WHEREAS: Ed Roberts is often called the father of the Independent Living Movement; and
WHEREAS: The treatment of people with disabilities has advanced considerably in the past half century, thanks in part to the work of Ed Roberts; and
WHEREAS: The Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities is to achieve the same civil rights and control over choices in their own lives as people without disabilities; and
WHEREAS: Independent living services assist Minnesotans with disabilities and their families in accessing supports designed for the unique needs of every individual and ensuring equal access, inclusion, and independence; and
WHEREAS: Ed Roberts' life's work was his activism for disability rights, including expanding access for students with disabilities at his alma mater, the University of California-Berkeley and becoming co-founder of the World Institute on Disability; and
WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives recognized January 23, 2011, as Ed Roberts Day; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Ed Roberts and the importance of independent living services, which help people with disabilities to be as independent as they can be and create communities that are barrier-free and welcoming to everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 23, 2017, as:

ED ROBERTS 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 23rd day of January.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE