STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The work of interpreting and preserving Minnesota history and heritage for future generations is dependent on the commitment of local communities; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota became a leader in local heritage preservation in 1916 when the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) hired its first local history services professional to help communities organize government archives and records, photograph historic sites, and organize the preservation of objects; and

WHEREAS: Local heritage preservation in Minnesota has flourished with the on-going support of MNHS' Heritage Preservation Department, which provides training, information, and resources through the Minnesota History Network; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesotans are now involved as volunteers and dedicated staff members in more than 500 local history organizations, heritage preservation commissions, and partner organizations working in each of Minnesota's 87 counties; and

WHEREAS: 2016 is the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which formally recognized historical preservation as an important policy initiative and inspired local historic preservation efforts coast to coast; and

WHEREAS: Preservation programs have had a positive social and economic impact on the state, resulting in the listing of 1,600 properties on the National Register of Historic Places and a $9 return on every $1 invested through grants and tax credits; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans are grateful to all past, present, and future advocates for their role in local heritage preservation initiatives, inviting us to look to our future by preserving our past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as:
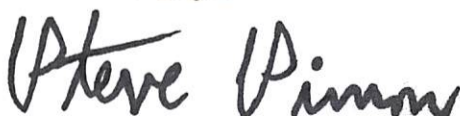
LOCAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION MONTH

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 8th day of August.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE