



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Wind energy is one of the most affordable and environmentally-friendly options for generating electricity in America; and
- WHEREAS: The wind industry has created 105,000 new jobs in the United States, with wind turbine technicians being the second-fastest growing job sector in the country; and
- WHEREAS: United States wind projects have invested over \$145 billion of private capital in rural communities and infrastructure for wind energy over the last decade; and
- WHEREAS: America generates enough electricity from wind to power 25 million average-sized homes; and
- WHEREAS: Energy independence and security are in every American's best interests; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota ranks 7th in the nation for wind energy production, creating a daily average of 3,699 megawatts of wind energy, capable of powering 1,012,000 average-sized homes; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 98 wind projects and 20 wind energy-related manufacturing facilities; and
- WHEREAS: The wind industry has invested over \$7.1 billion dollars of private capital in wind generation projects, manufacturing plants, and supply chain operations; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota landowners receive nearly \$10-15 million dollars in annual land lease payments; and
- WHEREAS: Over 3,000 Minnesotans are directly employed by wind energy facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5-11, 2018, as:

AMERICAN WIND WEEK

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 30th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE