



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway was instituted in the State of Minnesota in 1895 as a fraternal benefit society by 18 Norwegian-Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway now has 55,000 members in over 400 lodges throughout the United States, Canada, and Norway; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway continues to attract members of both genders interested in Nordic culture and heritage; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway promotes learning of cultural skills and languages in an effort to continue the Nordic legacy; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway sponsors youth activities and awards scholarships to ensure the continuation of Nordic traditions; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway members are active volunteers within their communities throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS: District One Sons of Norway will hold their biennial convention in St. Cloud, Minnesota from June 14-16, 2012, hosting delegates and visitors from across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 14-16, 2012 as:

SONS OF NORWAY DAYS

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 1st day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE