



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Children are one of Minnesota's most valuable resources and their safety traveling to and from school is a top priority; and
- WHEREAS: While transporting the 842,854 students in Minnesota, school bus drivers are held to the highest standards of school bus operation; and
- WHEREAS: School bus drivers, transportation directors, safety directors, mechanics, dispatchers, school administrators, and all school district employees and those employed in the bus industry, work together tirelessly to make school buses one of the safest forms of transportation, taking all precautions to protect children; and
- WHEREAS: School children are trained annually in school bus safety rules and evacuation procedures so they are prepared in the event of an emergency; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association works in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, Office of Pupil Transportation Safety, Department of Education, and Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation to actively promote programs that emphasize school bus safety, and seek the cooperation of the citizens of Minnesota to comply with school bus transportation rules and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-24, 2014, as:

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE