



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Historians concur that the first European to enter Minnesota state boundaries in the seventeenth century was Frenchman Pierre Radisson; and

WHEREAS: Most of the great State of Minnesota was once a French colony, a distinguished heritage that survives today in the state motto, "L'Etoile du Nord," and in many geographic place names; and

WHEREAS: The first book about Minnesota was written in 1683 by French Catholic Missionary, Father Louis Hennepin; and

WHEREAS: More than 250,000 Minnesota residents claim French or French-Canadian heritage; and

WHEREAS: The French Independence celebration known as Bastille Day will be celebrated in Minnesota on Saturday, July 13, 2013, with a full evening of observances at the Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 13, 2013, as:

## BRING ON BASTILLE 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mel Blaha".

SECRETARY OF STATE