



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The latest research findings from the Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) have shown that Baby Boomers' confidence in their financial preparations for retirement are steadily dropping, with barely one quarter of them are optimistic about their retirement situation in 2015; and

WHEREAS: A unique set of challenges has emerged, including changes in employee benefits, longer life spans, as well as the rising cost of health care, that has made preparing for the retirement increasingly more difficult; and

WHEREAS: Americans today rely on their own savings to provide for their financial security in retirement; and

WHEREAS: Many consumers are unaware of the financial challenges ahead and are unprepared for their retirement years, causing a growing need to educate Americans about retirement planning; and

WHEREAS: Being proactive about retirement planning and seeking professional guidance when necessary can help Americans achieve financial freedom; and

WHEREAS: Developing a comprehensive retirement plan is an important step that will steer many Americans to save more and ultimately achieve a financially secure future; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports and joins in this national effort to help consumers focus on their financial needs in retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 13-17, 2015, as:

## Retirement Planning 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE