



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of Minnesota residents and visitors. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, with homes being the location where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS: In 2012, Minnesota fire departments responded to 244,883 calls for service, including 16,607 fires and 147,100 emergency medical calls; and
- WHEREAS: Almost three-quarters of Americans have a fire escape plan; however, less than half have practiced it. Residents who plan and practice a home fire escape strategy are more prepared and, therefore, more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS: Fire service personnel across Minnesota are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota residents are responsive to public education and should take steps to increase safety from fire, especially in homes; and
- WHEREAS: The first Friday of the Minnesota State Fair is the Governor's Fire Prevention Day, and is a day for first responders and injury prevention specialists to educate Minnesota residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 23, 2013, as:

FIRE PREVENTION 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 10th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE