

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Gun violence is a pervasive and persistent problem in every corner of Minnesota, leaving

no community or group of people unscathed; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of courageous Minnesota students, teachers, and families are planning to

march to the Minnesota State Capitol on Saturday, March 24th to demand action to

reduce gun violence in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans will also be representing our state in a national demonstration to end gun

violence on Saturday in Washington, DC, joining concerned students, teachers, and

families from around the country; and

WHEREAS: At least 879 Minnesotans have been senselessly murdered with firearms since 2003; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 12,700 Americans are killed by gun violence in the United States every

year; and

WHEREAS: All children in Minnesota should feel safe and secure in their classrooms, and deserve all

the protections we can provide to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS: It will take all of us, working together, to enact sensible policies to prevent gun violence

and save lives in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans join countless Americans in demonstrations across the nation, demanding

new policies to protect our children and communities from the threats of gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 24, 2018, as:

## MARCH FOR OUR LIVES 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  $23^{\rm rd}$  day of March.

GOVERNOR