WHEREAS: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a prevention and education program, which advocates and educates for healthy and safe children; and

WHEREAS: D.A.R.E. targets young people and their families, and teaches them positive decision-making, educates them on safe and healthy lifestyles, and provides tools to resist engaging in negative and violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS: Over 25 million students have been reached worldwide, and approximately 75,000 Minnesota students receive instruction annually; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E. curriculum helps students understand self-image, recognize and manage stress without taking drugs or using violence, evaluate risk-taking behavior, resist gang pressure, apply decision-making techniques, evaluate the consequences of the choices available to them, discover ways to handle conflict, and learn friendship skills; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E. program has achieved outstanding success, teaching positive and effective approaches to two of the most difficult problems facing our young people today, drug abuse and violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 27, 2014, as:

D.A.R.E. 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 21st day of April.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Dayton
SECRETARY OF STATE