



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 28-30, 2016, Rally 2016: The National Land Conservation Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 29th Anniversary of The National Land Conservation Conference, an opportunity for land trust and conservation leaders from every state and many foreign countries to convene, assess and celebrate conservation; explore the important trends; and plan for future conservation efforts in communities; and

WHEREAS: The work of land trusts benefit farmers, ranchers, and sustainable food supplies; the health of rivers, lakes, and supplies of high quality drinking water; walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and anyone who enjoys outdoor recreation; people who love scenic and historic sites; local economies and tax bases; and the current and coming generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Land Trust, the Minnesota Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are among the hosts of Rally 2016; and

WHEREAS: The Land Trust Alliance serves as the voice and champion for the nation's 1,200 land trusts that have conserved more than 50 million acres of land through the commitment of five million members, 15,000 volunteer board members, 100,000 other volunteers, and 12,000 staff members; and

WHEREAS: The nation's land trusts exist to save the places people love by strengthening land conservation across America, increasing the pace of land conservation, enhancing the quality of conservation, and creating the laws and resources needed to defend protected land over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 24-30, 2016, as:

RALLY 2016: THE NATIONAL LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE 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 28th day of October.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE