



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Praise Ugbede Adejo, better known by his stage name Praiz, is a Nigerian R&B songwriter, producer, singer, and philanthropist; and
- WHEREAS: Praise was born on March 8, 1985, and was raised in Lagos and Kaduna, Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: As the son of a gospel minister, Praise's musical background began while singing in his church choir; and
- WHEREAS: His unique singing style commanded the attention of many during a televised music competition thrilling Nigerians and beyond with his unique soulful voice; and
- WHEREAS: Praise has made cameo appearances on various projects, most notably his performance on alternative singer Bez's 'That Stupid Song', whose video was the first Nigerian video to make a world premiere on Black Entertainment Television (BET); and
- WHEREAS: Praise is an award-winning artist, receiving several awards for his music including the 2013 Hip Hop World Award for Best Vocal Performance (Male); 2015 Nigerian Entertainment Award (NEA) for Best Pop/R&B Artist of the Year; 2015 Africa Youth Choice Award for Best R&B/Pop Artist of the Year, and the 2015 Best Artist in African R&B and Soul Award at AFRIMA (All Africa Music Awards). Praise has also held six nominations at the 2015 Headies Awards including Album of the Year; and
- WHEREAS: On Saturday, February 6, 2016, Praise will be featured as a special guest at the Red Affair Fundraiser event in downtown Minneapolis to benefit Avenues for Homeless Youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 6, 2016, as:

## PRAISE ADEJO 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR