



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is blessed with 67 state parks, 9 recreation areas, 13 state trails, and 62 state forest campgrounds and day-use areas; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has 1,234 miles of walking trails, 1,400 miles of ski trails and 942 miles of snowmobile trails; and
- WHEREAS: Roughly 8.7 million people visited Minnesota state parks in 2014;
- WHEREAS: More than two-thirds of Minnesotans who visit a state park make a return visit; and
- WHEREAS: State parks are conveniently located across the state – within 30 miles of almost all Minnesota residents; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota state parks and trails offer visitors a variety of year-round outdoor activities to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS: Visiting Minnesota state parks and trails are great ways to alleviate holiday season induced stress, and spend time in fellowship with friends and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 27, 2015, as:

FREE PARK FRIDAY

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 12th day of November.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pinnon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE