



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Students are more likely to meet physical activity recommendations if they walk or bicycle to school, and walking or bicycling instills life-long habits of being physically active and healthy; and
- WHEREAS: When kids walk or bike to school, they arrive focused and ready to learn. Healthy kids not only have better attendance, they also do better on tests; and
- WHEREAS: Walking and bicycling to school has environmental benefits for the whole community, helping it to become better connected and safer for all; and
- WHEREAS: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) helps kids walk and bike to school more often through infrastructure improvements, education, and promotional activities; and
- WHEREAS: Safe Routes to School is a growing movement, with over 115 participating schools reaching over 78,000 students and staff to support more active and healthier lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Safe Routes to School Network, the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, and many other partners work together to encourage and support safe routes to schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October, 2011 as:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MONTH

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 29th day of September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Ritchie", written above a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE