



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: On September 16, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo gave the now famous "Grito de Dolores" speech in Dolores, Mexico, which marked the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. This day is celebrated as Mexican Independence Day; and

WHEREAS: Since 2002, Urban Ventures and Go Latino! have organized a Mexican Independence Day Celebration on Lake Street in Minneapolis, attracting thousands of attendees from the Twin Cities and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: This family-friendly celebration is designed to educate the community about Mexican history, empower and promote Latino businesses in the Twin Cities, and serve as a link between the Latino community and local non-profit organizations and services; and

WHEREAS: Mexican Independence Day is a day for Minnesotans of Mexican heritage to celebrate their culture by honoring the rich history, industriousness, and spirit of Mexicans and all Latinos.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2012 as:

## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE