



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Computing technology is an integral part of culture and is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and
- WHEREAS: The field of computer science is a foundational science for a digital age and underpins the information technology sector of the economy, a significant contributor to the economic output of the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The number of computing-based jobs in Minnesota is expected to rise 13.5 percent to nearly 88,000 total positions by 2020; and
- WHEREAS: All students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including: access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at elementary and secondary levels; and
- WHEREAS: Participating in high-quality computer science activities exposes students to the rich opportunities the field offers and enhances critical thinking skills; and
- WHEREAS: The field of computer science has challenges and barriers to address, including attracting more participation by women and under-represented minorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 8-14, 2014, as:

## COMPUTER SCIENCE 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of November.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE