



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's park and trail system has grown since 1891 to include sixty-six state parks, nine state recreation areas, twenty-five state trails, forty-three state forest campgrounds, and twenty-nine state forest day-use areas; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota State Parks are wildly popular, and receive more than ten million visitors each year; and

WHEREAS: State Parks are conveniently located across the state – within thirty miles of almost all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that spending time in nature has many health benefits; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota State Parks offer a variety of year-round activities that families and friends can enjoy together; and

WHEREAS: More than two-thirds of Minnesotans who visit a State Park make a return visit; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will waive the State Park entrance fee for Friday, November 23, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 23, 2018, as:

FREE PARK FRIDAY

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 12th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE