



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a prevention and education program that teaches young people ways of resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS: D.A.R.E. targets young people when they are most vulnerable to peer pressure, and teaches the skills to make positive decisions and resist the pressure to engage in negative and violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS: Over 25 million students have been reached worldwide, and approximately 74,000 Minnesota students receive instruction annually; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E. curriculum helps students understand self-image, recognize and manage stress without taking drugs, evaluate risk-taking behavior, resist gang pressure, apply decision-making techniques, evaluate the consequences of the choices available to them, discover ways to handle conflict, and learn friendship skills; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E. program has achieved outstanding success, teaching positive and effective approaches to two of the most difficult problems facing our young people today: drug abuse and violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2012 as:

## D.A.R.E. 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE