



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Legislature created the Minnesota Highway Patrol in 1929 with an initial force of nine men; and
- WHEREAS: Today, 589 men and women serve as Minnesota State Troopers, providing assistance, education, and enforcement while delivering safe, efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota's roadways; and
- WHEREAS: State Troopers serve in many roles, such as investigating serious crashes, conducting flight patrols and search and rescue missions, assisting other law enforcement agencies, and functioning as a vital component of the state's homeland security efforts; and
- WHEREAS: State Troopers are supported by 295 civilian personnel; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Patrol is dedicated to making our highways safer by working tirelessly to prevent tragedies from occurring on our roadways; and
- WHEREAS: State Troopers take an oath to lay down their lives rather than swerve from the path of duty; and
- WHEREAS: The State Patrol, recognizing the hundreds of families who have lost loved ones in traffic crashes, focuses on the mission of traffic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, August 29, 2016, as:

## MINNESOTA STATE PATROL 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE