



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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July 1, 2015

The Honorable Tom Bakk
Senate Majority Leader
Room 232, State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable David Hann
Senate Minority Leader
Room 147, State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
Room 463, State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Paul Thissen
House Minority Leader
Room 267, State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Legislative Leaders:

Today I have set agency head salaries pursuant to M.S. 15A.0815 and 2015 Minnesota Chapter Laws, Chapter 3, as approved by the Legislature on February 26, 2015. The attached schedule lists the annualized salaries of those employees. The schedule will be posted today on the Minnesota Management and Budget website.

The salaries of high-level public officials are convenient targets for anti-government partisans, who don't understand the sophisticated administrative skills required to provide quality government services and care even less. But competitive salaries are essential to attract and retain the best public executives, whose successes, in turn, provide taxpayers with improved services, greater efficiencies, and new innovations, which are worth many times the cost of their salaries.

Minnesota is now being recognized nationally for its many successes in both the private and public sectors. These top administrators have played key roles in achieving them. All Minnesotans depend upon their skills to organize and deliver needed public services, while also creating efficiencies and saving taxpayers money. They deserve salaries that are commensurate with their responsibilities and more comparable to the compensations paid to their counterparts in other states and elsewhere in Minnesota.

These salaries are well below the limits established by the legislature earlier this year. They will help ensure that Minnesotans continue to receive the best possible public services from the best possible public leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

Enclosure: Compensation Council letter, dated March 11, 2013

Agency Head Salaries Established Pursuant To M.S. 15A.0815 and Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 3
July 1, 2015

Group I

Effective January 1, 2015, the salary for each of the following positions shall not exceed \$164,803. Actual Salary Effective July 1, 2015

Commissioner of Administration	\$144,991
Commissioner of Agriculture	\$144,991
Commissioner of Commerce	\$144,991
Commissioner of Corrections	\$150,002
Commissioner of Education	\$150,002
Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development	\$150,002
Commissioner of Health	\$150,002
Commissioner, Housing Finance Agency	\$144,991
Commissioner of Human Rights	\$144,991
Commissioner of Human Services	\$154,992
Commissioner of Labor and Industry	\$144,991
Commissioner of Management and Budget	\$154,992
Commissioner of Natural Resources	\$154,992
Commissioner, Office of Higher Education	\$144,991
Commissioner, Pollution Control Agency	\$150,002
Commissioner of Public Safety	\$154,992
Commissioner of Revenue	\$154,992
Commissioner of Transportation	\$154,992
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs	\$144,991

Group II

Effective January 1, 2015, the salary for each of the following positions shall not exceed \$148,694. Actual Salary Effective July 1, 2015

Commissioner, Bureau of Mediation Services	\$140,000
Executive Director, Gambling Control Board	\$119,997
Commissioner, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board	\$140,000
Chair, Metropolitan Council	\$144,991
School Trust Lands Director	\$125,009
Ombudsman for Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities	\$119,997
Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission	\$140,000
Executive Director of Pari-mutuel Racing	\$115,988

Group III

Effective January 1, 2015, the salary for the following position shall not exceed \$30,978. Actual Salary Effective July 1, 2015

Chair, Metropolitan Airports Commission	\$30,000
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