



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Roberta J. Cordano, J.D. has lived in Minnesota for over 25 years serving as an exemplary and visionary leader in the fields of law, education, health, and human services; and

WHEREAS: As the first deaf, female assistant attorney general for the State of Minnesota, Roberta served as a key author for a statewide rule that ensures communication access for all non-English language users in the Minnesota court system; and

WHEREAS: Roberta was a founding member of the Metro Deaf School, the first charter school serving deaf and hard of hearing students in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade and one of the very first charter schools in the country; and

WHEREAS: She also is a founding board member of the Minnesota North Star Academy, a charter school serving deaf and hard of hearing students in 9th through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS: Roberta held several executive level positions during her tenure in Minnesota, including serving as Assistant Dean of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Director of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota, President of the Park Nicollet Institute and Vice President of Park Nicollet Health Services, Interim President for the Center of Healthcare Innovation at Allina Health, and Vice President of Programs for the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation; and

WHEREAS: Throughout her many leadership roles, Roberta successfully led community support programs and university services for students with disabilities, strengthened access for people with disabilities and populations that are disenfranchised, and led organizational changes and collaboration; and

WHEREAS: Roberta's extraordinary journey has led her to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., as their 11th president. The University's inauguration activities will take place on Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30, 2016. The installation will occur on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 30, 2016, as:

ROBERTA J. CORDANO DAY

in the State of Minnesota.




LT. GOVERNOR

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 23rd day of September.


GOVERNOR