



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Home to the Dakota and Ojibwe people for many generations, the lower St. Croix River Valley was opened to settlement by the signing of the Treaty of 1837. White pine forests attracted settlers to the region, and in the autumn of 1838, a group from Marine County, Illinois settled along the western bank of the St. Croix River; and
- WHEREAS: In the spring and summer of 1839, a community was established with the building of dwellings and a sawmill — the first white non-military settlement and industry in what would become the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Village of Marine Mills grew rapidly with the arrival of settlers from the eastern United States and, later, Scandinavia, to log, farm, and provide services to the growing area; and
- WHEREAS: For 175 years, the Village of Marine has continued to thrive and now supports a church, elementary school, library, fire/emergency services, and various businesses, which serve the needs of residents and welcome visitors. The rich cultural life — music and art festivals, concerts, and programs promoting local artists — and a great spirit of volunteerism add to community life and cohesion; and
- WHEREAS: Parts of the City of Marine on St. Croix have been declared National Historic Sites and the St. Croix River, which borders the town, has been declared a National Wild and Scenic River, to be protected and enjoyed by residents and visitors of Marine on St. Croix; and
- WHEREAS: The community, together with the City Council, has deemed it fitting to remember, celebrate, and build on the legacy of its ancestors as they move forward together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 24, 2014, as:

THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX

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 August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE