



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 2010, the State of Minnesota set several statutory goals around broadband, including that every household and business in the state should have access to broadband service by the end of 2015, and that Minnesota become a national leader in broadband availability and use; and
- WHEREAS: Only 63 percent of Greater Minnesota households have access to high-quality, affordable broadband with cost barriers blocking further expansion; and
- WHEREAS: At least 221,000 rural Minnesota households lack access to broadband meeting the state's 10 Mbps download/5 Mbps upload speed goals; and
- WHEREAS: Broadband access is essential to business growth and unleashing the next generation of Minnesota entrepreneurs, ensuring all students get great educations, and that patients have access to quality care; and
- WHEREAS: A better understanding by policy-makers, community leaders, and broadband providers of how this basic service impacts rural life will lead to better and more informed decision-making about broadband-related issues; and
- WHEREAS: On August 4th, 2015, FarmFest has devoted the day to learning about how broadband affects the ability to operate a farm, run a business, receive an education, access healthcare, engage with government, and conduct family and personal business.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 4, 2015, as:

RURAL BROADBAND 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 22nd day of July.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE