



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The land now known as the State of Minnesota has been home to 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, and arts; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples have long served as protectors and stewards of the natural environment for the benefit of all; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strives to eliminate systemic racism toward Indigenous Peoples, and seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the state's indigenous roots, history and contributions; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples Day serves as an important time to reflect on 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 8, 2018, 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 5th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE