



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: All people, including people with developmental disabilities and their families, have a right to advocate on their own behalf; and
- WHEREAS: The Partners in Policymaking® program was created in 1987 by the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The Partnership in Policymaking program is a leadership training program designed for parents of young children with developmental disabilities and adults with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The program teaches leadership skills and develops positive partnerships with elected officials and policymakers who influence the services and supports used by individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; and
- WHEREAS: More than 950 individuals from across Minnesota have graduated from the program and more than 27,000 people have graduated nationally and internationally during the past 30 years; and
- WHEREAS: The Partners in Policymaking program will observe its thirtieth anniversary on May 13, 2017; and
- WHEREAS: This day will be an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the graduates from the past 30 years and to look toward the future of personal and group advocacy by Minnesota graduates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2017, as:

## PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pimm*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR