# STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth and enhance wealth; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban; local, state, provincial, and federal governments; public-private partnerships; chambers of commerce; universities; and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the contributions of all of its economic developers impacting every part of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2016, as:

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

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 3rd day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE