



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: From his election in April 2003, until his retirement on April 1, 2013, James A. Williams served as General President of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, a labor organization with 140,000 construction members in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS: The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82 represents members in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Montana; and

WHEREAS: As an advocate for working families, the leadership of James A. Williams has benefitted the citizens of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Dedication to improving the quality of working conditions for members in the finishing trades was a hallmark of James A. Williams' tenure; and

WHEREAS: James A. Williams' service to working men and women includes his appointment in 2003 to the AFL-CIO Executive Council, where he continues to serve on the finance, human rights, and political committees; and

WHEREAS: James A. Williams, as General President Emeritus of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, continues his service as an advocate for working men and women in the finishing trades throughout the United States and Canada.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 24, 2014, as:

JAMES A. WILLIAMS 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 21st day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE