



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Gophers won more games in a single season than any other Gopher sports team ever, with a 54-3 overall record; and
- WHEREAS: The Gophers currently are on a remarkable 25-game winning streak; and
- WHEREAS: The Gophers won their first Big Ten regular season title since 1991 and their third Big Ten Tournament championship in four years; and
- WHEREAS: They played their first 33 games on the road, and won an extraordinary 31 of them; and
- WHEREAS: They went 16-0 in front of their enthusiastic home crowds this season; and
- WHEREAS: They broke a Jane Sage Cowles Stadium single-game attendance record with 1,389 cheering fans on Sunday, April 23, against Iowa; and
- WHEREAS: They won a program record 15 Big Ten team and individual awards this season, with Kendyl Lindaman being named both the Player and the Freshman of the Year, Sara Groenewegen being named Pitcher of the Year, and Head Coach Jessica Allister being named the Coach of the Year; and
- WHEREAS: The Gophers are the top-ranked team in the nation, however they were inexplicably left unseeded in the NCAA Tournament, which begins today in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota congratulates the University of Minnesota Gopher Women's softball team on their historic season, and wishes them success in the NCAA Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 19, 2017, as:

NATIONAL NUMBER ONE SOFTBALL TEAM MINNESOTA GOPHERS 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 19th day of May.


GOVERNOR



LT. GOVERNOR