

## Gov. Dayton declares Wed., Oct. 28, 2015, "Marlon James Day"

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Governor Mark Dayton has declared today, Wednesday, October 28, 2015, MARLON JAMES DAY in the state of Minnesota.

James, an English professor at Macalester College, won the 2015 Man Booker Prize for Fiction earlier this month for his novel, *A Brief History of Seven Killings*.

*A Brief History of Seven Killings* is 686-pages with over 75 characters and voices. Set in Kingston, where James was born, the book is a fictional history of the attempted murder of Bob Marley in 1976.

The Man Booker Prize promotes the finest in fiction by rewarding the very best book of the year. The prize is considered one the world's most important literary awards.

### Gov. Dayton's proclamation





STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota writer and Macalester College professor Marlon James has achieved great recognition for his writing; and
- WHEREAS: Marlon has won the prestigious *Man Booker Prize* for his latest novel "A Brief History of Seven Killings;" and
- WHEREAS: Marlon is a major international writer of profound talent; and
- WHEREAS: His work celebrates the arts, literature, diversity, and internationalism in resounding ways; and
- WHEREAS: His standing as a faculty member at Macalester College has led to a tenured position in the English Department; and
- WHEREAS: He brings outstanding teaching and collegiality to this community; and
- WHEREAS: The magnitude of Marlon's achievement deserves statewide recognition, and serves as a special way to celebrate literature, the arts, diversity, and internationalism in the state of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 28, 2015, as:

MARLON JAMES 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,138 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence,

internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu).

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