



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: WCA (Women's Christian Aid) Foundation is a respected Minnesota nonprofit organization operating to promote a broad scope of charitable and educational causes through grants provided to charitable organizations; and
- WHEREAS: WCA Foundation was founded in 1866 by 20 women who met to form the Christian Aid Society of Minneapolis to assist destitute persons in a growing metropolitan community; and
- WHEREAS: The Christian Aid Society of Minneapolis was formally incorporated in 1873 under the name Women's Christian Association of Minneapolis, later changing its name to WCA Foundation in 1995; and
- WHEREAS: WCA Foundation is the oldest nonprofit organization in the state and continues to operate as a women-led volunteer organization; and
- WHEREAS: The WCA Foundation has undergone many profound changes over its 150 year history, but the organization still carries out the original mission of its founders, who said at the organization's first meeting on January 27, 1866, "We commence with lively hopes that we may become variously and extensively useful;" and
- WHEREAS: Today, the WCA Foundation is proud to support exceptional nonprofit service providers statewide who operate programs benefiting Minnesota communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 27, 2017, as:

## WCA FOUNDATION 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE