



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Wizkid (Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun) was born in Surulere, Nigeria on July 16, 1990; and
- WHEREAS: Wizkid achieved international recognition in 2016 following his collaboration with Drake on the global hit, "One Dance," as he became the first indigenous Nigerian musician to score a Number 1 hit on the popular U.S. singles chart; and
- WHEREAS: Wizkid made history in May 2018 as the first Nigerian artist to sell out the legendary O2 venue in London, England; and
- WHEREAS: Wizkid again made history in June 2018 when he became the first African artist to grace the runway for the international fashion brand, Dolce and Gabbana; and
- WHEREAS: Wizkid collaborated with the global brand Nike on a project whose profits will be used to set up schools in every African country, starting with his home country of Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: Wizkid has won multiple prestigious music awards, including three Billboard Music Awards; and
- WHEREAS: On Saturday, October 6, 2018, thousands of Minnesotans will gather at Skyway Theatre in Minneapolis to see Wizkid perform, and hopefully help him make history as the first African artist to sell out the venue; and
- WHEREAS: : Wizkid has inspired Minnesotans, and music fans around the world, as one of the biggest cultural influencers of our time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 6, 2018, as:

WIZKID 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 26th day of September.


GOVERNOR