



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Igbos are one of the major ethnic groups of Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: There are thousands of Igbo residents in Minnesota, some of whom have lived in Minnesota for more than forty years; and
- WHEREAS: In 1985, the Igbos in Minnesota formed the Umunne Cultural Association of Minnesota, a non-profit organization formed to unite and educate Igbos, their families, and all Minnesotans about Igbo culture, art, music, and values through community activities; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association has been involved with causes such as breast cancer, education, the arts, volunteering in local schools and organizations, book drives, and cultural performances at local festivals; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association hosted the first Igbo Fest in 1994 in order to celebrate the rich heritage of the Igbos and educate Minnesotans about their culture; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association is celebrating the twenty-third annual IgboFest on August 13, 2016 at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 13, 2016, as:

IGBO DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 8th day of August.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR