



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: One-hundred-and-fifty years ago this July, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law landmark legislation known as the Morrill Act of 1862, granting federal lands to the states for the purpose of funding public colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS: The Morrill Act of 1862 expanded higher education beyond a privileged few and provided ordinary citizens the opportunity to pursue a broad, liberal education that encouraged intellectual curiosity, scholarship, and service to community; and
- WHEREAS: The original land-grant institutions – the University of Minnesota among them – laid the groundwork for public research universities nationwide and their ongoing mission of learning, discovery, and commitment to the common good of the public; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota has, from its earliest days when it provided a practical education to the state's agricultural and industrial workers, built a legacy of discovery, research, collaboration, and innovation that has improved the lives of Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota today continues its mission to provide students with a liberal, research-based education that invests not only in their personal and academic promise, but in their relationship to Minnesota, and their potential as future business, civic, cultural, and education leaders; and
- WHEREAS: The 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act affords the opportunity to celebrate the University of Minnesota's legacy as the state's only public land-grant research university, and to reaffirm its mission of promoting access to higher education and advancing knowledge for the benefit of the State of Minnesota, the nation, and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 20th, 2012 as:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAND GRANT SESQUICENTENNIAL 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 3rd day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE