STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives foster continuous improvements in STEM teaching, learning, and engagement, and those initiatives raise awareness of innovative STEM activities that help students make the critical connection between the classroom and a future career path; and

WHEREAS: STEM initiatives build greater STEM knowledge and skills for students from elementary school through post-secondary programs and enhance education excellence, workforce development, and an informed public for years to come; and

WHEREAS: STEM education providers motivate students to explore all of the promising opportunities STEM careers provide and equip them to succeed as an essential part of Minnesota's future workforce; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to unparalleled opportunities in STEM disciplines, and Minnesota's economy depends on a well-prepared pipeline of students with the education and skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS: August 25, 2016 marks the 7th annual STEM Day at the Minnesota State Fair, engaging thousands of children and their families in high-quality, hands-on STEM activities and interactive adventures brought to the fair by 35 organizations in the Minnesota STEM Network, an initiative of SciMathMN; and

WHEREAS: Promoting STEM competency must be a priority across the state, and the 7th Annual STEM Day at the Minnesota State Fair will work to inspire students and help them envision a future of career success in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday August 25, 2016, as:

STEM DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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 19th day of August.

GOVERNOR

LT. GOVERNOR