



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is strengthened when good character and ethical leadership are encouraged and citizens make decisions that positively affect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS: Character education includes a broad range of educational approaches, such as social-emotional learning, civic education, service learning, and whole child education, to assist youth in becoming caring, responsible, and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS: Quality character education creates an integrated culture that supports and challenges students and adults to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS: Schools that include quality character education in their curriculum and culture find improved behavior, academic achievement, peer interaction, school culture, and parental involvement; and

WHEREAS: Today, we recognize schools with quality character education practices, and the individuals and organizations that positively impact the development of good character and ethical leadership in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2013 as:

## CHARACTER RECOGNITION 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE