



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a state that enjoys many blessings: natural beauty, abundant resources, strong families, a diversified economy, native peoples, and immigrants from all over the world; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is challenged by the pervasive enemies of humankind: poverty, sickness, hunger, injustice, prejudice, discouragement, greed, crime, and alienation; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have always held high standards of excellence, justice, generosity, freedom, equality, and progress, and we have faced these problems with resolve; and
- WHEREAS: Our state has been strengthened by the conscience-based actions of people of faith in all walks of life; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the challenges we face require a change of heart, which government cannot legislate or enforce, but which spiritual growth can bring about; and
- WHEREAS: Our Constitution begins with these words: "We, the people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 1, 2008, as:

DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Minnesota and humbly encourage citizens of faith to turn to God as their understanding and beliefs direct, that we may open our hearts in thanksgiving for blessings received and to seek strength, wisdom, and encouragement to build a better Minnesota for all our people.



Mark Ritchie

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 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

Tim Pawlenty
GOVERNOR