



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1993, Minnesota passed the Minnesota Human Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination relating to a number of practices; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, Minnesota voters rejected a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, Minnesota become the first Midwestern state to legalize same-sex marriage by legislative vote and the 12th state in the nation to recognize same-sex marriage; and

WHEREAS: The Safe and Supportive Schools Act, signed into law during the 2013-2014 legislative session, further reflects the desire to provide protections for students regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS: The advance of human rights and equal protection under the law continued with the United States Supreme Court's June 2015 ruling, granting same-sex marriage a right nationwide; and

WHEREAS: This year, as we celebrate the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we take time to reflect on the progress, and to be inspired toward continued progress in advancing human rights and equal protection under the law in the future; and

WHEREAS: Annually, in June, Minnesotans come together to celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community. In June 2016, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the numerous Pride Month activities across Minnesota and support the ongoing efforts leading Minnesota toward full LGBTQ equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, as:

## PRIDE MONTH

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE