



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Edina High School's Fall musical production of *Anything Goes* competed with 130 schools across the country, winning a nationally adjudicated performance on the main stage at the International Thespian Society Festival at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on June 20-25, 2011; and
- WHEREAS: Edina High School has been a member of the International Thespian Society Festival at UNL for over 15 years. The high school's theater lettering program comes from the model of the International Thespian Society (ITS), a national honor society for 75 years, recognizing excellence in high school theater with scholarships, awards, and showcase performances; and
- WHEREAS: The International Thespian Society Festival is the largest weeklong celebration of high school theater in the world. This festival attracts 3,000 theater students and teachers from across the country and around the world for productions, workshops, individual performance events, a student playwriting program, college theater auditions, and thespian scholarship auditions; and
- WHEREAS: More than 200 Edina students participate in theater annually, making it the largest extracurricular program at the school. To prepare for the season's productions, theater students dedicate a combined 35,000 hours on rehearsing, honing their dance steps and musical scores, and with costume or set construction after school and throughout the summer; and
- WHEREAS: Edina High School Theater's motivated students learn teamwork, collaboration, and group dynamics and develop excellent communication skills; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Minnesota join in congratulating these dedicated high school students and staff in achieving the honor of being the first Minnesota school to perform on the International Thespian Society Festival's main stage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2011 as:

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL THEATER 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 2nd day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE