



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: People of color consist of 19 percent of the state population and make profound contributions to the fabric of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: People of color are underrepresented in the Minnesota Legislature and other elected bodies in policy and decision-making; and

WHEREAS: Only eight percent of Minnesota legislators are people of color; and

WHEREAS: Capitol Pathways, an internship program for college students of color, was created with the understanding that in order to build a stronger Minnesota, our state government and its workforce must reflect the rich diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS: Now in its second year, Capitol Pathways placed 34 college students of color within nonprofits, businesses, and state agencies; and

WHEREAS: Pathways students will spend the summer connecting with established Minnesota State Capitol leaders; and

WHEREAS: Students will develop experience working in various public policy roles and gain greater familiarity with the legislative process .

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 1, 2017, as:

## CAPITOL PATHWAYS 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE