



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The land now known as the State of Minnesota has been home to the Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial, and without whom, the building of this state would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples have made essential contributions to the landscape of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, experience, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, arts, as well as their cultural belief system that stipulates Indigenous Peoples as protectors and stewards of our natural environment for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strives to eliminate systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples and seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the state's indigenous roots, history and contributions, and reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, to ensure greater access and opportunity; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins a growing number of government entities across the country that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, in order to promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all of its people and the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 10, 2016, as:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES 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 7th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE