



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Arson is not a victimless crime; 25 people in Minnesota have been killed in arson fires since 2004; and

WHEREAS: In Minnesota between 2004 and 2013, there were 12,575 arson fires resulting in nearly \$99 million in property damage; and

WHEREAS: Arson causes devastating financial and personal loss; and

WHEREAS: Cities, communities and neighborhoods are blighted by arson, resulting in erosion of tax base and destruction of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Natural resources are destroyed or rendered useless for long periods of time by the crime of arson; and

WHEREAS: Citizens should call 1-800-723-2020 to report arson; and

WHEREAS: Public awareness is one of the responsibilities of the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Fire Marshal Division

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2015, as:

ARSON 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 30th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE