



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Recreational use of Minnesota lakes, rivers, and streams is an important activity for many Minnesotans and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: Safe recreational use of these waters is desired for both young and old; and
- WHEREAS: Sudden cold water immersion can cause drowning due to cold shock, the sudden gasp and inhaling of water, swimming failure, the loss of muscle coordination, and the ability to keep one's head above water; and
- WHEREAS: Springtime waters can be dangerously cold after the ice is gone; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness of the danger of cold water, particularly to young swimmers, is critical so that everyone can work to avoid accidental drowning due to cold water.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2012, as:

COLD WATER AWARENESS 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 11th day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE