STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 13, 2016, the non-profit organization Think Small is celebrating its 45th year of service to the community, serving children, parents, child care providers, and employers; and

WHEREAS: Think Small works to improve the future for our children with proven child-centered products and services that promote best practices in early child care education by preparing providers, supporting families, and catalyzing change; and

WHEREAS: Think Small's increasing role derives from its origins as the Greater St. Paul Council for Coordinated Care, Toys 'N' Things, Resources for Child Caring, and Ready for K, and from its effective delivery of exceptional service, maintenance of high standards, culture of respect, support of diverse perspectives, cultivation of innovation, and commitment to collaboration; and

WHEREAS: While many lives have been touched in the past 45 years, many more children can benefit; and

WHEREAS: Think Small is committed to its mission to advance quality care and education of all of Minnesota's children in their crucial early years; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Think Small's significant contributions to children and families by developing and supporting the state's early care and education system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 13, 2016, as:

THINK SMALL 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 7th day of October.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

[Signature]

LT. GOVERNOR