

# STATE OF MINNESOTA



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Igbos are one of the major tribes of Nigeria; and
- WHEREAS: There are thousands of Igbo residents in Minnesota, some of which have lived in Minnesota for more than forty years; and
- WHEREAS: In 1985, the Igbos in Minnesota formed the Umunne Cultural Association of Minnesota, a nonprofit association formed to unite and educate Igbos, their families, and all Minnesotans about their culture, art, music, and values through community activities; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association has been involved with several causes, such as breast cancer education, the arts, volunteering in local schools, book drives, and cultural performances at local festivals; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association started Igbofest in 1994 as a cultural festival, celebrating the rich culture of the Igbos and educating all Minnesotans about their culture; and
- WHEREAS: The Umunne Cultural Association is celebrating the fifth annual Igbofest on August 15, 1998, at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 15, 1998 to be

### *Igbo Day*

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 fifteenth day of August 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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