



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Rondo Healing Ceremony will take place on July 17, 2015; and
- WHEREAS: Ceremony participants will remember their past – in particular the losses endured during construction of Interstate 94, and the decision-making processes that led to the elimination of Rondo Avenue - by remembering, reconciling, and restoring; and
- WHEREAS: Since the early 1930s, Rondo Avenue was the heart of Saint Paul's largest Black neighborhood, made up of African Americans whose families had lived in Minnesota for decades, and others who were just arriving from the South, making the neighborhood a vibrant, vital community; and
- WHEREAS: The construction of the I-94 freeway in the 1960s split this tight-knit community – displacing thousands of African Americans, and erasing this now legendary street from the physical landscape; and
- WHEREAS: The ceremony will give participants an opportunity to restore themselves by celebrating their resilience and culture in remembering their historic neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 17, 2015, as:

## RONDO HEALING CEREMONY 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE