



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: People of color consist of 19 percent of the state population and make profound contributions to the fabric of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: People of color are underrepresented in the Minnesota Legislature and other elected bodies in policy and decision-making; and

WHEREAS: Only eight percent of Minnesota legislators are people of color; and

WHEREAS: Capitol Pathways, an internship program for college students of color, was created with the understanding that in order to build a stronger Minnesota, our state government and its workforce must reflect the rich diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS: Now in its second year, Capitol Pathways placed 34 college students of color within nonprofits, businesses, and state agencies; and

WHEREAS: Pathways students will spend the summer connecting with established Minnesota State Capitol leaders; and

WHEREAS: Students will develop experience working in various public policy roles and gain greater familiarity with the legislative process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 1, 2017, as:

CAPITOL PATHWAYS 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 June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE