



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: On average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, including 14 people in Minnesota alone, and approximately 70 percent of these fatalities are caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS: The vast majority of these accidents are caused by poor judgment and not equipment or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS: As many as 10 lives could be saved each year in Minnesota through the use of a life jacket; and

WHEREAS: Today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2014, as:

## SAFE BOATING 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE