



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: This year marks the 27th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the 72nd Anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the 2017 theme for Disability Employment Awareness Month, "*Inclusion Drives Innovation*,"; and

WHEREAS: The unemployment rate for people with disabilities remains twice as high as the rate among people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Employers are crucial in providing excellent opportunities for work experience, career paths, and the dignity that comes through labor; and

WHEREAS: To be competitive in the global economy, the State of Minnesota must value the contributions of all people, including those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Minnesota's Olmstead Plan, is committed to providing Minnesotans with disabilities the opportunities – if they so choose – to work in integrated, digitally, and physically accessible settings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017, as:

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

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 27th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE