



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nigeria is a large and fast growing African nation and presents tremendous economic opportunities to Nigerian entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs from around the world, including Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Nigeria continues to be one of the United States' strategic partners in sub-Saharan Africa in enhancing peace and security by addressing issues of terrorism, organized crime, and piracy; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million Nigerians and Nigerian-Americans live, study, and work in the United States, including over 13,000 in Minnesota, and more than 25,000 Americans live and work in Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: Nigeria's relationship with the United States remains strong, and both share a commitment to strategic investment in Africa through local and international trade; and
- WHEREAS: Nigeria and the State of Minnesota are committed to the acceleration of food security, stimulation of economic growth, and the enhancement of the fundamental health and well-being of their citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Wednesday, October 1, 2014, marks the 54th Anniversary of Nigerian independence from the United Kingdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 1, 2014, as:

NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE 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 September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE