



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 2013, there were 25,719 DWI arrests in Minnesota and 3,669 alcohol-related crashes, which contributed to 117 deaths and 2,300 injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Last year, the economic cost to Minnesota of these alcohol-related crashes was \$235,411,700; and
- WHEREAS: The percentage of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Minnesota has steadily decreased in the past half century, from around 60 percent of all traffic deaths in the 1960s to approximately 33 percent currently; and
- WHEREAS: There are still far too many people making the choice to drink and drive, resulting in deaths and injuries on Minnesota's roads; and
- WHEREAS: From August 16, 2014, to September 1, 2014, there will be a statewide enhanced DWI law enforcement effort to prevent alcohol-related crashes, as well as an education campaign to encourage safe driving alternatives and help ensure Minnesota roads remain as safe as possible; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota honors those who have been killed or injured by impaired drivers, and supports and encourages those who remember them, with the specialized "Remembering Victims of Impaired Drivers" license plate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 14, 2014, as:

IMPAIRED DRIVING VICTIMS 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 28th day of July.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE