



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Friendship Academy of the Arts is a public charter school in Minneapolis, founded in 2001; and
- WHEREAS: Friendship Academy of the Arts serves several communities in the state including the cities of Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, and Saint Paul; and
- WHEREAS: Ninety-eight percent of students at Friendship Academy of the Arts are eligible for free and/or reduced lunch; and
- WHEREAS: Friendship Academy of the Arts received the distinction of being named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School, which is the highest national honor a school can receive; and
- WHEREAS: The 2016 National Blue Ribbon School program recognizes Friendship Academy of the Arts as an Exemplary High Performing School, in the top 15 percent of the state, and top 1 percent of the nation and
- WHEREAS: On November 7, 2016, Dr. Charvez Russell, Executive Director, Dr. Datrice Chukwu-Lewis, Academic Director, and Mrs. Nell Collier, former Executive Director and current Arts Enrichment Coordinator, joined other educational leaders in Washington, D.C. to accept this prestigious award on behalf of Friendship Academy of the Arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 2, 2016, as:

FRIENDSHIP ACADEMY OF THE ARTS DAY

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 18th day of November.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR



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