



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 59th Annual Sister Cities International Conference will be held in Minneapolis July 16-18, 2015, with a theme of "Bridging Generations for Peace"; and
- WHEREAS: Cities across Minnesota maintain Sister City relationships with over 50 cities in 25 countries around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been home to a number of "firsts" in Sister City relationships, including the Saint Paul-Nagasaki relationship, which was the first Japanese-American city partnership, and the Minneapolis-Bosaso relationship, which is the first Somali-American city partnership in the U.S. ; and
- WHEREAS: The Sister Cities International network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in 545 communities in 145 countries on six continents; and
- WHEREAS: Sister Cities International creates relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges, creating lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person-to-person "citizen diplomacy" ; and
- WHEREAS: Sister Cities International's mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation-one individual, one community at a time.

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

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL 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 13th day of July.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE