



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: University of Minnesota alumni are active and thoughtful citizens who contribute greatly to the economy and well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS: University of Minnesota graduates have started 19,000 companies that employ nearly 1.1 million workers in all 50 states and in 63 foreign countries. An impressive 86 percent of those businesses are still operating, with projected annual revenues of \$230 billion; and

WHEREAS: Not only do students come to Minnesota to learn, they also stay here to establish businesses and raise families. Of the companies started by University of Minnesota alumni, 10,000 are headquartered here in Minnesota, employing a half-million workers and generating \$100 billion in annual revenues; and

WHEREAS: University of Minnesota alumni appreciate the opportunities they have been given, and in turn give back to their communities. One in 14 alumni has served in elected office and 78 percent do volunteer work. Thirty-seven percent have led charitable organizations and 23 percent have served on for- and non-profit boards; and

WHEREAS: For over 150 years, the University of Minnesota alumni have greatly contributed to our state and nation and we applaud the university for giving these individuals the tools necessary for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 4, 2006, as:

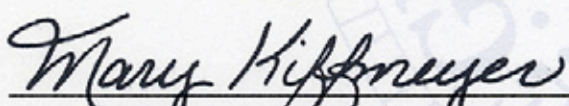
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI DAY

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 26th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE