



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The story of the historic Pilgrim Baptist Church began in 1863 with a group of brave Black men, women, and children from Missouri who traveled north in search of work and a new way of life; and

WHEREAS: The group of people led by the Reverend Robert Hickman, referred to themselves as "Pilgrims." They held services in their homes in downtown Saint Paul until Reverend Hickman on November 15, 1866 formally organized Pilgrim Baptist Church, celebrating with a baptismal service on the shores of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS: Pilgrim Baptist Church has greatly contributed to the broader community throughout the years; and

WHEREAS: Pilgrim Baptist Church blends the needs of the community into the Church, having helped organize the Saint Paul NAACP and Saint Paul Urban League; and

WHEREAS: Pilgrim Baptist Church continues to focus on the needs of the community in an effort to transform the lives of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 26, 2016, as:

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH 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 20th day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pimon".

SECRETARY OF STATE