



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's vast water resources have long sustained rich and varied wildlife, fisheries, and vegetation, as well as shaped the region's economy, recreation, and distinct quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's water resources face both long-term challenges and newly-emerging stressors; and

WHEREAS: Science-based management paired with innovative technology, and public education and outreach is crucial for protecting and improving Minnesota's waters and sustaining the vibrancy of life and economy within the state; and

WHEREAS: The annual Minnesota Water Resources Conference brings together Minnesota's leading experts and practitioners to discuss the latest research and innovations for addressing our water management challenges; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Water Resources Conference is possible because of long-term sponsorship from the University of Minnesota's Water Resources Center, whose mission is to advance science-based solutions for freshwater management, and the College of Continuing Education, whose mission is to provide lifelong education and professional development; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Water Resources Conference highlights the dedication of students and professionals in academia, federal and state agencies, local government entities, nonprofit organizations in environmental technology and design; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes those who have dedicated their education and professional lives to the protection, restoration, and management of the waters of the North Star State, as well as the protection of the health and way of life of Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 19-26, 2016, as:

WATER RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

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 19th day of October.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR