

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is comprised of approximately 275 members who represent American families seeking permanent residence for family members and American businesses seeking talent in the global marketplace. Members also represent foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and people seeking asylum, often on a pro bono basis; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the AILA recognizes Immigrants of Distinction to remind us of the great contributions made by immigrants in the past, present, and future; and
- WHEREAS:** This year, honorees include: Oscar Nominee, Barkhad Abdi; Artistic Director and internationally-renowned theater artist Joe Dowling; classically-trained jazz pianist, arranger, and producer, Ignacio "Nachito" Herrera; and acclaimed author Wang Ping; and
- WHEREAS:** The United States is a nation of immigrants who, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life;" and
- WHEREAS:** The Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the AILA's 2014 Immigrants of Distinction have enriched and strengthened the fabric of life in Minnesota and America by their substantial contributions in the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 6, 2014, as:

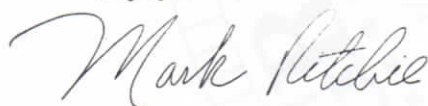
IMMIGRANTS OF DISTINCTION DAY

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 4th day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

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WHEREAS, American Historian Hasia Diner has declared that "immigration has made the United States of America"; and

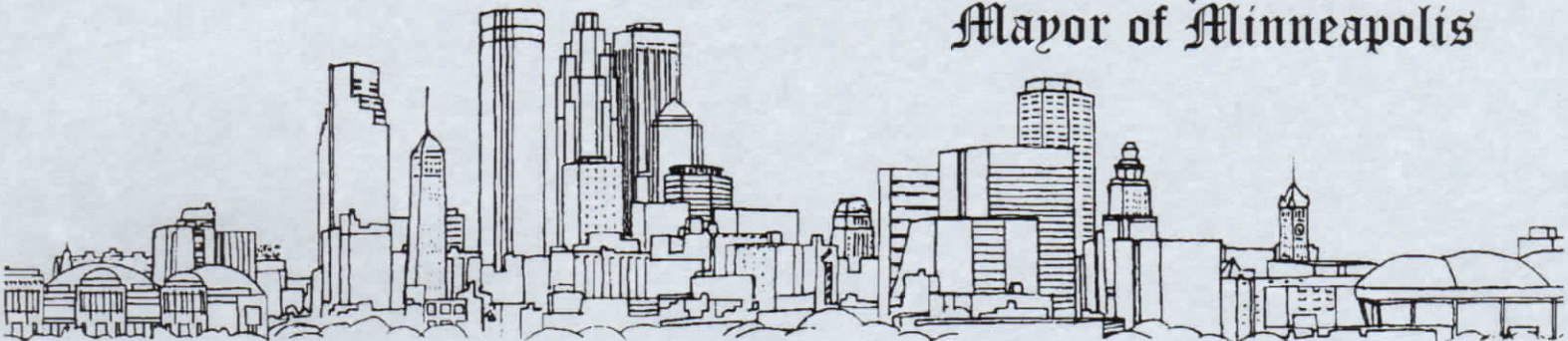
WHEREAS, Immigrants, in the words of Garrison Keillor, show us "by their struggles how precious beyond words freedom is";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BETSY HODGES, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim March 6, to be:

IMMIGRANTS OF DISTINCTION DAY

in the City of Minneapolis, honoring the achievements of our immigrants and recognizing the good works of one immigrant in particular, in the City of Minneapolis, honoring the achievements of our immigrants and recognizing the good works of one immigrant in particular, Ignacio "Nachito" Herrera -Jazz Pianist.

Mayor of Minneapolis



City of Saint Paul

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Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 6, 2014 to be:

Immigrants of Distinction Day

in the City of Saint Paul, honoring the achievements of our immigrants and recognizing the good works of one immigrant in particular; Ignacio "Nachito" Herrera (an internationally recognized jazz pianist, arranger, and producer).



In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Sixth of March in the Year Two Thousand Fourteen.

Christopher B. Coleman

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor



Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter

2014

*Immigrant Of Distinction
Award*



Ignacio "Nachito" Herrera