



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Veterinary Medical Association was founded 150 years ago in 1863; and
- WHEREAS: Veterinarians play an important role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect Minnesota's citizens, including salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever, and malaria; and
- WHEREAS: Veterinarians provide valuable public health services through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and by protecting the quality and security of our nation's herds and food supply; and
- WHEREAS: Veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy; and
- WHEREAS: Veterinarians provide crucial support to our nation's military, emergency and disaster relief agencies, and the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world; and
- WHEREAS: In mutual dedication to the preservation of the human-animal bond and the highest standards of scientific and ethical animal welfare, veterinarians in Minnesota and around the world celebrate the 150th anniversary of the American Veterinary Medical Association in 2013.

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

VETERINARIAN 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 20th day of February.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE