



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On Saturday, August 16, 2014, the India Association of Minnesota will host IndiaFest, at the Minnesota State Capitol grounds, to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions of India; and
- WHEREAS: India celebrates their Independence Day on August 15<sup>th</sup>, commemorating the date the nation received independence from the British — a movement largely noted for nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience; and
- WHEREAS: IndiaFest represents a diverse Indian population from many different regions of India, who showcase their ethnic roots through costumes, music, dance, and food, as well as Minnesota Indian Americans who are active in Minnesota communities as educators, business owners, healthcare providers, technology entrepreneurs, and artists; and
- WHEREAS: At IndiaFest, attendees celebrate India's diverse culture, heritage, tradition, and all things India. The Minnesota Indian American community, whether they hail from India or have ancestral ties to India, will join in this celebration to demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland; and
- WHEREAS: IndiaFest fosters an appreciation for a diverse culture, recognizes the country and people of India and the vibrant Minnesotan Indian American community of nearly 40,000, and its contributions to the vitality of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 16, 2014, as:

## INDIAFEST

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE