STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: SPAM, a product of Minnesota-based Hormel Foods, made its inaugural debut on July 5, 1937; and

WHEREAS: SPAM became well-known for its affordability and flexibility during and after World War II, when SPAM shipped over 100 million pounds of luncheon meat to feed allied troops; and

WHEREAS: Since 1937, there have been over eight billion cans of SPAM produced and sold in 44 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the classic SPAM known and loved by many, SPAM has expanded to 15 different varieties; and

WHEREAS: The SPAM Museum opened in 2001 in Austin, Minnesota, to the delight of many fans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota-based Hormel Foods has long supported Minnesota communities through philanthropic efforts with the Hormel Foundation and Hormel Institute; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the impact SPAM has made as a uniquely Minnesota icon, and congratulates SPAM on its 80th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 7th, 2017, as:

SPAM 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 7th day of July.

GOVERNOR

LT. GOVERNOR