



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative was established in 2003 to promote high-quality, early care for children under five years of age; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative promotes the principles that every child must have the opportunity to learn, be safe, and be loved; and
- WHEREAS: Parents have the most important role to play, but need and deserve the support of the community to be successful;
- WHEREAS: All children must enter school ready to learn; investment in our youngest children leads to valuable economic impact in our communities; and the best interest of our children must be a priority for leaders and policy makers; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative has established a network of community coalitions working to recruit diverse stakeholders to raise awareness about the importance of high-quality early childhood experiences, to encourage leaders to respond to local needs, and create a unified voice to influence public and private policy; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of children in Minnesota have been given a strong start to learning, achieving, and succeeding due to the contributions and shared vision of the Minnesota Initiative Foundations, program funders, volunteers, community partners, and donors statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 24, 2013, as:

MINNESOTA EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE 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 21st day of October.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE