WHEREAS: The Society of Thoracic Surgeons was established in 1964, and is an international not-for-profit organization representing more than 6,600 cardiothoracic surgeons, researchers, and other health care professionals who are part of the cardiothoracic surgery team; and

WHEREAS: A cardiothoracic surgeon is a physician who performs operations on the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest; and

WHEREAS: The Society of Thoracic Surgeons' mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS: The Society of Thoracic Surgeons offers continuing medical education, leads initiatives for quality improvement and patient safety via the Society of Thoracic Surgeons National Database, produces an esteemed scientific journal, The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, supports cardiothoracic surgery research initiatives, and advocates on behalf of patients; and

WHEREAS: The observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons provides a special occasion to express our appreciation and gratitude to cardiothoracic surgeons for their hard work and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 11, 2013, as:

THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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 1st day of December.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE