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Governor Dayton Proclaims Sept. 16 “Ethanol Day” in Minnesota

Locally-owned Minnoco gas stations also begin Pink Out promotion, donating money to Hope Chest for Breast Cancer for every gallon of E15 Unleaded Plus sold through end of October

St. Paul, Minn. — Growth Energy today applauded Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton for supporting clean, renewable biofuels that are moving America towards a more sustainable future by proclaiming Friday, September 16 “Ethanol Day,” a move that celebrates the positive impact ethanol has on the state’s economy, its environment and public health.

Ethanol is already in 97 percent of the gasoline sold in the United States, but beginning today, drivers in the Twin Cities region will be able to take advantage of higher blends of ethanol such as E15. This 21st century fueling option gives drivers a choice at the pump that reduces greenhouse gas emissions while providing their engines more horsepower at a reduced price point. There are currently 46 gas stations in Minnesota that offer E15 – with more on the way (see complete list below).

“We are thankful that Governor Dayton chose to celebrate the tremendous benefits of cleaner, cooler burning biofuels by declaring today Ethanol Day across Minnesota,” **said Emily Skor, CEO of Growth Energy.** “Drivers can now fuel their cars with E15 and receive the added advantages of increased horsepower and decreased emissions. It’s an exciting time for all who value cleaner air and enhanced vehicle performance.”

September 16 is also the beginning of Minnoco’s “Pink Out” promotion, where 22 locally-owned Minnoco gas stations around the Twin Cities that will be donating two cents from every gallon sold of E15 Unleaded Plus gasoline from now through the end of October to the local charity Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. E15 contains five percent more ethanol than standard gasoline, displacing more toxic chemicals that form potent carcinogens when burned – the same carcinogens linked to smog and asthma.

“We are excited about the opportunity to support fueling the fight against breast cancer and introducing more local consumers to the benefits of E15 Unleaded Plus during Minnoco’s Pink Out,” **said Lance Klatt, executive director of Minnoco.** “Ethanol is a high-performance biofuel that our customers have told us they value, so we are proud to offer them broader access to this renewable fuel. We invite area residents to stop by a station, pitch in for a good cause and drive away with E15 Unleaded Plus powering their cars.”

Minnoco’s Pink Out promotion encourages drivers to take advantage of E15 Unleaded Plus, with a donation from every sale going to Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. The theme for the promotion is “Fueling the Fight Against Breast Cancer.” Pink nozzle hand guards and splash guards at the pump identify the fuel eligible for the promotion. In 2015, Minnoco raised \$13,000 for Hope Chest and is targeting raising \$20,000 in 2016.

“Partnering with Minnoco on this great cause is something we are very proud of,” continued Skor. “Ethanol has enabled the removal of cancer-causing additives from our fuel supply, making it ideally suited for this charity drive.”

Minnoco is leading the way here in Minnesota by responding to consumer demand for E15, and their choice is paying off. Drivers are embracing biofuels like E15 because they recognize the benefits of cleaner air, fewer toxic emissions and improved engine performance.

Governor Dayton’s proclamation declaring September 16 “Ethanol Day” says:

- WHEREAS: Ethanol is an advanced biofuel that we use every day and is moving Minnesota and America forward.
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in ethanol production and use.
- WHEREAS: Minnesota was the first state to fully embrace the use of ethanol in our fuel supply and today all gasoline sold in Minnesota contains at least 10 percent of this clean, renewable biofuel.
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is currently home to 20 ethanol plants and one biobutanol plant, with a combined ethanol production capacity of more than 1 billion gallons.
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has more than 40 gas stations offering E15 and the most E85 pumps in the nation.
- WHEREAS: Ethanol burns cleaner and cooler than oil and increases octane, which is good for our environment and our car engines.
- WHEREAS: Without ethanol, we would roll back years of progress by adding chemicals that produce cancer-causing emissions back into gasoline, once again becoming more dependent on foreign oil and paying higher gas prices.
- WHEREAS: The EPA has approved the use of E15, which contains 15 percent ethanol, in all vehicles built in 2001 or later.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota do hereby proclaim that Friday, September 16, 2016, shall be observed as ETHANOL DAY in the State of Minnesota.

For more information on where to find higher blends of ethanol, visit getethanol.com.

Gas Stations Offering E15 in Minnesota	Address
Cenex	1705 Broadway St. Alexandria, MN
Little Duke’s / Coborn’s Express	1010 E. Enterprise Dr. Belle Plaine, MN
Petro Serve USA #57	2470 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW Bemidji, MN
Brooks Cenex	701 Hwy. 595 Brooks, MN
Jeff, Bobby & Steve’s Auto World/Mobil	3701 Central Ave. NE Columbia Heights, MN
Highway 10 Minnoco	11580 Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids, MN
Cenex	320 Trosky Rd W Edgerton, MN
Cenex - Community Coop Oil	28 Division St W

	Faribault, MN
Little Duke's at Coborn's	2211 11th St. E. Glencoe, MN
Cenex	330 County Rd. 21 S. Glenwood, MN
Petro Serve USA #54	11 State St NE Glyndon, MN
Minnoco - Hampton Pump & Grocery	23450 Emery Ave. Hampton, MN
Little Duke's	225 33rd St W Hastings, MN
South Central Grain & Energy-Cenex	100 Hwy Ave Hector, MN
Northland Minnoco	501 Heritage Blvd NE Isanti, MN
Minnoco - Fast Break	7601 Lake Drive Lino Lakes, MN
Little Duke's at Coborn's	645 South Lake St. Long Prairie, MN
Fleming's Bear 36 Minnoco	2271 White Bear Ave Maplewood, MN
In and Out Market - Minnoco	743 N. Century Ave. Maplewood, MN
Penn Minnoco	6001 Penn Ave S 60th St W. Minneapolis
Bauer's Minnoco	13118 Excelsior Blvd. Minnetonka, MN
Minnoco - Glenn's 1-Stop	12908 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka, MN
Navarre Minnoco	3360 Shoreline Dr. Navarre, MN
Little Duke's	200 Alton Ave SE New Prague, MN
Perham Oasis	43937 Fort Thunder Road Perham, MN
Little Duke's / Coborn's Express	1106 8th Ave SW Pipestone, MN
Holiday	16825 County Road 24 Plymouth, MN
Plymouth VIP Minnoco	9950 County Rd. 9 Plymouth, MN
Little Duke's	1100 7th Ave S Princeton, MN
Little Duke's at Coborn's	7900 Sunwood Dr. NW Ramsey, MN
Richfield Minnoco	6744 Penn Ave. S. Richfield, MN
Rosie's Market Minnoco	14685 Robert Trail S. Rosemount, MN
Little Duke's	900 Cooper Ave S Saint Cloud, MN
Minnoco-Hennen's Auto Service	807 1st Avenue East Shakopee, MN
Gramsie Corner Mart Minnoco	3999 Rice St. Shoreview, MN

Chuck Spaeth Ford	900 3 rd Ave SW Sleepy Eye, MN
Minnoco-Kaposia Convenience Center	1214 Southview Blvd. South St. Paul, MN
Highland Service Minnoco	485 Snelling Ave. So. St. Paul, MN
Marshall Cretin Minnoco	2178 Marshall Ave. St. Paul, MN
Tobasi Stop Minnoco	809 Selby Ave. St. Paul, MN
Cenex - Prairie Lakes Coop	707 7 th St. E. Starbuck, MN
Cenex - Farmers Union Oil Co.	930 US Hwy 59 S Thief River Falls, MN
Trimont Town Center	500 South Highway 4 Trimont, MN
Cenex - Willmar	2550 Highway 2 E Willmar, MN
Little Duke's at Cash Wise	1300 SE Fifth St. Willmar, MN
Walt's 66 Carwash	1200 South 1 st St. Willmar, MN

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