



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the arts, defined as dance, music, theatre, literature, media, and visual arts, as a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and
- WHEREAS: Education in the arts fosters discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, cross-cultural understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills which support academic success across the curriculum, as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and
- WHEREAS: The arts can transform our schools into havens of creativity and exploration—places where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated; and
- WHEREAS: High quality, school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including educators, parents, artists, arts organizations, community members, and local and statewide organizations; and
- WHEREAS: We applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state, and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their efforts to provide arts education for every student, in every school, every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11-17, 2011 as:

## ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Dul".

SECRETARY OF STATE