STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The government of Minnesota has been "of the people, by the people, for the people" since its inception; and

WHEREAS: The Founders of this country understood that an informed constituency is an essential part of our democracy; and

WHEREAS: In the words of President James Madison, "a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives;" and

WHEREAS: The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Newspaper Week is a statewide initiative that reminds individuals of the importance of a free press; and

WHEREAS: Freedom of the Press promotes a well informed constituency, improves public policy, increases responsiveness and accountability, and enhances public confidence in governmental institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 13-19, 2017, as:

MINNESOTA NEWSPAPER 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 27th day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE