



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Education is the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS: Time spent learning outside of school is vital to our education system and critical to reducing the achievement gap, equipping young people with additional learning opportunities, and providing them with meaningful connections with caring adult mentors; and

WHEREAS: Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES) has grown from serving just 13 students at its inception in 1994, to serving over 650 students in the 2014-2015 school year, through strong partnerships with the Minnesota Lynx, Timberwolves, Twins, Vikings, Wild, and United FC; and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools, helping students succeed academically; and

WHEREAS: During the last twenty years, ACES has consistently provided quality support and instruction to students in the Twin Cities area, serving over 5,500 students, at more than 20 different school sites, and providing more than 250,000 hours of service to low-income children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 1, 2014, as:

ACES 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 27th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE