



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: It is important to pause and reflect upon the inspirational moments of Minnesota's history, and it is incumbent upon us to recognize these moments; and
- WHEREAS: The Ojibwe and Dakota were among the peoples who first made what is now Minnesota their home, enriching our country and state's character and culture; and
- WHEREAS: On May 11, 1858 Minnesota became the 32nd state admitted into the union; and
- WHEREAS: Admission of Minnesota into the union was passed by Congress and approved by President James Buchanan on May 11, 1858. Days later, state officers took their oaths of office and Minnesota's state government began to function; and
- WHEREAS: For 158 years, people from all walks of life have come to make Minnesota their home, drawn by our striking landscapes and waterways, our unlimited opportunities, our rich and growing diversity that enhances our communities and culture, and the chance to be part of a prosperous and dynamic state; and
- WHEREAS: On the occasion of Statehood Day we celebrate the proud history of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Wednesday, May 11, 2016, marks the 158th anniversary of Minnesota's statehood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 11, 2016, as:

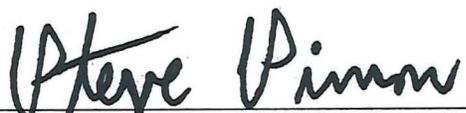
MINNESOTA STATEHOOD DAY

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 10th day of May.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE