



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Diane Sims Page was a Minnesota original, born in Minneapolis, raised in Robbinsdale, and educated at Robbinsdale High School and the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Diane was one of a generation of women who selflessly proved you can "do it all;" and
- WHEREAS: Diane enjoyed a distinguished career as a business leader, consultant, and entrepreneur; she founded Leapfrog Associates, working in market research and serving as a nationally recognized focus group leader whose clients included many Fortune 500 companies; and
- WHEREAS: Together, with her husband of 41 years, Alan Page, Diane raised four great children and had the joy of watching her four wonderful grandchildren grow up; and
- WHEREAS: Diane was a true partner in Alan's successes, in his first career as a Hall of Fame professional football player for the Minnesota Vikings, and in his second career as the first African American Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS: Diane and Alan Page pursued their passion for bringing hope and opportunity to Minnesota students of color by founding the Page Education Foundation in 1988 – a scholarship program for students of color who demonstrate a positive attitude toward education and agree to act as tutors, mentors, and role models for younger children in their communities; and
- WHEREAS: Over the past 30 years, under Diane's leadership as its volunteer Executive Director, the Page Education Foundation has awarded over \$15 million in scholarships to over 7,000 Minnesota students of color. Importantly, Page Scholars have provided almost 500,000 hours of volunteer service to 325 community organizations and schools across the state, positively impacting tens of thousands of younger students who they have mentored; and
- WHEREAS: Many Page Scholars have gone on to become leaders in their chosen fields and have made tremendous contributions to our state and their communities, where they continue to serve as mentors and role models; and
- WHEREAS: Diane exhibited the best of what it means to be a Minnesotan, using her kind, generous and seemingly boundless energy to seek out opportunities to serve her community and worked tirelessly to make our state a more just and inclusive place for all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, November 14, 2018, as:

DIANE SIMS PAGE 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 1st day of November.



GOVERNOR