsored festivals in the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 12 – 21, 2013, as:

## RONDO DAYS 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE