



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with its more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37 percent of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their head; and
- WHEREAS: Adult drowning is a problem we can solve — teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of the USMS, and its foundation partners; and
- WHEREAS: The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation provides grant resources to programs in Minnesota so they may teach potentially hundreds of adults to swim who might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn; and
- WHEREAS: The grants are privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of USMS members and supporters; and
- WHEREAS: April is recognized nationally as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available to non-swimmers for fun, fitness, and health, can be attained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014, as:

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM 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 14th day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE