



# STATE of MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Spread the Word to End the Word is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics Minnesota to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)" and encourage people to pledge to stop using the "R-word"; and
- WHEREAS: The Spread the Word to End the Word campaign is intended to get schools, communities, and organizations to rally and pledge their support to help create communities of inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The Spread the Word to End the Word encourages individuals, organizations, and media outlets to use 'person-first' language when describing individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
Wednesday, March 1, 2017, as:

## SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE



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