



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Recent, student-related housing fires in Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, California, New York, Michigan, and other states around the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and
- WHEREAS: Since January 2000, at least 155 people, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires; and
- WHEREAS: Over 85 percent of these deaths occurred in off-campus occupancies, where a majority of students live; and
- WHEREAS: A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and
- WHEREAS: It is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide necessary, early warning to building occupants and fire departments of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and
- WHEREAS: It is also recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of building occupants; and
- WHEREAS: It is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage. It is vital to educate the future generation of our state and nation about the importance of fire safety during their college years and beyond; and
- WHEREAS: By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2012 as:

## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE