



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Prince Rogers Nelson was born on June 7, 1958 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Prince's artistry, music, and brand showcase his outstanding contributions to music and the arts and entertainment industry; and
- WHEREAS: Prince was one of the best-selling recording artists of all-time; a prominent singer, writer and multi-instrumentalist, he went on to create revolutionary music and an iconic identity, which later inspired a movie, known as Purple Rain; and
- WHEREAS: Prince was a seven-time Grammy Award winner and the winner of a Golden Globe, an Oscar, and multiple American Music Awards and Minnesota Black Music Awards, ultimately securing himself a spot in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Prince was considered a music industry innovator, a mentor, and a humble philanthropist; and
- WHEREAS: Prince was the creator of "The Minneapolis Sound," a contribution not only to the global catalogue of music genres, but to Minnesota's worldwide prominence and its economic growth; and
- WHEREAS: The untimely passing of Prince on April 21, 2016 impacted millions and has been marked with tributes and celebrations of his life and music across the world; and
- WHEREAS: Prince Day commemorates the anniversary of his passing; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are encouraged to wear purple on Prince Day in honor of The Purple One's enduring legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 21, 2017, as:

PRINCE 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 18th day of April.


GOVERNOR



LT. GOVERNOR