



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Originally settled by a band of the Dakota (Sioux) Indian Tribe on June 30, 1886, what is now South St. Paul was once the site of three villages; and
- WHEREAS: The opening of the first official post office on February 7, 1887, established South Park as a separate village from the township of West St. Paul. South Park, renamed South St. Paul, was approved by the State Legislature as an official city on January 1, 1887; and
- WHEREAS: Once a quiet farm community, the nature and economy of South St. Paul morphed into what it is today thanks to the efforts of citizens, Charles W. Clark, a real estate investor, civic leader, and manufacturing executive; and Alpheus B. Stickney, a railroad man, expansionist, and founding father of the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company; among others; and
- WHEREAS: South St. Paul is perhaps best known for being a bustling center of the world's livestock industry, with stockyards being the primary source of the city's economy for over 80 years; and
- WHEREAS: Three of Minnesota's Governors called South St. Paul home: Governor Harold Stassen; Governor Harold LeVander; and Governor Tim Pawlenty; and
- WHEREAS: In honor of its 125th Anniversary, the City of South St. Paul will be kicking off a year-long celebration on March 5, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2012 as:

SOUTH ST. PAUL QUASQUICENTENNIAL 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 24th day of February.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE