



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Employee stock ownership plans are employer-funded retirement programs that allow workers to accumulate significant amounts of capital stock in the businesses where they work; and
- WHEREAS:** Employee stock ownership plans are in place at approximately 10,000 companies in the United States, which employ over 10 million working men and women; and
- WHEREAS:** Employee ownership is key to Americans sharing in the Nation's growth and prosperity, leading to greater workplace satisfaction and job; and
- WHEREAS:** Employee ownership provides a powerful incentive for thousands of Minnesotans to deliver the best of their talents and energies at their places of work, strengthening the competitive potential of Minnesota's businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** Employee ownership helps create and retain jobs in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS:** The impressive record of employee-owned firms benefiting their employees, customers, and communities, merits recognition; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2014, the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the ESOP Association is celebrating 25 years of commendable service to the ESOP community, including many Minnesota employee-owned businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, as:

EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP MONTH

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 24th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE