



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: A better understanding of how our actions affect our state's water, air quality, and resources will lead to better and more informed decisions; and
- WHEREAS: More than 1,300 citizen scientist volunteers measure the clarity of their favorite lake or stream throughout the summer, creating a clear picture of water quality in our state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans throw away more than 500 tons of plastic bags and packaging every day. Making small changes in our everyday lives can lead to less trash in our landfills and more resources for Minnesota companies; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans can make their homes safer, more comfortable, and energy efficient — and reduce our impact on the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's wastewater systems clean up billions of gallons of flushed water and help protect our rivers, lakes, and drinking water. But hundreds of chemicals still make it through the treatment process and into our rivers; and
- WHEREAS: The Eco Experience is presented by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with over 100 government, business, and nonprofit partners each year, including four state agencies and reaches over 250,000 visitors annually; and
- WHEREAS: The Eco Experience offers hands-on activities, demonstrations, and resources in an effort to encourage and educate Minnesotans to protect our lakes and streams, reduce waste, save energy, and green our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 29, 2015, as:

## ECO EXPERIENCE DAY AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE