



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Justice, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year, equaling 2,000 children daily; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 58,000 missing children are victims of non-family abductions, while more than 200,000—one in four—are victims of family abductions; and
- WHEREAS: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation and their families and the professionals who serve them; and
- WHEREAS: Participation of local government, law enforcement, and communities in the protection of children is critical to ensuring a child's safety. Essential components of this cooperation include educating children about child abduction and sexual exploitation, how to respond and seek help from law enforcement, and the role of social services; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the NCMEC encourage all individuals to help keep children safe; and
- WHEREAS: Missing Children's Day is a time to remember children who are missing and give hope to them and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 25, 2013, as:

MISSING CHILDREN'S 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 May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE