



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, a position subsequently adopted by numerous cities and by the State itself; and

WHEREAS: The advance of human rights and equal protection of the laws continues today in Minnesota, reflected in this year's historic legislation granting all Minnesotans the freedom to marry; and

WHEREAS: The Supreme Court of the United States decided in *United States v. Windsor* that the federal Defense of Marriage Act violates the Constitution's equal protection clause, opening access for Minnesota same-sex married couples to more than 1,000 federal programs and benefits; and

WHEREAS: Annually in June, Minnesotans come together to celebrate the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. In June 2013, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the numerous Pride Month activities across Minnesota, and support the ongoing efforts leading Minnesota toward full LGBT equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013, as:

PRIDE MONTH

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 28th day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE