MINNESOTA

Nickname: The North Star State
Motto: L'Étoile du Nord (The North Star)
Flower: Pink and White Lady-Slipper
Tree: Common Loon
Song: Hail! Minnesota
Entered the Union: May 11, 1858
Capital: St. Paul

STATISTICS

Land Area (square miles): 79,627
Rank in Nation: 14

Population: 5,489,594
Rank in Nation: 87
Density per square mile: 68.9
Capital City: St. Paul
Population: 297,640
Rank in State: 2

Largest City: Minneapolis
Population: 407,207
Number of Representatives in Congress: 8
Number of 2016 Electoral Votes: 10
Number of County Governments: 87
Number of Municipal Governments: 853
Number of School Districts: 338
Number of Special Districts: 610

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Legislative Body: Legislature
President of the Senate: Sandra Pappas
President Pro Tem of the Senate: Ann Rest
Secretary of the Senate: JoAnne Zoff
Speaker of the House: Kurt Daudt
Speaker Pro Tem of the House: Tim O’Driscol
Clerk of the House: Al Mathiowetz

2016 Regular Session: March 8 – May 23, 2016
Number of Senatorial Districts: 67
Number of Representative Districts: 67

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor: Mark Dayton
Lieutenant Governor: Tina Smith
Secretary of State: Steve Simon
Attorney General: Lori Swanson
Treasurer: Myron Frans
Secretary of State (Commissioner of Finance): Rebecca Otto

Governor’s Present Term: 1/2012 – 1/2016
Number of Elected Officials in the Executive Branch: 85
Number of Members in the Cabinet: 25

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Highest Court: Supreme Court
Supreme Court Chief Justice: Lorie Skjerven Gildea
Number of Supreme Court Judges: 7
Number of Intermediate Appellate Court Judges: 19
Number of U.S. Court Districts: 1
U.S. Circuit Court: 8th Circuit