STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dr. King continues to influence and inspire a nation with his words, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King challenged us to choose the sometimes difficult path in saying, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King reminded us, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King warned us the road to equality would not be easy when he stated, "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for freedom;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King inspired us to go forth in our brilliance in encouraging, "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence;" and

WHEREAS: Dr. King taught us that, in our nation's great history, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2013 as:

REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 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 18th day of January.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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