WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition inspires high school students to pursue careers in science and technology; and

WHEREAS: During the last seven years, the Minnesota FIRST Robotics contingent has grown from two, to one hundred and eighty-six teams, the third largest state contingent in the nation, with teams from throughout the state representing the full diversity of Minnesota's high school students; and

WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition has grown so popular, there are now more FIRST Robotics teams in Minnesota than there are boys varsity hockey teams; and

WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition is a Minnesota State High School League program, the first such state-sanctioned program for high school robotics teams, setting an example for the rest of the nation, and making robotics a part of Minnesota's high school competitive activity culture; and

WHEREAS: With all of the challenges we now face as a nation, the FIRST Robotics program continues to be vital to our future well-being and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 28, 2014, as:

FIRST ROBOTICS 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 10th day of March.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE