STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Gustavus Adolphus College was founded 150 years ago as Minnesota Elementar Skola in Red Wing, Minnesota, as a place to teach Swedish men and women of the new Augustana Synod to be pastors and teachers; and

WHEREAS: This school moved to East Union, Minnesota in 1863 as St. Ansgar's Academy, then to St. Peter, Minnesota in 1876, taking the name of Gustavus Adolphus College; and

WHEREAS: Gustavus Adolphus College is a nationally-recognized, four-year liberal arts college, with a Phi Beta Kappa standing, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS: Gustavus Adolphus College fosters the development of values of excellence, faith, service, justice, and community as an integral part of intellectual growth, and seeks to promote leadership and service to the world; and

WHEREAS: Gustavus Adolphus College aspires to be a community of persons from diverse backgrounds who respect and affirm the dignity of all people, and where students attain full their potential and develop a passion for lifelong learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as:

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE 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 20th day of September.

[Signature]

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE