

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In Minnesota there are thousands of Nigerians who descend from the Yoruba tribe, one of the largest tribes in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been the home of Nigerians of Yoruba decent for more than fifty years, resulting in second and third generation Yoruba-Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The Yoruba-Minnesotans contribute to the prosperity and cultural diversity of the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: In 1995, Yoruba-Minnesotans founded *Egbe Omo Oduduwa-Minnesota, USA*, a nonprofit community association of Oduduwa descendants; and
- WHEREAS: The *Egbe Omo Oduduwa-Minnesota, USA* was founded to foster cooperation, unity and support between Africans and Americans, and also to promote Yoruba culture, arts, music and values in America; and
- WHEREAS: The *Egbe Omo Oduduwa-Minnesota, USA* is celebrating Odua-fest, a festival of the arts, music and culture of the Yoruba people during the week of July 19 - 25, 1998;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 19 - 25, 1998 to be

Yoruba Week

in 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 nineteenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

Jean A. Grone
SECRETARY OF STATE

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