



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In today's highly interconnected world, telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to government services, community resources, friends, and family; and
- WHEREAS: Not everyone can afford the cost of a home telephone, and a number of our nation's households still do not have telephone services in their homes; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission have joined in a collaborative effort to make telephone service more affordable for the nation's low-income consumers by providing a discount on the connection fee and monthly charges for local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS: The Link-Up America (Link-Up) and Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) programs offer tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in Minnesota and make basic telephone service more affordable; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC has established Enhanced Link-Up and Lifeline programs for Tribal Lands; and
- WHEREAS: The Link-Up program provides a generous discount to consumers on the installation of telephone service in their homes, while the Lifeline program provides a discount to eligible low-income customers on their monthly phone bill; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, and other state and federal agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and telecommunications companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Link-Up and Lifeline programs, and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up for the programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11-17, 2011 to be:

MINNESOTA LIFELINE AWARENESS 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 7th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE