



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States of America is a nation founded on the principles of liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS: The Civil War was fought to ensure that freedom would be shared by all Americans. On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which gave freedom to slaves in the rebelling states; and

WHEREAS: Freedom became a reality for slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth is the oldest known remembrance of the ending of slavery, celebrating freedom and justice for all Americans and emphasizing education, achievement, and tolerance; and

WHEREAS: Communities throughout Minnesota and the United States unite on this day to honor freedom and to encourage respect, tolerance, and the acceptance of all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 21, 2014, as:

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM 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 16th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE