



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Google Twin Ports Initiative, based in Duluth, represents the energy and positive spirit of the Duluth community; and
- WHEREAS: Duluth is an innovative community with great business ideas and financial assistance for companies using emerging technologies to compete in emerging markets; and
- WHEREAS: Duluth's effort to attract Google Fiber ranks first in the nation for community engagement and activity as measured by internet analytics. No city in the nation has more digital syndication than Duluth, despite the fact that Duluth is the smallest city in the top ten competing cities; and
- WHEREAS: Google Fiber would serve as a mechanism to transform the local economy and provide a tool for area businesses and entrepreneurial talent in Duluth to compete with the world while enjoying Duluth's quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Duluth has gained national and international attention for its creativity and innovative ideas; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is at the forefront of innovation with initiatives such as implementing universal broadband access in Minnesota by 2015 and the Renewable Energy 25 x '25 program; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports Duluth's pursuit of Google Fiber and will assist Google and the City of Duluth in proving the power and importance of this investment in our nation's broadband infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, Friday, March 26, 2010, as:

## GOOGLE TWIN PORTS 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 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE